

**ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING PROGRAMME: SOURCES OF KNOW-HOW AND SUPPORT FOR COUNCILS**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Type of organisation</b>	<b>Members<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Officers</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b><u>Planning</u></b>				
Planning Advisory Service	LG Group (CLG grant funded, not topslice)	Y	Y	Grant funding agreed for 2011-14, on a year by year basis, subject to agreement of governance arrangements and business plan
Planning Officers Society Planning Officers Society Enterprises (trading arm)	Local government professional society.	N	Y	Trading arm (POS Enterprises) providing paid advice (usually from retired council planners)
Royal Town Planning Institute	Professional Institute	Y (Politicians in Planning Network)	Y	Provide publications, training events and website for public and private sector. Do not provide direct support.
Town and Country Planning Association	Thinktank/Lobby Group			Focus on policy papers, briefings and events
CABE	NDPB	Y	Y	Specific focus on design. DCMS funding withdrawn. A significantly scaled down body to merge with Design Council
Planning Aid	Not for profit offshoot of RTPI funded by CLG	Primary focus on support for community groups		Funding withdrawn. Ceases on 31 March unless successful bid for the £3m CLG funding for community support
<b><u>Housing</u></b>				
LGID	LG Group (funded by topslice) <sup>2</sup>	Y	Y	Small scale programme of peer reviews and free events
LP	LG Group & CLG	y		Support to Capital and Asset Pathfinder projects; Guidance on options and contracting structures relating to joint ventures is currently being produced
LG Regulation	LG Group (top slice)	Y	Y	Specific support for councils' environmental health (including private sector housing), trading standards streetscene and other regulatory services will largely

<sup>1</sup> Y indicates specific activity directed at Members. Of course Members can access materials issued by any of the organisations listed

<sup>2</sup> CLG funded larger programme 2006-09

				cease under current LG Group proposals due to major reduction in topslice following spending review. Community of Practice (CoP) on private sector housing discretionary licensing, and on mandatory Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) relicensing
Local Housing Knowledge	LG Group (LGA funded)	Y	Y	Web resource
Chartered Institute of Housing	Professional Institute	N	Y	
HCA	NDPB	N	Y	Closing down knowledge and skills operation. Plans to operate as 'enabler'
TSA	NDPB	Y	Y	Has run knowledge programme, likely to run down as it merges into HCA
Empty Homes Agency	NGO	N	Y	
Empty Homes Network	Web-based practitioner network; mainly council officers	N	Y	
National HMO network	Council officer network	N	Y	
Association of Tenancy Relations Officers	Council officer network	N	Y	
<b>Waste</b>				
Improvement and Efficiency South East.  Waste Information Network (WIN)  <a href="http://www.win.org.uk">www.win.org.uk</a>	Hosted by Improvement and Efficiency South East (IESE)	Y	Y	Key partners are: LGA, Waste Watch, WRAP, Envirowise, CIWM, Wastenet, Environmental Sustainability KTN, Defra and CLG.  WIN is a service for all local authority waste officers and members. It aims to provide a one-stop-shop/ <u>portal</u> of information.
Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP)  <a href="http://www.wrap.org.uk">www.wrap.org.uk</a>	NGO (government funded)	Y	Y	Support and resources to help councils to deliver high quality recycling services and waste prevention advice.
Environment Agency	Executive Non-	N	Y	The Agency is the regulatory authority for all waste

<a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a>	departmental Public Body			management activities including the licensing of sites such as landfill, incineration and recycling facilities. It also regulates the movement of hazardous wastes and issues permits for waste management sites.
Chartered Institute of Waste Management (CIWM) <a href="http://www.ciwm.co.uk">www.ciwm.co.uk</a>		Y	N (CIWM exists to support waste professionals. However, do have some useful information for member on their website)	The CIWM is the professional body which represents waste professionals working in the wastes management sectors. It sets the professional standards for individuals working in the industry and has various grades of membership determined by education, qualification and experience.
Local Partnerships (funded by Defra)		Y	N	Support to officers, through provision of specialist resource and production of guidance, engaging in procurement of residual waste treatment facilities (including AD) and joint working between WDAs and WCAs
<b><u>Litter/Enviro-crime</u></b>				
LG Regulation	LG Group (funded by topslice)	Y	Y	Specific support for councils' environmental health, trading standards streetscene and other regulatory services will largely cease under current LG Group proposals due to major reduction in topslice following spending review (including email bulletins to the National Environment Officer Network – "NEON"). Community of Practice (CoP) on regulatory service issues relevant to 2012 Olympics and Paralympics
Keep Britain Tidy	NGO, significant Defra funding	N	Y	Major reduction in Defra funding over four year spending review period (20% reduction in year 1; 90% reduction by year 4)
Wastematters	Web-based forum providing information and	N	Y	Environment Agency will stop funding at end of March 2011; discussions ongoing to try and ensure information is

	advice on waste crime and enforcement issues; currently supported by Environment Agency but this is due to cease at end of March 2011			not completely lost
Improvement and Efficiency SE (IESE)	Lead Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (RIEP) on waste issues; also cover streetscene/ envirocrime issues as they relate to waste	Y	Y	
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)	NGO; run a anti-litter and fly-tipping campaign "Stop the Drop"; local CPRE groups work with councils	N	Y	
British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV)	Local BTCV groups work with councils	N	Y	
Groundwork	Local BTCV groups work with councils	N	Y	
Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM)	Professional body; focus on waste although does also touch on enviro-crime issues	N	Y	
<b><u>Carbon reduction</u></b>				
Note: organisations listed work together through Nottingham Declaration Partnership (co-ordinating group, single website etc). NDP also covers climate adaptation				
LGID	LG Group	Y	Y	A range of support activities: from web-site good practice, community of practice, diagnostic tools, Leadership Academies and councillor workbooks. Awaiting further information on 2011-12 RSG funding allocation.
LP	LG Group	Y	N	Working with Councils in carrying out options appraisals

				for the delivery of Photo-Volatic roofing panels in order to reduced carbon footprint and access Feed-in –Tariffs.
Energy Saving Trust	NDPB	Y (limited)	Y	50% reduction in funding, uncertainty about local government programme
Carbon Trust	NDPB	N	Y	
<b><u>Climate Adaptation</u></b>				
UK Climate Impact Programme	Defra funded programme	N	Y	
Environment Agency	NDPB	N	Y	
<b><u>Flood Risk Management</u></b>				
LGA/LGID	LG Group	Y	Y	Web resources incl portal to other sources; and very popular and vibrant Community of Practice on FRM. Awaiting further information on 2011-12 RSG funding allocation.
Landform	Officer society	N	Y	
Technical Adviser Group	Local government/private sector professional network	N	Y	
CIWEM	Professional Institute <sup>3</sup>	N	Y	
Environment Agency	NDPB	N	Y	
<b><u>Environmental protection</u></b> (including air quality, environmental permitting, contaminated land and statutory nuisance)				
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<sup>3</sup> Other professional institutes also take an interest, eg ICE

## Appendix B

				on air quality and on environmental permitting
Environmental Protection UK	NGO	N	Y	Charity/membership org that works on air quality, land quality and noise issues. Provides guidance and carries out lobbying activities.
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	Professional body	N	Y	Sets standards and accredits courses, provides training, provides information, evidence and policy advice. Also carries out campaigning. Supports e-mail based discussion forum "EHC-Net"
Environment Agency Local Authority Unit	NDPB	N	Y	Provides technical support to pollution control officers (funded by Defra, SEPA & DoENI)
Local Air Quality Management Helpdesk		N	Y	Advice and support for local authorities by consultants on air quality management. Funded by Defra (continuing)
Low Emission Strategies Partnership	Not-for-profit partnership	N	Y	Based around a group of local authorities working together. Produces guidance and on-the-ground support for projects. Funded by central government grants and match funding from other organisations.
Contaminated Land: Applications in Real Environments (CLAIRE)	Not-for-profit	N	Y	Provides best practice advice and training opportunities to support contaminated land remediation
Institute of Air Quality Management	Professional body	N	Y	Undertakes research, promotes best practice, provides professional development. Membership funded.