

## General Assembly Motion

### Climate Change – to be remitted to the LGA Environment Board

#### Lichfield District Council

Proposes that: “This Association commends the excellent work undertaken by the LGA's research team and the contribution they are making bringing academics and members together to particularly address the climate change agenda.

Members now have the opportunity to take a proactive lead to identify their future expectations for both products and services together with the services they specify. This amounts to probably the greatest spend in the UK economy and represents the largest combined Carbon footprint of any sector.

As the lead partner we can co-ordinate the contribution made by our Universities, Government and European funding, together with the development of new industries.

Local Government now has the opportunity to make a major difference to the way we tackle the problems of Global Warming.

This will place Local Government at the centre of driving the development of new industries that can be ready to help take us out of this recession and also take a leading role in the reduction of Carbon emissions.

**It is therefore moved that this Conference agree to take urgent action and set up a delivery strategy for Local Government to take the lead role in pulling together Research and Development, Funding and Business Development.**

**This could be the most important role Local Government has ever undertaken.**

*LGA comment:*

*The LGA supports this proposal. Councils can play a major role in catalysing the development of low carbon industries, bringing together their service and procurement needs with research and business expertise. The Environment Board discussed the proposal at its meeting on 27 May and has asked officers to develop firm propositions by the summer break.*

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