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Transport		Waste		Local Government	
Finance		Planning			
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Region of the UK					
Scotland		North West England		East of England	
Northern Ireland		Yorkshire and Humber		South East England	
Wales		East Midlands		South West England	
North East England		West Midlands		Greater London	
General					
Climate Change background text					

Publications

Annual report on Defra's climate change programme



Defra has published its annual report on the climate change programme. It is mostly focussed on mitigation, with a short section on adaptation.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/climatechange/uk/ukccp/pdf/ukccp-ann-report-july08.pdf>

Climate change and food safety



The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation has published a report on the implications of climate change on food safety. The report looks at food safety at all stages of the food chain.

http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/agns/files/HLC1_Climate_Change_and_Food_Safety.pdf

Events

'How to tackle climate change – a national learning exchange with beacon authorities'

23rd September, Holiday Inn, Bloomsbury, London



This event brings together all the beacon councils in the theme of 'Tackling Climate Change'. For more information, visit

<http://beacons.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelId=8399089>

Decentralised and renewable energy – talking about our generation

25 September 2008, London



This event will help you understand not just the policy background but put you in touch with the people who can assist you to drive forward renewable energy development in your area. Book your place now!



<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/events/display-event.do?id=894970>

Other Info

Are there votes to be had in climate change?



See the results of the LGA's recent opinion poll on climate change and the role of local government in tackling the problem.

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pagelId=895170>

Councils have powers to tackle climate change



Launched this week as part of the Small Change, Big Difference campaign, the LGA and key partners have developed this guidance: Cutting through the green tape: the powers councils have to tackle climate change.

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pagelId=874285>

Climate change campaign - LGA urges 'fight poverty and pollution'



Council leaders are being encouraged to lobby their local MPs in support of an LGA campaign aimed at reducing carbon emissions, fuel poverty and energy bills. Council leaders have been urged to join the campaign for a national home insulation programme that would lift 500,000 people out of fuel poverty, cut £200 a year off the energy bills of 10 million households and reduce domestic carbon emissions by 20 per cent.



The leaders of all four political groups at the Local Government Association have written to the leaders of all councils in England and Wales asking them to lobby their local MPs over the proposals. The LGA is campaigning for councils to be put at the centre of the insulation scheme, which would be funded through the six main energy suppliers matching pound for pound the existing contribution households are already making through their bills to cut carbon emissions. These proposals form a central plank of the Association's Small Change, Big Difference climate change campaign

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pagelId=922450>

Recycling rate rise



More than a third of household waste is now being recycled and local people and local councils deserve credit for this continuing improvement.



<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pagelId=883683>

Market goes green



London's Whitechapel market is set to become the first market in the country to recycle 100% of the waste it generates.

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pagelId=883681>

Adaptation to climate change – new website



Defra has launched a new online resource on adaptation to climate change. This new site brings together information about Government activity on adaptation, including the adapting to climate change programme, and the adaptation elements of the Climate Change Bill, plus links to organisations working in the impacts and adaptation area. Visit www.defra.gov.uk/adaptation

National Flood Emergency Framework



Defra has published a National Flood Emergency Framework (NFEF), as promised in the Government's response to the Pitt Review of the July 2007 floods. The intention is for the NFEF to provide a forward looking policy framework for flood emergency planning and response. It will bring together information, guidance and key policies, and act as a resource for all involved in emergency planning at national, regional and local levels.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/enviro/fcd/floodincidents/outlinenfef.pdf>