

Climate Change & Sustainability Policy: taking the long view









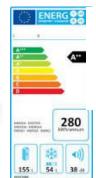




Climate Change Act 2008



























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The UK Low Carbon Transition Plan National scanegy for climate and energy























Environment Resilience Resources & Support

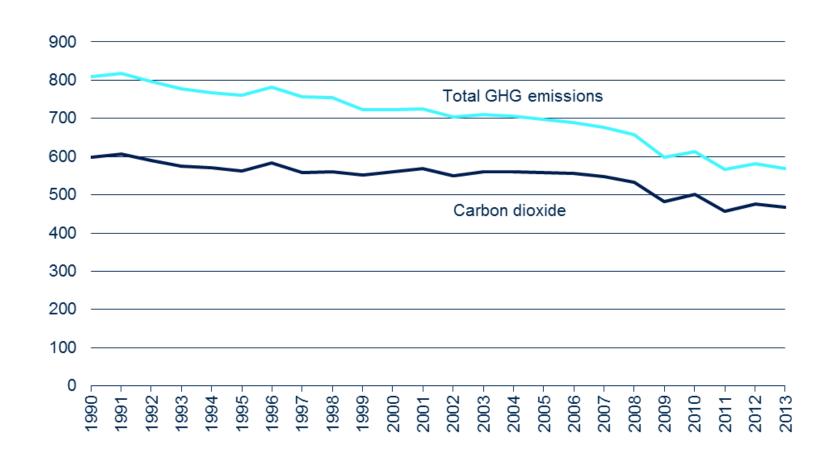
Policy support that enabled LAs

- UK Climate Change Act and Carbon Budgets
- National Indicators NI185, NI186, NI188
- Planning policy: PPS 22, NPPF
- Regional Spatial Strategy, NW CCAP
- Funding for energy efficiency measures (CESP, CERT, ERDF, ECO) and infrastructure (flooding, sustainable transport)
- Support services, EST, Carbon Management Programme, Local Improvement Advisors, CLASP, Climate Local, APSE Energy
- Financial incentives & drivers: CRC, FITS, RHI, CfD, HNDU
- Research, evidence and positive messaging





UK Progress since 1990







Low Carbon Economy

- UK "green economy" over £120 billion / year
- 7% growth per year 2010-13 vs 2% for rest of economy
- Global export opportunities for UK skills & technologies



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indication, illumination, innovation





Current Policy Challenges

- Finance: Green Investment Bank, funding cuts for LAs
- Resources: staff cuts, staff capacity, knowledge loss, outsourcing / commissioning
- Priority retreat: non-statutory, non-reputational
- Home energy efficiency: Green Deal, ECO, social housing
- Planning retreat: Code for Sustainable Homes, Zero Carbon Homes, renewable energy
- Renewable energy policy: FITs, RO, RHI, Community/Local energy
- Transport: northern infrastructure
- Community support & development: loss of capacity





Ways Forward

- Find and maximise the visibility the multiple benefits
- Use economic and health arguments
- Get the finances to work for you building the complete business case
- Get the supporting evidence to sell or challenge
- Partnerships & new ways of working together
- Innovate
- Fight getting political support
- "Hold your nerve" (Mick Lovatt)





How long will new policies last?

CBI chief lambasts government approach to green economy

UK companies stand to lose hundreds of billions of pounds in export opportunities over roll-back on renewables, warns John Cridland

Boris Johnson speaks out against government plans to cut solar subsidies

London mayor's warning of the threat of proposed Tory cuts to jobs and future investment is welcomed by green politicians and industry leaders





