

Climate emergency workshop

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A renewed sense of urgency

- The UK has adopted a legally binding target to reduce greenhouse gases to net zero by 2050
- 230 councils have declared a climate emergency
- 85% of Britons are concerned about climate change, and 52% are very concerned (Ipsos MORI August 2019)

In it together – the Paris agreement

- The international Paris agreement commits to limiting climate warming and strengthening society’s ability to deal with the impact of climate change
- local and regional authorities have a formal role in providing input to the nationally determined contributions
- implementation plans must include “domestic institutional arrangements, public participation and engagement with local communities”

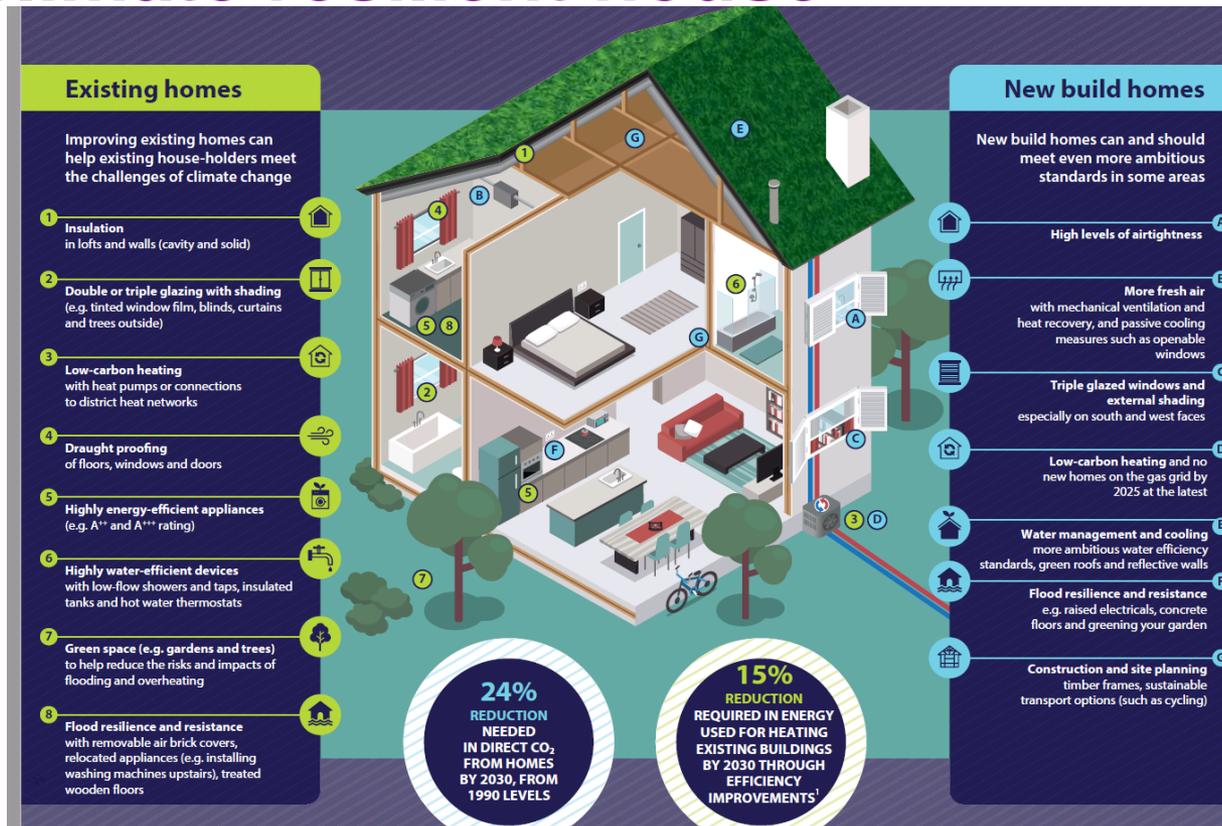
Changing carbon emissions (UK)

Changes in carbon emissions by sector

	2017-2018 % change	1990-2018 % change
Energy supply (including power sector)	↓ 7%	↓ 59%
Business	↔ 0%	↓ 41%
Transport	↓ 3%	↓ 3%
Residential	↑ 3%	↓ 16%
Public	↑ 4%	↓ 39%

Source:
BEIS
statistics
March 2019

Putting it into practice - the low carbon and climate resilient house



Source: UK housing: fit for the future? Committee on climate change

Putting into practice: local authority examples

Devon Council revised energy and carbon strategy

<https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/documents/s27899/Revised%20Energy%20and%20Carbon%20Strategy.pdf>

Leeds Council and the Leeds Climate Change Commission

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/your-council/plans-and-strategies/climate-change>

Bristol Council has committed to being a carbon neutral and climate resilient city by 2030

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/policies-plans-strategies/council-action-on-climate-change>

Putting it into practice – what councils are up to (as recorded in good practice and case studies)

transport

- Electric vehicle charging points
- Active travel (cycling, walking)
- Cleaner bus transport

energy

- Generate renewable energy locally
- Switch council owned building to renewable energy

nature and
biodiversity

- Plant trees and woodlands

LGA asks of government

- set up a joint local and national government taskforce to co-ordinate and drive climate change action
- switch from siloed national growth funding pots to joined-up local funding pots
- properly fund the concessionary bus fares scheme – to boost public transport and tackle air quality

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- allow councils to set planning fees locally and scrap permitted development rights
- establish a properly resourced national air quality support scheme for councils with appropriate legislative and policy changes

Current LGA improvement offer

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)
- Behavioural insights – recycling, household waste
- Design in the Public Sector – air pollution
- Productivity Experts – investing in renewable energy and energy efficiency
- [Acting on climate change' councillor workbook](#)
- Our website contains advice and guidance including on [climate change and adaption](#), [waste, litter and fly-tipping](#), [electric vehicle charging infrastructure](#), [severe weather](#) and numerous other topics.
- Innovation Zone
- [Leadership Essentials](#) programme on taking responsibility as a leader/portfolio holder after declaring a climate emergency, which will take place in November and is now fully booked.
- Local Partnerships, funded through our SLI grant, has been running the [Re:fit programme](#) helping councils implement energy efficiency and local energy generation measures to their buildings or their estate, to reduce carbon emissions and achieve savings.

Proposed activity in 2019/20

- Develop an online hub to be hosted on the LGA website, which will bring together all the published guidance, support and information relating to climate change.
- Incorporate climate change issues into our leadership programmes for Councillors and officers.
- Explore the potential for the development of a self-assessment tool or maturity index to help councils with long term action-planning and setting strategic objectives.
- Publish further information such as ‘Don’t be left in the dark’ guidance and more detailed toolkits to help councils take immediate action.
- Host a national event and regional workshops to help councils develop a better understanding of climate change issues and how these can be tackled.
- Explore the option of developing a forward-looking climate focused ‘peer challenge’-style support to help councils with their action planning on climate change.

**Your ideas and thoughts are very
welcome on the evolving LGA offer**