



Press Release: Giving the Green Light

Combined Heat and Power (CHP) capacity should be extended, as this could potentially provide as much power as the new range of nuclear reactors combined, says a new report from Localis, the local government and localist think tank. This can be achieved by ensuring that new developments are fitted with heat and power efficiency mechanisms which can be shared with local areas.

The independent report, written by Tom Shakespeare in conjunction with Ernst & Young, proposes 5 new policies, which Localis hopes environmentally friendly councils will be willing to pilot. The remaining 4 are as follows:

- 1. Ingraining eco-budgeting into the standard council budget process**
Aim is to link the financial planning and investments of a Council to its environmental performance and impact
- 2. Making environmental performance stats visible on council tax bills**
Informs residents about the level of environmental impact, and makes them more aware about their role in achieving CO2 reductions
- 3. Creating a green transport fleet for the council**
The aim of this policy is to reduce the environmental impact of all transport activity generated by the Council.
- 4. Encourage the development of eco-Business Parks and eco-zones**
Concept whereby in which industrial activities are inter connected with one another and their supporting eco-logical systems

These recommendations represent an important step towards creating a more economically sustainable vision for local government. We do hope that councils will be keen to adopt our proposals, and look forward to hearing your opinions. If you would like to see one of these policies introduced within your council, please contact Tom Shakespeare on tom@localis.ork.uk or on 0207 340 2660.

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