

# Climate Change and the Role of Local Authorities

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# The climate challenge

- Risks
  - Biodiversity loss
  - Famine and drought
  - Economic loss
- Challenge
  - Emissions peaking within four years



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# The UK context

- Climate Change Act
  - 80% reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> by 2050
  - Five year carbon budgets
  - World leading legislation



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# Local councils – your role

- 80% of emissions can be tackled locally
- Get Serious about CO<sub>2</sub>
- Cutting carbon is everybody's responsibility
- Green Alliance report



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# Local councils – your role

- Delivering the low carbon economy
- Being the honest face of carbon reduction
- Planning a sustainable community
- Meeting the energy challenge



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# Local Carbon Budgets and Climate Local

- Support from local councils for:
  - Advice from CCC
  - Statutory duty
  - More support for councils
- Climate Local – is it up to the job?



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# Summary

- Local action on climate change is essential
- Partnership with central Government and others
- Huge opportunities to put climate change at heart of your community



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