

SURVEY OF CAN MEMBERS ON CHANGING ROLES IN AN ERA OF CUTS

The recent years have witnessed dramatic changes in the role of our members. Moving away from the traditional Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) Officer role, many of our members now have to embrace broader remits. Membership of many of the CAN regions has also expanded to include employees of RSLs, PCTs, Energy advisors, as well as other public and private sector organisation.

Harsh budget cuts, changing priorities, uncertainty surrounding HECA and the removal of the national indicators has changed the role, title and remit of many of our members. CAN as an organisation tries to work in harmony with the changes faced by our members to offer a robust support mechanism. Some of the changes made to CANs work include: one-day events instead of the traditional two-day conference, e-bulletins and a broader remit to include more areas surrounding the domestic sector carbon footprint and climate change.

We are aware that, in several authorities, officers working on the climate change and energy agenda have been some of the first to be affected by the cuts, whereas other councils have recognised the value of their investments against climate change and have preserved their budgets in this area.

This survey can be completed by all CAN members – not just local authority employees – and aims to gauge the level of change the era of cuts has made to members' roles and understand where fuel poverty and climate change currently rank on their agendas. The final section of the survey also aims to find out your views on how HECA might be refreshed following the decision not to repeal the Act, on the Green Deal, and on the Nottingham Declaration Partnership's current consultation on a new sector-led approach to tackling climate change.

A. YOUR DETAILS AND BACKGROUND

1. Your name

2. Your job title

*3. Your organisation

4. Your department (if applicable)

*5. Your CAN region

- National CAN
- East Midlands
- East Pennine
- East
- London
- North East
- North West
- South East
- South West
- West Midlands
- Cymru (Wales)
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- NOT SURE

*6. Your organisation type

- a) Local authority (LA)
- b) Registered Social Landlord (RSL)
- c) Primary Care Trust (PCT)
- d) Energy advice providers (commercial)
- e) Energy advice providers (charity)
- f) National or devolved regional government
- g) University, College or other educational establishment
- h) Lobbying group
- i) Other registered charity
- j) Other community group
- k) Other voluntary organisation
- l) Not for profit
- m) Other Commercial
- k) other (please specify)

Local Authority Specific Questions

About your Local Authority and your role as a local authority employee (if answered 'a' in Question 5 only)

7. What type of local authority is it?

- District Council
- Unitary
- County Council
- Metropolitan
- London Borough

8. Does your local authority have a fuel poverty strategy (or similar)?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

9. Does your local authority have a climate change strategy? (Please tick any that apply)

- Adaptation strategy
- Mitigation strategy
- Not sure

10. Has your local authority signed up to the Nottingham Declaration?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

11. Has your local authority signed up to the European Covenant of Mayors?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

12. Is your council intending to respond to the current Nottingham Declaration Partnership's consultation on the future of the Nottingham Declaration?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

13. Is your council likely to sign up to a revised version of the Nottingham Declaration?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not sure
- Somewhat unlikely
- Very unlikely

14. Does your local authority manage, promote or otherwise support an insulation scheme in your area?

- Yes - managed by your local authority
- Yes - jointly managed with other council or councils
- No - but your council supports an externally run scheme (operated by an energy agency for example)
- No - But your council funds local installers
- No
- Not sure
- other (please specify)

15. If yes, please tell us how your insulation scheme is funded:

About Your Role

16. Which of these best describes your level in your organisation?

- 1st tier manager (e.g. Director)
- 2nd tier manager (e.g. Asst. Director)
- 3rd tier manager (e.g. Head of Service)
- 4th tier manager (other Manager)
- Non managerial officer
- Other

17. Have you previously performed duties related to the Home Energy Conservation Act or HECA reporting?

- Yes
- No

18. Have you previously had responsibility for reporting on any of the following national indicators? (Please tick all that apply)

- NI 185 - % CO2 Reductions for local authority operations
- NI 186 - Per Capita CO2 Emissions in LA areas
- NI 187 - Tackling fuel poverty
- NI 188 - Planning to adapt to climate change

19. Which of the following topics do you currently work on? (Please tick all that apply)

- Fuel poverty
- Energy Efficiency and Advice Domestic Sector
- Energy Efficiency and Advice Commercial Sector
- Climate Change – adaptation
- Climate Change – mitigation – domestic
- Climate Change – mitigation – industrial and commercial
- Climate Change – mitigation – transport
- Carbon management
- Carbon management for your council (council employees only)
- Sustainable development
- Air quality
- Waste
- Environmental Health
- Private sector housing
- Public Health (other than environmental health and fuel poverty)
- None of the above
- Other related areas (Please specify)

20. Which of the following subjects does your current role cover? (Please tick all that apply)

- The Green Deal
- Energy Company Obligation (ECO)
- Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) and the Renewable Heat Premium Payment
- Feed-in Tariffs (FITs)
- Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT)
- Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP)
- Warm Front
- Smart Meters
- The Green Investment Bank
- Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC)
- Zero Carbon Homes
- The Nottingham Declaration
- The Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA)
- Renewables
- Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP)
- European Covenant of Mayors
- Other related issues. (Please specify)

21. How long have you been in your current post?

- Less than a year
- 1 to 2 years
- 2 to 5 years
- 5 to 9 years
- over 10 years

22. Before starting in your current post, how long had you worked in a similar role (or roles) related to energy efficiency, climate change or fuel poverty?

- Not at all
- Less than a year
- 1 to 2 years
- 2 to 5 years
- 5 to 9 years
- over 10 years

23. Is your post under review/facing a cut?

- Yes
- No

About the Carbon Action Network

Questions related to your engagement with CAN.

24. How often do you attend Regional CAN meetings?

- Attend all meetings
- Attend most meetings
- Attend some meeting
- Attend no meetings

25. How often do you read the CAN magazine, Carbon Action News?

- Read all editions
- Read most magazines
- Read some magazine
- Read no magazines

26. How often do you read the CAN e-bulletin

- Read all bulletins
- Read most e bulletins
- Read some e bulletins
- Read no e bulletins

27. How often do you use the CAN website or online discussion forum?

- Visit and use frequently
- Visit and use occasionally
- Never visit and use

28. Do you attend any other local government focussed fora or networks e.g. NEA, LG Group events? (Please specify)

29. Are you a member of any of the following bodies? (Please tick all that apply)

- National Energy Action
- LG Group
- The Energy Institute
- The Energy Efficiency Partnership for Homes
- All Party Parliamentary Fuel Poverty & Energy Efficiency Group
- Other similar bodies (please specify)

30. Have you attended a CAN one day conference/training day event?

- Yes
- No

31. Have you previously attended a CAN (or HECA) two-day conference?

- Yes
- No

32. Do you prefer the one day format or would like to see a return to the two-day conference?

- Prefer one-day format
- Prefer two-day format
- No preference

33. Would you attend a two-day conference should one be organised in the future?

- Yes – if free to attend
- Yes – if cost was under £100
- Yes – if cost was under £200
- Yes – if cost was under £300
- Yes – if cost was under £400
- No (please give your reason)

34. Does your organisation allow you to attend any paid for conferences and other events?

- Yes
- No

35. Does your organisation allow you to claim travel and accommodation expenses for attending free conferences and events?

- Yes – travel only
- Yes – travel and accommodation
- No

Policy Issues

36. Are you in favour of the Governments recent decision NOT to repeal the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995?

- a) Yes it's the correct decision HECA should never have been considered for repeal in the first place.
- b) Yes, as all the other levers for local authorities to act on Domestic energy issues have been removed (ie: NI186 and NI187).
- c) Yes, tentatively but I want to see the details of what is proposed.
- d) Undecided.
- e) No it will not be fit for purpose and the whole area should have been rethought from scratch.
- f) No it achieved little before and is unlikely to do anything in the future.
- g) No it's an unnecessary burden in this era of cuts.

37. Which possibilities of linking HECA to the new energy bill, that introduces Green Deal and ECO, would you think would work best (tick all that apply)?

- Quality control
- Vendor approval
- Advice provision
- Maximising take up of Green Deal
- Targets for Green Deal sign ups
- Ensuring the golden rule
- Co-ordinating EWI consents with building control in various neighbourhoods.
- Developing heat networks
- Promoting FiTs and RHI schemes
- Linking ECO to Green Deal schemes
- Managing area based schemes

Other (please specify)

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38. Please rate the level of importance, from 0 (Not Important at all) to 4 (Very important) of the following features for a revised version of the Home Energy Conservation Act?

	0 (Not Important at all)	1	2	3	4 (Very Important)
Signed by Chief Exec	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Long-term target	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Challenging target	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Appointed HECA officer provides point of contact	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local authorities must provide Advice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fuel Poverty Link	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Statutory role	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feedback from Government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flexible reporting method	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Standard reporting procedure and format	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Data standardisation (providing accepted energy savings for measures)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Data collection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legislative sticks for non performing LA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
League Tables	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Funding for HECA activity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other - please specify below	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If other, please specify

39. Do you have any other comments about how the Home Energy Conservation Act developed should be developed and how it should fit in with the Green Deal?

40. Which of the following categories that have been identified in relation to the Green Deal is your organisation most likely to fall into?

- Green Deal Provider - Raising finance to deliver the Green Deal
- Green Deal Partner - Enter a partnership with a Green Deal or ECO provider to deliver a particular package
- Green Deal Supporter - Encouraging residents and businesses to take up the Green Deal
- Green Deal Recipient - Installing Green Deal your organisations properties
- Not sure
- Other (please specify)

41. Do you have any comments you would like to make about the Green Deal?

42. Do you have any comments that you would like to make on the Nottingham Declaration, which would be helpful to us in producing CAN's written response to the current Nottingham Declaration consultation?

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<i>(Please note that the Nottingham Declaration Consultation questionnaire is only to be submitted by specific individuals within local authorities. However, other organisations have been asked to submit a written response.

If you would like to read the consultation document, please use the link below, which will open in a new browser window. Although, please remember to return to complete this form afterwards.</i>

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**href="http://www.can.uk.net/downloads/root/regions/uk/documents/nottingham_consulta
target="_blank">Open Nottingham Declaration in new browser tab or window**

43. If you have any other comments that you would like to add then CAN would be interested in learning of your views.