



## **NFLA English Forum Autumn Seminar**

# **Local Authorities driving the alternative energy revolution – renewables, energy efficiency and microgeneration**

**Date: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

**Location: Rotherham Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate, S60 2RB**

In August 2011 the UK Government published a 'White Paper on electricity market reforms' which will play a large part in the policy to develop a low carbon economy and assist in the mitigation of the effects of climate change. A passionate debate is currently taking place around the shape of how the UK energy market will look like over the next 30 years. The UK Government is suggesting a mix of renewables, nuclear power, energy efficiency and a small amount of microgeneration should play a leading role with existing and increased use of gas and a much reduced role for coal. Approval has been given by Somerset Councils for preliminary works at Hinkley Point awaiting a final sign-off of the proposed new nuclear reactor design in 2012. Some Local Authorities are working hard for nuclear to play a leading role in future energy policy. This though is set within an international sphere where countries like Germany, Switzerland, Denmark and Austria are pushing forward with future non-nuclear energy policies.

A lot of English Councils are developing energy provision without recourse to new nuclear, through an innovative variety of renewable energy projects, civic CHP schemes, demand management energy efficiency projects and supporting local companies in developing community-orientated microgeneration projects. Can such projects, with sufficient support, develop an 'alternative energy revolution' to fulfil the country's future energy needs and provide greater energy security? What potential do they have, and how important is Council leadership in developing this revolution? Can they assist in reducing fuel poverty?

This FREE seminar will consider these questions and showcase some Local Authority best practice examples. All NFLA member councils, interested non-member councillors and officers and interested local and national groups are very welcome to attend

### ***PROGRAMME (speakers may be subject to change)***

- 10.30am      **Registration:** Tea/Coffee
- 11.00am      **Welcomes:** Councillor Ken Wyatt, Rotherham MBC and Councillor Ralph Pryke, Leeds City Council and NFLA English Forum Chair.
- 11.05am      Colin Hines, 'The Green New Deal Group' – How local authorities can lead the new energy revolution (confirmed)
- 11.30am      Andrew Cooper, Independent Energy Consultant (and Kirklees Councillor) - Developing energy demand management measures and the positive role of local government (confirmed)
- 11.55am      Local Government case studies on energy demand management and promoting new forms of renewable energy:  
a) Energy demand management in Manchester – Walter Dooley, Group Manager, Manchester Energy Management Unit (confirmed)  
b) The Dearne Valley Eco-vision Scheme in South Yorkshire – Joanne Wherle, Lead Officer, Sheffield City Region (confirmed)
- 12.45pm      Panel Discussion
- 1.15pm      **Conclusion**



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The seminar is a free event open to NFLA members and officers, interested non member councillors and officers and relevant local and national interested groups.

If you are planning to attend, could you please fill in the appropriate details and post, email or fax to the address at the bottom of this form:

Name	Authority / Group	Correspondence address (email or postal)

### Venue and details of accommodation:

Rotherham Town Hall is in the centre of Rotherham and is around 8 minutes walk from Rotherham Central Train Station, which is on the Sheffield – Leeds line. There are a number of car parks on nearby Westgate. Rotherham is close to the M1. A map can be printed off from the following web-link:

[http://rotherham.gov.uk/info/200096/tourism\\_and\\_travel/755/road\\_travel/2](http://rotherham.gov.uk/info/200096/tourism_and_travel/755/road_travel/2)

There are a number of hotels in Rotherham including the Ibis, Holiday Inn, Welcome Inn, Carlton Park Hotel and the Good Nights Inn. Websites like booking.com, laterooms.com and travelocity.co.uk can give you the best rates or ring Rotherham Visitors Centre on 01709 835904.

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