

# **Economy & Environment Scrutiny Panel**

## **Carbon Reduction in Calderdale**

### **Recent Developments**

# **Recent National developments**

## **Energy Bill**

- Started in Lords 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Main issue is the Green Deal
- Second Reading scheduled 22<sup>nd</sup> December

## **Localism Bill**

- First Reading in Commons 13<sup>th</sup> December

## **Local Government Settlement**

- Funding levels for 2011-12 and 2012-13 announced

# Energy Bill

- Improving energy efficiency by tackling barriers to investment in energy efficiency through the Green Deal and measures to maximise its uptake;
- Introducing a new Energy Company Obligation from 2012 to underpin the Green Deal;
- Making energy performance data from Energy Performance Certificates more widely available;
- Extending powers to direct the roll out of smart meters;
- Requiring cheapest tariff information on energy bills.

# Localism Bill

## **Local authority's general power of competence**

(1) A local authority has power to do anything that individuals generally may do.

The bill also covers areas such as governance, standards, non-domestic rates, local referendums, community right to challenge, assets of community value, planning, community infrastructure levy, etc.

# Local Government Settlement

Calderdale Headline Figures:

“Revenue Spending Power” (includes Council Tax Requirement, Formula Grant, Specific Grants, NHS support for social care, etc)

2010-11	£190.6m
2011-12	£181.2m
2012-13	£172.2m

# Recent Local developments

Calderdale Council Cabinet, 15<sup>th</sup> November

- Approval of 10:10 action plan
- Invest to Save budget of £400k for energy efficiency initiatives
- Approval to development of a Calderdale Climate Change Strategy