

Our Energy Challenge

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The Strategy

- Published end March
- Supplemented by CCSE Bill
- Reinforced by Energy Review?

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Strategy Objective

“creating conditions under which microgeneration becomes a realistic alternative or supplementary generation source for the householder, for the community and for small business”.

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How?

- Tackle main barriers –
 - Costs
 - Lack of information
 - Planning/Building Regulations
 - Technical issues
- 25 actions in total – 5 groups

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Facilitating Take-up

- Research into consumer behaviour
- Assessment of need for target
- Route maps
- Ensuring adequate skills base
- Map R&D funding

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Communications

- Review existing comms activity
- Accreditation scheme
- Guidance on ROCs/LECs/REGOs
- Microgeneration installations in HMG
- Communications with construction industry
- Report for local authorities on microgeneration and energy efficiency

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Tackling costs

- Access to ROCs
- Export reward
- Microgeneration in next phase of EEC?
- Developing scheme for additional £50m
- Renewables in schools

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Planning

- DCLG Review of Householder Development Consents
- ✓ Review of PPS 22 with appropriate action taken
- Work with planners to improve understanding

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Technical

- Ensure network and market systems able to cope with growing numbers
- Ensure existing consumer contracts aren't hindering take-up
- Ensure Wiring Regulations do not form an unnecessary barrier
- Assess whether there are barriers to network connections
- Field trial bringing together microgeneration and smart meters
- Ofgem decision document

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Implementation

- Steering Committee to oversee workstreams – Government, Devolved Administrations, regional/local representative, Ofgem, MicroPower Council, REA
- Clear timetable for actions
- Transparency
- Need to work together

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