

Yorkshire and Humber Climate Change Skills Fund (CCSF)

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Change Training for Planning Officers



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Beginning November 2011 to December 2012 throughout Yorkshire and Humber

The Rt Hon Greg Clark's introduction to the draft National Planning Policy Framework says that the purpose of planning is to achieve sustainable development.

Paragraph 10 states that delivering sustainable development means using the planning system to protect and enhance our natural, built and historic environment, **to use natural resources prudently and to mitigate and adapt to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.**

This training package is specifically designed to enhance the skills planning officers need to take positive action on climate change and increase local authority capacity to tackle the causes and effects.

- 10 modules form one comprehensive training package to build specialist skills and champions.
- Designed following consultation with officers and review by Service Heads
- Each module delivered 4 times, once in each functional sub regional area, to ensure convenience and accessibility to all authorities.
- **All free of charge to relevant local authority officers and qualifies as CPD for planning officers.**
- Delivery will be paced to improve the opportunity for officers to attend.
- No requirement to attend all modules.
- Modules range from policy formulation to compliance to enable managers to direct officers to the most suitable training.

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The draft module content and target audience is set out on the following pages.

1. Introduction to climate change policy and context

This module aims to provide planners with a clear understanding of the relevant UK and EU climate change policy context and how the LDF/Local Plan fits within this framework.

As a broad contextual module for the whole series, this module will be aimed at all planning policy, development management, conservation, sustainability, monitoring, and building control officers.

2. LDF/plan making evidence base and Implementation of the Yorkshire and Humber renewable and Low Carbon Energy Study, 2011

This module will be designed to help planners use evidence to craft development policies and what evidence is required. It will aim to show officers examples of proportionate

and cost effective evidence for climate change policies. The module will show officers how to use the information in the Yorkshire and Humber Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Study to set and implement local renewable energy targets and policies in the LDF/Local Plan.

This module will be principally aimed at planning policy officers, but will also be beneficial to sustainability officers and development management officers.

3. *Development Policy Development and Supplementary Planning Documents for Renewable Energy*

This module will be designed to ensure planners are confident they can design clear, specific, and robust advice to secure Renewable Energy through Development Policies and SPD's. Officers will learn from best practice examples of successful and up-to-date policies and documents.

This module will be principally aimed at planning policy officers, but will also be beneficial to development management and sustainability officers.

4. *Development Policy Development and Supplementary Planning Documents for Construction*

This module will be designed to ensure planners are confident they can design clear, specific, and robust advice to secure appropriate construction for climate change through Development Policies and SPD's. Officers will learn from best practice examples of successful and up-to-date policies and documents. It is anticipated that this module would be principally aimed at planning policy officers, development management and sustainability officers but may also be of interest to building control and conservation officers.

5. *Development Policy Development and Supplementary Planning Documents for Green Infrastructure*

This module will be designed to ensure planners are confident they can design clear, specific, and robust advice to secure green infrastructure for climate change through Development Policies and SPD's. Officers will learn from best practice examples of successful and up-to-date policies and documents. This module will be principally aimed at planning policy officers, development management, landscape architects and sustainability officers.

6. *Achieving climate change mitigation and adaptation in masterplanning*

This module will help to ensure that planners are confident at all stages of the masterplanning process in relation to climate change adaptation and mitigation. It will focus on the big issues and aims to show planners how they can achieve so much more than just a strategy for use of micro technologies. Regional examples of best practice will inspire and encourage officers for example on what is possible for achieving CHP as a source of renewable energy on development opportunity sites.

This module will be principally aimed at development management, regeneration, design, planning policy and sustainability officers.

7. *Achieving climate change mitigation and adaptation in small scale development*

This module will help give planners an understanding of the role that small scale developments can play in achieving renewable energy potential through micro-generation and cumulative carbon impacts and will help to give planners a clear understanding of the principles of sustainable design and retrofitting.

This module will be principally aimed at development management, design and planning policy officers, but will also be beneficial to conservation and sustainability officers.

8. *Climate Change and viability*

This module will aim to show officers how to challenge and assess financial information in relation to climate change proposals and will demonstrate the cost effectiveness of sustainable design, and renewable and low carbon measures.

This module will be principally aimed at development management, regeneration and planning policy officers.

9. *Historical Assets and Climate Change*

This module will emphasis to planners how they can strike the balance of contribution to climate change mitigation and fulfilling the requirements of conservation by managing the historic environment.

This module will be aimed at conservation design and building control officers but will also be beneficial to sustainability, planning policy and development management officers.

10. *Regulation regimes, likely policy changes and implications for planning requirements, monitoring and enforcement*

This module will show planners how to implement policy requirements which is often seen as a great difficulty.

This module will be aimed at monitoring, building control, and development management officers but would be beneficial to policy, sustainability and conservation Officers.

In addition to the above training we are also providing free of charge support

- ***A Planning and Climate Change Technical Support Service*** to help local authority planners in incorporating climate change adaptation and mitigation principles into proposed developments or when dealing with opportunities in conservation areas or sensitive landscapes.
- ***A Planning and Climate Change Design Review Panel*** to provide an independent, expert panel of professional who can provide advice to local planning authorities on specific climate change and planning issues.

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