

# **Local government energy action in the UK: from service delivery to community leadership**

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# History of Local Government Reform

- Compulsory Competitive Tendering
- Restructure
- Best Value
- Power of Well Being
- Local Area Agreements



# Climate Change Policy

- Home Energy Conservation Act
- Nottingham Declaration
- Energy White Paper 2003
- Climate Change Programme 2006
- Energy Review 2006
- Climate Change & Sustainable Energy Act
- Carbon Reduction Commitment



# Local Government White Paper



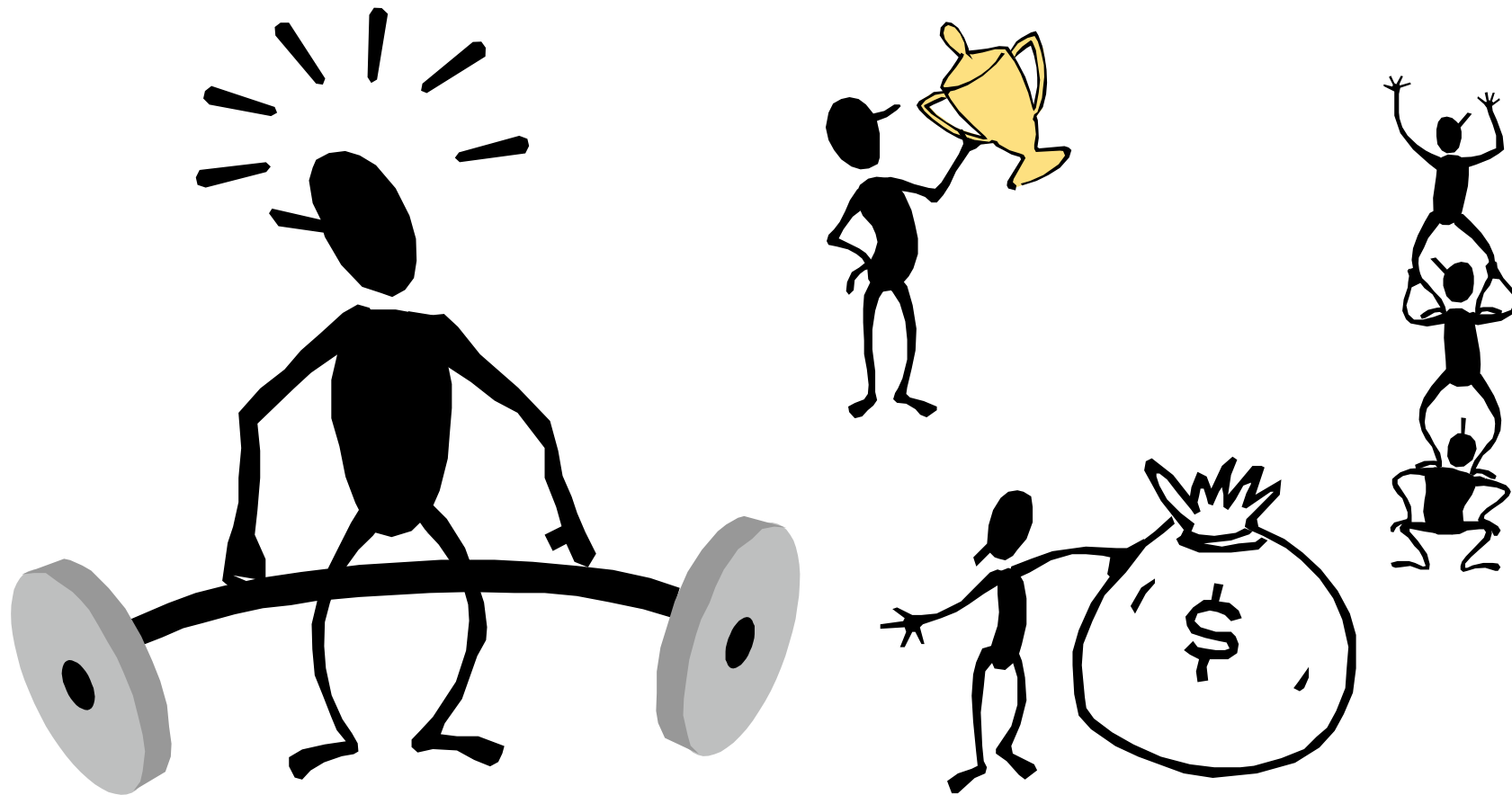
- Performance framework
- Political leadership
- Existing powers for climate change action
- Market development
- Community leadership

# Community Leadership

- Local knowledge
- Trust
- Lead by example
- Partnerships
- Engagement



# Previous action



## Taking a lead

- Fenland District Council
- Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council
- London Borough of Merton



# Is current policy enough?

- Unclear
- Lengthy
- Difficult
- Statutory targets?
- Local authority influence on Community Strategies



## More needed?

- Climate change **must** be an indicator
- Skills and knowledge needed
- Need to support innovation
- Wilful individuals
- Public support



# Discussion

- Competing priorities for funding and action
- How does local government influence areas beyond its direct control?
- Funding and tax implications