

GM LOW CARBON HUB BULLETIN

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Above : At Greenbuild Expo :Members of the GM team with partners from Oldham College, enjoy breakfast briefings with The Rt. Hon Greg Barker MP Minister of State for Climate Change (centre); Charlie Parker, Chief Executive of Oldham Council (left) and Ashley Crumbley, Chief Executive of Wigan and Leigh Housing (second left).

MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE DISCUSSES THE GREEN DEAL

On the 8th and 9th May, [Manchester Central](#) once again hosted the [Greenbuild Expo](#) opened by Ashley Crumbley as Chair of the GM Low Carbon Hub Buildings group. This year, Manchester City Council and the University of Salford were key sponsors of the event. The AGMA Green Deal team took the opportunity with their partners to meet potential suppliers to GM's ECO programme (see over) and met with Greg Barker, Minister for Climate Change to discuss Greater Manchester's progress in pioneering the Green Deal.

GM Winners and Highly Commended for the privately sponsored [Greenbuild Awards](#) included :- [Trafford Housing Trust](#) and [Action for Sustainable Living](#) for their tenant engagement programme; [Armstrong Point](#) –zero-energy cost business park, [1 Angel Square](#) – Co-operative, for its energy performance contract.

Three Housing companies were shortlisted for domestic retrofit, [New Charter Housing Trust Group](#) for the retrofit of Cavendish Mill; Bream award winning [Contour Homes](#) for Bowker Street, Salford and winners [St Vincent's](#) for Cosy Home. Just a few examples of the efforts being made by Greater Manchester's registered social landlords.

LARGEST BIOMASS SCHEME

[Stockport Homes](#) have completed the largest former [CESP](#) funded biomass project in the UK. This project saw the upgrade of three housing sites which have been converted from gas or electric storage heaters to a biomass/gas district heating solution plus extensive over-cladding to over 1,000 properties and new window replacements.

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LOW CARBON EVENTS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Low carbon and environment events taking place in Greater Manchester are listed below.

Date	Title	Host
18-21 June	Ticket to Kyoto Annual event	TfGM
July (tbc)	GM Housing Retrofit Supply Chain event	GM Low Carbon Sector Growth Group
6 September	DECC Engagement Event : Pioneer City	GM Low Carbon Hub
9-12 September	IALE European Congress - Changing European Landscapes	ialeUK and IALE Europe
25 September	GM Natural Capital Stakeholder event	GM Natural Capital Group

INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARKING

Manchester has joined the world's largest cities and corporations in reporting its climate change data and strategies to the [Carbon Disclosure Project's Cities Initiative](#) (CDP), a pre-requisite to entry to the international [C40 Cities: Climate Leadership Group](#).

LOW CARBON SKILLS

On 23rd April, Wigan Council with CLASP hosted an event to share the findings of “Low Carbon Skills North West: How to Raise the Game” (a report by New Economy and Cooler projects CIC) which can be downloaded from [here](#).

GM ENERGY GROUP

On 29th May, Cllr Jim McMahon (Leader, Oldham Council) and Mark Atherton, Environment Director, Greater Manchester) will launch GM's smart heat innovation partnership with NEDO, the Japanese Energy Technology Agency at an International Smart Communities conference in Tokyo.

They will be using the opportunity of the (expenses paid) invitation to promote greater partnership working and inward investment on low carbon, energy and digital technologies with a range of major Japanese cities and multinationals.

The Smart Communities pilot is a £20 million investment by NEDO in the delivery of a demonstration programme combining air source heat pump with smart energy trading and grid balancing (subject to successful feasibility).

Stockport Low Energy Lights Project

Around 3,000 existing street lights are currently being replaced by 'smarter' lower energy lights [read more here](#)

TRANSPORT

The [Greater Manchester Electric Vehicle scheme](#) (GMEV), a new electric vehicle charging point network led by TfGM, was announced in April – more information [here](#).

Over 7700 people to date have backed a TfGM bid to secure £20 million of national investment to make cycling safer and easier in GM – see [Velocity 2025 here](#).

The [Metrolink](#) network continues to expand to Droylsden, East Didsbury, Oldham and Rochdale.

OUR BUILDINGS GM 'TOASTY' ECO 2013

Subject to contract, Greater Manchester Energy Advice Service (GMEAS) has teamed up with Carillon Energy Services, Dyson Energy Services and H T Forrest to deliver the GM 'TOASTY' ECO 2013 Project. Read more [here](#) or visit www.getmetoasty.com for more information. This is a transitional project lasting one year and is followed by the procurement for GM's three year **Green Deal and ECO Partnership** that commenced on 17th May. Interested businesses can access the information on The Chest via www.the-chest.org.uk.

All enquiries relating to this opportunity and the bidding process should be made via the Chest. More information can be found [here](#).

SECTOR GROWTH GROUP

A key event for businesses interested in the housing retrofit supply chain is being planned for early July. To register an interest please email GMlowcarbonhub@agma.gov.uk

GM NATURAL CAPITAL GROUP

The group in their role as [Greater Manchester's Local Nature Partnership](#) endorsed the GM Wetlands Partnership as a Nature Improvement Area, securing £3.7 million of environmental improvements.

The 2013 [Pollution Innovation Challenge](#) conference was held in Salford. Universities were challenged to identify innovative technologies and solutions to tackle diffuse pollution in GM for more information visit the Environment Agency [Flickr page](#).

Completion of the [River Irwell Weir removal programme](#) was, recognised with an award at the Annual River Restoration Conference.

EUROPEAN FUNDING

Bids:

A bid to Intelligent Energy Europe II was submitted on 7th May to support the delivery of the GM Heat Network Programme.

The [ENWORKS](#)' resource efficiency business support programme has secured a £850,000 conditional offer of Grant from GMCA which enables it to progress its European application to provide advice and support to SME's in GM for the next two years.

Funding Success:

A successful consortia bid 'DIMMER' to develop detailed energy modelling and scenario tools, has been awarded funding under FP7.