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Frontline services, climate change and the Carbon Reduction Commitment

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what it means to you in money!

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Introduction

- CRC policy
- The Climate Change Act 2008
- Scheme timeline
- How the scheme will work

Coverage

- Local authorities themselves
- Police authorities
- Companies and other bodies in which they have an interest
- Others eg schools or sub-contractors

The position with schools

- Types of schools
- Consequences
- Reasonable assistance duty
- Frequency of reporting

PFI arrangements

- Creation of Special Purpose Vehicles
- Shares in the company
- How the rules apply

Exclusions from CRC

- Energy generation by the local authority
- Electrical vehicles fleets
- Households, eg caretakers
- Joint purchasing organisations, eg Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation

Landlord and tenants issues

- Landlord position
- Tenant position
- Need to make amendments to leases

League table issues

- Recycling of public money
- Appeals against the league table
- Operations of the metrics, eg the growth metric

Risks

- Compliance and penalties
- Other risks, eg the operation of the safety valve
- Challenge of the regime by local authorities

Miscellaneous issues

- Awareness and commitment
- The early action phase
- A Five Year Plan is required
- CRC is an opportunity as well as a threat

Conclusions

- This is not all bad!
- Savings could be substantial
- You need to understand it properly
- And plan NOW for the next 5 years

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