

# APSE Annual Seminar 2009

*Local government front line services: from recession to progression?*

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# Global targets and the legislation

- Kyoto to Copenhagen
- 80% reduction in GHG by 2050
- How will this be achieved?
- The Climate Change Act 2008 in the UK

# Carbon budgets

- Setting national targets
- Carbon budgets and carbon accounts
- Monitoring those accounts
- Local authority carbon budgets
- Community carbon budgets

# The Carbon Reduction Commitment

- The cap and trade scheme
- Comes into effect in 2010
- How the scheme will work
- The implications for local government

# Analysis of the carbon effect on decision making

- A new analysis to add to what's there already
- The carbon effect of this decision or that
- Cost v benefits of action
- The 'marginal abatement cost curve' phenomenon
- Getting carbon issues to the top table

# Conclusions

- Climate change affects every service area
- The CRC will start to “shape” decisions
- Start now to put in place the infrastructure to cope
- Is this an opportunity or a threat

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