



Cornwall Sustainable
Energy Partnership

CSEP is a public & private sector partnership working to achieve a sustainable energy future for Cornwall, its communities and businesses

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Cornish Energy Partnership Welcomes International Panel's recommendations to Stop Climate Change

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has released its Working Group III Report "Mitigation of Climate Change" in Bangkok today, which assesses options for limiting greenhouse gas emissions in an attempt to reduce the impacts of climate change.

The report states that keeping the rise in temperatures to within 2 degrees Centigrade would cost only 0.12 percent of annual gross domestic product.

"Essentially the report is recommending that that it's not too late to stop climate change and but we need to act fast to ensure that we make the necessary levels of financial commitment," said Tim German, Director of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership (CSEP). ***"It's good to see that the County Council and the South West Regional Development Agency already recognise this in their economic agendas. CSEP have been working on programmes of Energy Efficiency and green energy technologies and so we hope now to see a big increase in these types of programmes."***

To keep within the 2 degree threshold which scientists say is needed to stave off disastrous changes to the world's climate, emissions of carbon dioxide need to drop between 50 and 85 percent by 2050, the report said.

Tim German continued, ***"It is now the role of every person on this planet to take this information on board and to look at their energy usage. Consumers need to pick their products carefully and it's up to businesses to respond accordingly. The ability for Industry to react to the shift in consumer demand for eco-friendly products will determine which businesses survive and the ones that get left behind."***

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Notes to editors

- For more information on the **IPCC** please visit <http://www.ipcc.ch/>. Recognizing the problem of potential global climate change, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) established the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in 1988. It is open to all members of the UN and WMO.
- **Community Energy Plus (CEP)** is a registered charity (Number 1068990) and profit-recycling company. Established in 1998 with financial support from Carrick District Council, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Health Authority and the Energy Saving Trust. CEP manages the international award-winning* Home Health project which was developed by the 72 members of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership.
- The **Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership** (founded in 2001) and managed by CEP, is a consortium of 72 organisations from the public, private and health sectors that are committed to a multi sector approach to a sustainable energy and low carbon competitive future for Cornwall. It is the first partnership of its kind in the UK and is providing a model for other parts of the UK. www.csep.co.uk
- CEP manages the **Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre** supported by the Energy Saving Trust (EST) and the County and District Authorities of Cornwall. It is one of 52 independent centres across the UK, providing free, impartial and locally relevant advice to households. Please call free on **0800 512012**.

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