



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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Councils Ask Government Where Air Travel Tax Money Is Going

A Partnership of Councils awarded Beacon Council status for sustainable energy are to ask the Government for some of the money gained from the increased taxation on air travellers announced by Gordon Brown in his budget speech yesterday.

The eight councils of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly are currently compiling a report commissioned by the Government on how national and local sustainable energy and climate change policy delivery can be better aligned.

In the first stage of the report, to be submitted in the new year, the councils will suggest that, if the Government is serious about reducing carbon emissions any funding gained from the increased tax on air travellers on short haul flights should be allocated for sustainable energy delivery in the councils areas which have the regional airports.

The consortium of local authorities is represented by the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership (CSEP). CSEP Director, Tim German says:

'It is important to make sure that this money does not get lost in the black hole of the Treasury's coffers. It makes sense to reallocate some, if not all, of the revenue from the new taxation to the targeted delivery of energy efficiency and renewable energy programmes within the areas which the planes take off and land. This means distribution across the UK.'

'Here in Cornwall we have very effective sustainable energy programmes within both the domestic and business sectors. These are highly effective methods of reducing carbon. At least through this method people will be able to see that the revenue from this new tax will have real community, economic and environmental benefits.'

Notes to editors

- **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 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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