



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

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Weak Energy Review Leans Towards Nuclear for Support

A Cornish energy partnership is concerned that the Energy Review announced today will not deliver a bold commitment to renewable energy.

The Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership (CSEP), a group of 72 public and private organisations, is hoping that the Government's expected emphasis on nuclear energy does not overshadow the enormous potential for security of supply through renewable technologies.

Tim German, Director of CSEP who will be at the House of Commons this afternoon speaking at the Local Government Climate Change Conference said, ***"The Review is long awaited and we were promised it would be brave. The pre-announcement hype suggests that the Government will continue their progress towards rebuilding Nuclear power stations which we hope will not divert tax payers money away from the renewable agenda."***

"Aspects of the review should provide benefits for Cornwall. With Cornwall at the forefront of changes in climate and at the end of energy networks, we welcome support for energy security & decentralization of supply. Cornwall is also perfectly placed to receive any funding that will go into renewable energy technologies and it's great that the emphasis behind the whole paper is looking at reducing climate change."

"It is also suggested that there will be important changes in planning regulations to encourage the uptake of small scale renewable technologies which would allow people to take more control of where they source their energy."

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Notes to editors

- Tim German will be speaking at the Local Government Climate Change Conference in London this afternoon, but will be available for comment this morning on request. Please contact Jasmine Reilly to arrange a suitable time for telephone interviews.

- **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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