



List of actions

Cost constraints

DTI will undertake further research into consumer behaviour in relation to microgeneration technologies and, in particular, what drives early-adopter purchase decisions.

DTI to publish details (following consultation with industry) of how the extra £50m will be spent.

DTI and Ofgem will produce a clear guidance document covering ROCs, LECs and REGOS, including the benefits of each and how to claim them.

DTI will investigate all the suggestions outlined in the two reports published by the DGCG on the "Accrual of ROCs, LECs and REGOs" and publish a formal view by end 2006.

Energy suppliers to develop a scheme that will reward those microgenerators exporting excess electricity.

Defra to look carefully at the possibility that electricity generating technologies (other than microCHP) could be included within the framework of the EEC.

Information constraints

DTI will work with the winner of a tender exercise to develop an accreditation scheme for all microgeneration technologies covering the product, installation and a Code of Conduct with the aim of having it in place by 2006.

DTI will undertake a thorough review of existing activity in this area to assess effectiveness and identify gaps. We will then assess the feasibility of a communications/ information campaign that raises the profile of microgeneration technologies, signposts consumers to reliable sources of information and highlights the accreditation scheme outlined above.

DTI to actively investigate the possibilities for microgeneration on its own estate.

DTI will work with ODPM and planning officers to identify their information needs, assess whether these are being met adequately and, if not, develop a communications pack specifically designed for planners, including information packs and workshops.



DTI to lead work with other Government Departments and local authorities to publish a report on measures that local authorities can take to improve energy efficiency and levels of microgeneration installations, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and alleviate fuel poverty. This report will be published within 12 months after the commencement of the relevant section of the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill.

DTI will develop a specific communications package, including information packs, to help develop a knowledge base within the construction industry.

Technical constraints

DTI will work in partnership with the energy supply companies, distributed network operators and Ofgem to ensure that network and market systems are able

to cope with growing numbers of microgenerators exporting electricity.

DTI will continue to work with the Ofgem, the distribution network operators, energy suppliers and the microgeneration industry to ensure that existing contracts between domestic customers and their electricity barriers aren't hindering the take-up of microgeneration.

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suppliers and the microgeneration industry to ensure that wiring regulations do not form an unnecessary barrier to take-up of microgeneration.

DTI will be investigating the possibility of a field trial that brings together smart meters and microgeneration to the effectiveness of smart meters combined with microgeneration technologies

DTI will examine the recommendations made in a recent report on the technical barriers facing microgenerators wishing to connect to the distribution network and assess whether further action is required.

Regulatory constraints/opportunities

ODPM work under the Housing Development Consents Review will provide the response to the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill's requirement to form a view as to what provision should be made to facilitate the installation of microgeneration.

ODPM will undertake an urgent review of local plans to determine whether there is a problem with emerging plans that do not fully incorporate PPS22.



Other

DTI and DfES will work with industry and other key stakeholders to develop a scheme for installing microgeneration technologies in schools.

DTI will undertake such further analysis and research as is required, building on the EST study, to enhance understanding of future potential of microgeneration technologies before making a decision on whether a microgeneration target is required.

DTI will produce a map of available funding, building on the Research Atlas being developed by the UK Energy Research Centre, together with guidance on how to apply.

DTI will work with industry to develop a route map for each microgeneration technology.

The DTI will explore with the Sector Skills Councils what more can be done to ensure that the skills base develops to support the levels of demand that will hopefully be created for microgeneration technologies.

Ofgem will be issuing a decision document on this consultation and on other matters raised by this strategy in the near future.

