



## Annex A: existing support measures for microgeneration

The Government already has several measures in place to support microgeneration technologies, including -

- A 5% VAT level applicable to most microgeneration technologies. The list was lengthened with the addition of ground source heat pumps in Budget 04 and air source heat pumps and microCHP in Budget 05.
- Providing £41 million of support for solar PV projects (through the Major PV Demonstration Programme and field trials) and £12.5 million of support for household and community renewables through the Clear Skies Initiative. These schemes have now ended but have been replaced by the Low Carbon Buildings Programme.
- Amendments to the Renewables Obligation in 2004 made it easier for microgenerators to claim Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs) by allowing them to claim for ROCs on an annual or monthly basis.
- Funding specific research into issues facing the microgeneration industry under Workstream 4 of the Distributed Generation Co-Ordination Group (now Work Programme 4 of the Electricity Networks Steering Group)
- Enabling microCHP to be used by suppliers as an 'innovative' technology to claim a 50% uplift in the second phase of the Energy Efficiency Commitment.
- Planning Policy Statement 22, published last year, established that local authorities may set targets for on-site renewable energy in residential, commercial or industrial projects.