

LGA Independent Group Climate Conference

14 February 2020

Councillors' Priorities for Government

Our afternoon workshop tasked members with prioritising their two three messages to central government based on what local government need to address the climate emergency we face.

Each Group's top priorities are stated below:

Group 1:

1. Embed climate change goals in NPPF
2. Fund local authorities to a greater extent
3. Divert spending from new roads into public transport (buses, cycles, trains)

Group 2:

1. Tax on producers that fail to comply with stringent waste strategy
2. Divestment from all forms of carbon emissions
3. Greater climate change regulation in NPPF

Group 3:

1. Policy change on onshore wind energy production
2. Payments for farmers to enable natural regeneration of grade 3 & 4 land
3. Wholesale change in NPPF to change driving forces from economic development to environmental protection

Group 4:

1. Increased funding for regional public transport, especially in more rural areas
2. Code for sustainable homes
3. Central framework to guide community energy

Other overarching themes:

- Public funding for awareness and education initiatives
- Greater funding for local authorities
- Drastic change from prioritizing economic growth to prioritizing achieving net-zero goals