



# Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 19

### *Local authorities*

#### **3 Local authorities to have regard to information on energy measures in exercising functions**

- (1) The Secretary of State—
  - (a) must, not later than 12 months after this section comes into force, publish an energy measures report, and
  - (b) may from time to time publish revised energy measures reports.
- (2) Every local authority must, in exercising any of their functions, have regard to the most recently published energy measures report (if any).
- (3) In this section, “energy measures report” means a document containing information on local authority measures which would or might in the opinion of the Secretary of State have any of the following effects—
  - (a) improving efficiency in the use of electricity, heat, gas, fuel and other descriptions or sources of energy;
  - (b) increasing the amount of electricity generated, or heat produced, by microgeneration or otherwise by plant which relies wholly or mainly on low-emissions sources or technologies;
  - (c) reducing emissions of greenhouse gases;
  - (d) reducing the number of households in which one or more persons are living in fuel poverty.
- (4) In subsection (3)—

“local authority measure” means any way in which a local authority can exercise any of their functions, including—

  - (a) taking any particular step in the exercise of a function, or
  - (b) not exercising a particular power;

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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“low-emissions source or technology” means a source of energy or a technology mentioned in subsection (2) of section 26.

- (5) Before publishing an energy measures report (or a revised energy measures report), the Secretary of State must consult the National Assembly for Wales and—
- (a) such representatives of local government, and
  - (b) such other persons (if any),
- as he considers appropriate.
- (6) In this section, “local authority” means any of the following—
- (a) a county council;
  - (b) a county borough council;
  - (c) a district council;
  - (d) a London borough council;
  - (e) the Common Council of the City of London in their capacity as a local authority;
  - (f) the Council of the Isles of Scilly;
  - (g) a parish council;
  - (h) a community council.