# The Economics of Low Carbon Cities

Outcomes of a City-Scale Mini-Stern Review

Low Carbon Futures







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## The Approach



A review of thousands of energy efficient and low carbon options – only considers energy efficiency and small scale renewables.

A realistic assessment of the costs and the energy (and hence cost and carbon) savings associated with each measure.

A review of the scope for the deployment of these measures in households, commerce, transport and industry at the local level.

Identification of the most cost and carbon effective options for different sectors.

Mapping the capacity of the low carbon goods and services sector to absorb investment and create employment.

All based on conservative assessments and realistic projections.

#### Headline Outputs from a City-Scale Mini-Stern Review



**£5.4 billion (c10% of GDP)** left the LCR economy in 2010 through payment of the energy bill. This figure is forecast to grow to **£7.24 billion** by 2022.

There is a commercially attractive opportunity to bring **£4.9 billion** of investment into the LCR economy to exploit cost effective low carbon and energy efficient options.

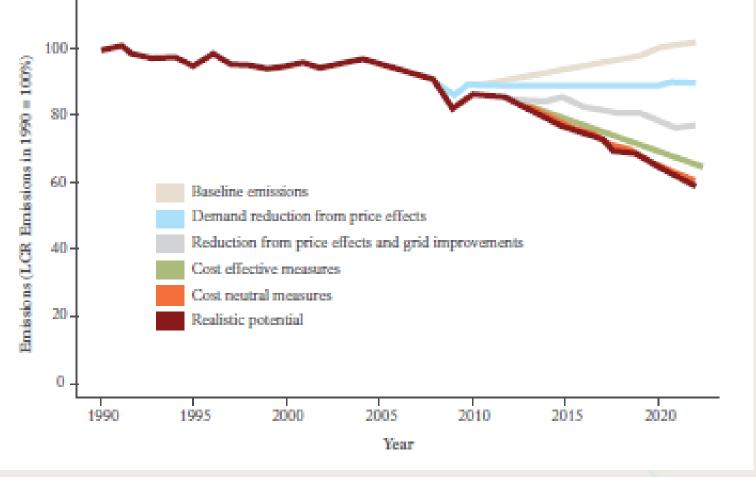
Such investments would pay for themselves in 4 years, cutting LCR energy bills by **£1.2 billion** a year.

They would also create **4,443 jobs** and an extra **£211 million** in wider GDP every year.



#### **The Carbon Impact**





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## **Cost Effective Investments - Domestic**



- £1.1 billion of investment opportunities
- Exploiting these would generate savings of £400 million a year
- Payback period under 3 years
- Would create 978 jobs
- Would create a further £46 million a year in extra GVA
- Carbon savings equivalent to 3.8% of LCR emissions



## **Top 10 Measures - Domestic**

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## **Cost Effective**

- Mini wind turbines (5kW) with FIT
- Biomass boilers with RHI
- Electronic products
- ICT products
- Integrated digital TVs
- Reduced standby consumption
- Reduce heating for washing machines
- A++ rated cold appliances
- A rated ovens
- Biomass district heating with RHI

## **Carbon Effective**

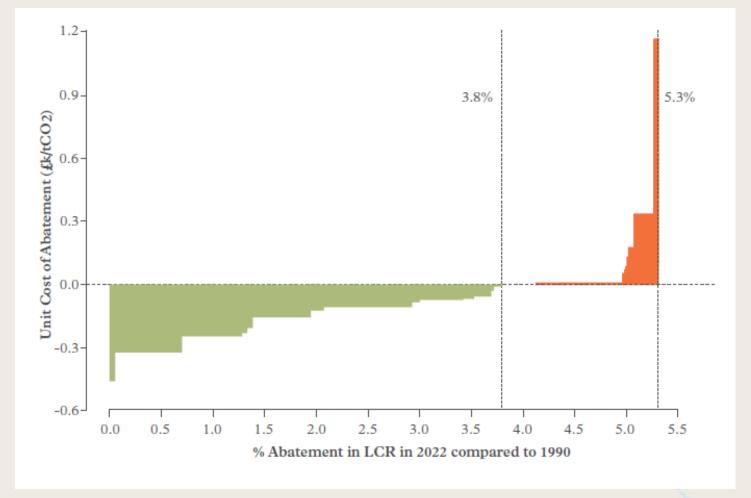
- Reduce household heating by 1 C
- Solid wall insulation
- Biomass boilers with RHI
- Pre76 cavity wall insulation
- Electronic products
- Biomass district heating with RHI
- Ground Source Heat Pump with RHI
- ICT products
- Efficient lighting
- Air Source Heat Pump with RHI





#### **The Domestic Sector MAC Curve**







## **Cost Effective Investments – Commercial**



- £1.9 billion of investment opportunities
- Exploiting these would generate savings of £335 million a year
- Payback period 5.5 years
- Would create 1,600 jobs
- Would create a further £71 million a year in extra GVA
- Carbon savings equivalent to 3.9% of LCR emissions



## **Top 10 Measures - Commercial**

## **Cost Effective**

- Fax machine switch off
- Photocopier energy management
- Monitor energy management
- **Computers energy management**
- **Printers energy management**
- Vending machines energy management Ground Source Heat Pumps with RHI
- Most energy efficient monitors
- Lights Turn off lights for an extra hour Most energy efficient double glazing
- Lights Sunrise-Sunset timers
- **Lights Basic timer**

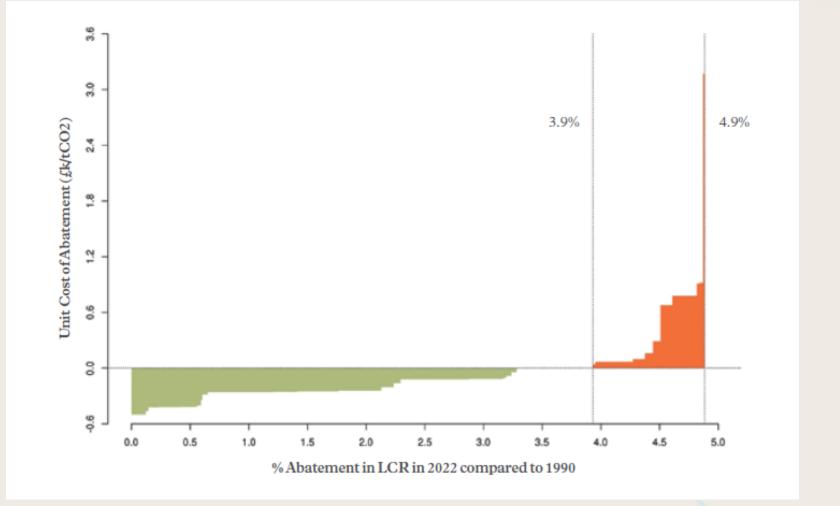


#### **Carbon Effective**

- Air Source Heat Pump with RHI
- Most energy efficient boilers
- Programmable thermostats
- **Biomass boilers with RHI**
- Reducing room temperature
- Biomass District Heating with RHI
- - Heating Optimising start times
  - Lights Basic timer



#### **The Commercial Sector MAC Curve**





## **Cost Effective Investments - Industrial**



- £1.07 billion of investment opportunities
- Exploiting these would generate savings of £320 million a year
- Payback period 3.3 years
- Would create 116 jobs
- Would create a further £7.5 million a year in extra GVA
- Carbon savings equivalent to 4.3% of LCR emissions



## **Top 10 Measures - Industrial**

## **Cost Effective**

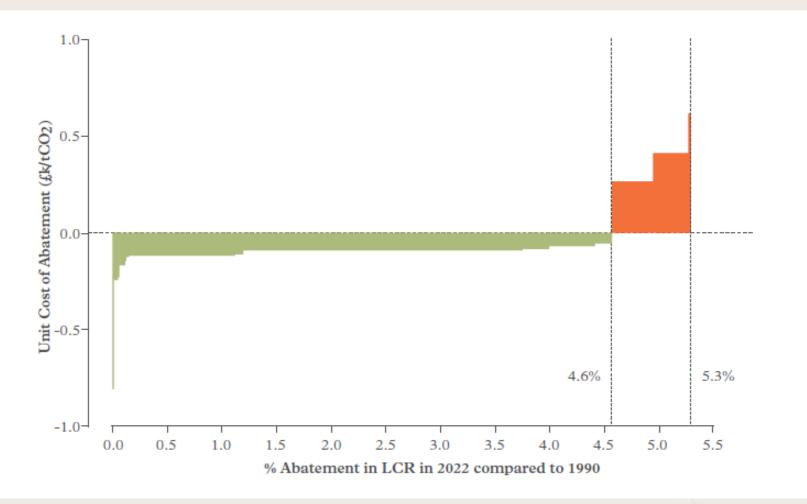
- Burners
- Refrigeration and air-conditioning
- Compressed air
- Lighting
- Fabrication and machining
- Design
- Building energy management
- Operation and maintenance
- Heat recovery
- Drying and separation

#### **Carbon Effective**

- Renewable heat
- Process improvement
- Drying and separation
- High temperature heating
- Others
- Motors and drives
- Controls
- Heat recovery
- Low temperature heating
- Operation and maintenance



#### **The Industrial Sector MAC Curve**





## **Cost Effective Investments - Transport**



- £850 million of investment opportunities
- Exploiting these would generate savings of £130 million a year
- Payback period 6.3 years
- Would create 116 jobs
- Would create a further £7.5 million a year in extra GVA
- Carbon savings equivalent to 0.9% of LCR emissions



## **Top 10 Measures - Transport**

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## **Cost Effective**

- Park and ride schemes
- Express bus/coach network
- Bus priority and quality enhancements
- Smarter choices
- Cycling
- Mild hybrid vehicles
- Demand management
- Plug-in hybrid vehicles
- Full hybrid vehicles
- Biofuels

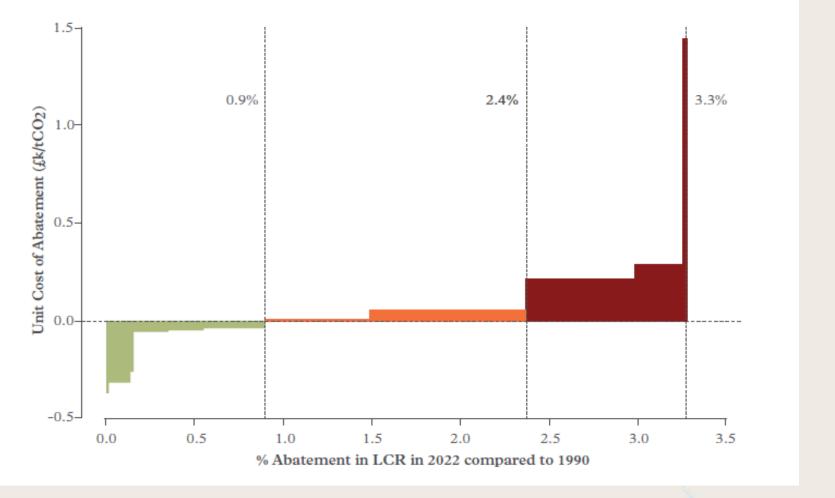
## **Carbon Effective**

#### Biofuels

- Micro hybrid vehicles
- Full hybrid vehicles
- Plug-in hybrid vehicles
- Electric vehicles
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- Smarter choices
- Bus priority and quality enhancement
- Rail electrification



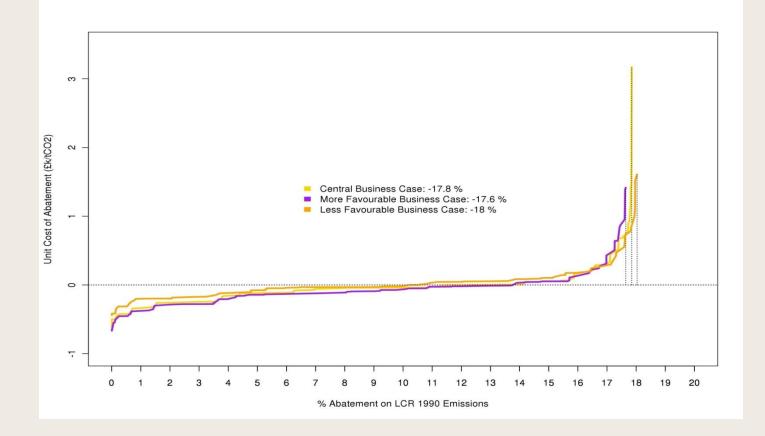
#### **The Transport Sector MAC Curve**





#### **Sensitivity Analysis**







#### **Ten Steps to Deliver Major Change**



- 1. Understand the scale of the opportunity
- 2. Consolidate the multiple options into an opportunity at scale
- 3. Increase awareness, reduce risk and uncertainty
- 4. Develop new business models –

Community Interest Company with blended portfolio?

- 5. Draw in complementary finance
- 6. Underwrite early stage investments
- 7. Design trusted and reliable delivery vehicles
- 8. Promote take-up
- 9. Monitor, report, verify and learn
- 10. Unlock second phase investments





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