



### **Low Emission Cities Workshop**

Best practice measures for increasing the take up of low pollution and carbon vehicles in cities

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#### Welcome and opening remarks

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## **Building issues**

### Toilets

- female just outside
- Male turn left out of the room and follow the signs

### • Fire safety

- No drill expected
- The Assembly point for all staff, contractors and visitors is the Peace Gardens in the cobbled area to the rear of the water feature adjacent to St Pauls Parade. (out of the main doors and turn left)

#### Mobile Phones

- Put on silent/vibrate mode
- Social media tweet using @TheLowCVP @airawaresheff





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With a population of 551,800 in mid-2011, the City of Sheffield is England's third largest metropolitan authority.

Compared to most other European cities, Sheffield has more public parks and green spaces, more tree cover, and also boasts one third of the city being in the Peak District National Park - the 2<sup>nd</sup> most visited national park in the world



This unique combination already makes Sheffield the greenest city in Britain.

Sheffield has the highest household spend on outdoor equipment in the country, high participation rates in outdoor recreation and more than 200 outdoor businesses.



Pollution was much easier in the old days –

- See it
- Smell it
- Taste it
- Direct impacts
- Cleaning it
  up was
  seen as a
  vote
  winner



Pollution today is more insidious– Cant

- See it
- Smell it
- Taste it
- With harder to see direct impacts
- Cleaning it up is in some quarters seen as too difficult

### Challenges

- Years of neglect for AQ agenda by successive UK Govts
- Govt funding for environment and local authorities slashed
- Ambition on carbon reduction not high enough

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## **Opportunities?**

- Global pressure on carbon reduction increasing
- EU fines for air quality breaches
- VW emissions scandal
- Funding available (if limited)
- There is a growing sense that the fossil fuel era is ending

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## **Best practice**

Today we will hear:

- a current overview of LEVs and best practice policy measures
- About the widely underused natural gas as a transport fuel as well as experience of its use for buses in Reading
- The fuel "coming in the next 10 years" hydrogen

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- The Ecostars scheme, and
- Birmingham's approach as well as tackling emissions from taxis

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- Thanks and enjoy the day
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