



# **Low Emission Cities Workshop**

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

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#### **Biomethane: The Local Authority Perspective**

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# In their Shoes

- Up to 30% cut in budget
- Mandated Air Quality Targets
- No Carbon Targets
- Limited Staff / Expertise
- Fleet vs AQ Team
- Who do they believe?

# **Key Issues Facing Councils**

- Air Quality Targets
  - Need significant reductions in NOx
  - Need better Air Quality Management Area compliance
  - Unlikely to achieve with current Euro Standards for diesel
  - Infraction proceedings (NOx) on UK by EU

## Understanding the issue

- Theoretical vs Real Life Real Life NO<sub>x</sub> higher than standards
- Selective Catalytic Reduction technology not working in stop/start
- Buses, Refuse Collection and Vans need to go dedicated Natural Gas

## Local Effects and Benefits

- Better quality of life = attracts companies to area
- Gas vehicles have half the noise level of diesel vehicles
- Gas fuel delivers fuel cost savings
- Pragmatic Workable Solution

# Working Together

- Assess the Opportunity
  - Understand Council Fleet Locations, numbers, replacement
  - Understand Bus fleets main, 2<sup>nd</sup> tier
  - Haulage fleet operating in town/city
  - Van fleets
  - Taxi fleets

#### Analyse the Gas Grid

- Super-impose on Fleet location
- Understand key LTS/IP/MP/LP profile
- Identify 'Sweet spots'

#### Develop Cohesive solution

- Engage with fleets
- Identify key refuelling station locations
- Bring Private investment to local solution
- "A little from a lot hits the spot"
- Who pays for this though?.....

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# What then?

- Engage with high level Council Decision makers
  - Show potential outcomes
  - Local benefits + Growth
- Develop compelling solution
  - Determine AQ improvements that can be obtained
  - Determine potential short/long term savings
  - How it fits with LEZ
- Have three way productive workshop
- Bring station investors and station builders
- Word of Caution