The Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership -Accelerating the shift to low carbon vehicles and fuels in the UK

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Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP)

 Action and advisory group set-up in 2003

 290+ stakeholder members: motor & fuel co's, government, academics, road-user groups, environment orgs & others

 To speed the shift to low carbon vehicles & fuels in the UK





'3 Pillars' of European passenger cars CO2 strategy

- - 2008/9 target of 140g CO2/km negotiated in 1999/2000 with the European, Japanese and Korean Car manufacturers (ACEA, JAMA, KAMA)
 - Proposed regulatory target of 130g/km by 2012...95g/km by 2020.
- Consumer Information
 - Fuel economy labelling
 - Advertising protocol?
- Fiscal measures
 - Council Directive for member states to have CO2-based taxes



UK policies are projected to stabilise transport emissions at 2005 levels by 2020





Excludes international aviation and shipping

Source: Department for Transport, 2008

The LowCVP - recent areas of activity

- Consumer information
 - New car fuel economy labelling
 - Car buyer attitude surveys
 - Advertising protocol
- Lower carbon road transport fuels
 - Biofuels sustainability accreditation
- Innovation
 - Support low carbon technology developments
 - Establishment of low carbon technology Centre of Excellence
- Buses and commercial vehicles
 - Impact of bus operators' subsidies
 - Baseline methodology on CO2 data for vans





Car fuel economy label: over 91% of UK dealers now display the label

□ Voluntary automotive industry initiative

- Brokered by the LowCVP
- Launched in July 2005
- Extend to second-hand dealers?
- Comparative fuel cost information

	2006	2007	2008
Dealers displaying labels	74%	86%	91%
Cars labelled	55%	65%	82%





Source: LowCVP 2008, Car Dealer Survey

49% of car buyers are aware of the new car fuel economy label

□72% of the aware car buyers said the information on the environmental label is important

More than 66% said it was important in helping them to choose the make and model of their car. How important, if at all, was the car label in helping you to choose the make or model of your car?





LowCVP: Changing consumer behaviour

- Research into car buyer attitudes
 - The 'attitude-action gap'
 - The 'fuel economy paradox'
- Promoting consumer awareness
 - 'Act on CO2' campaign
 - Engaging stakeholders and potential partners
- Developing advertising protocol
 - Baseline survey
 - Best practice guide to car advertising







LowCVP has taken an international lead in developing a system to improve biofuels sustainability





Delivery of carbon & sustainability reporting requirements to UK Gov't

International consensus building:

- European Parliament hearing
- International workshop Global Bioenergy Partnership
- EU/South America international workshop
- California Fuel Quality Standard Workshop
- Support to the Gallagher Review
- Awareness raising in UK and EU
 - World Biofuels Congress

LowCVP: active in promoting innovation

- Facilitated introduction of UK's CENEX – Centre of Excellence for Fuel Cell and Low Carbon Technologies
- Support for UK businesses developing low carbon technologies to engage with investors







LowCVP: buses, vans and commercial vehicles

Low carbon buses

- Advice on reform of bus subsidies system (BSOG)
- Establish specifications
- Procurement feasibility study
- Low carbon vans
 - Establish specifications and definitions for use in public procurement and in policy formation







LowCVP: Working in partnership with stakeholders - conclusions

- □ Faster-track and improved policy making
- Improved evidence-base
- Stakeholder engagement promotes awareness and can stimulate action
- 'Networking' opportunities for business
- But: beware 'lowest common denominator'
- □ Active support from Government required





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Stimulating opportunities for UK businesses



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