Government policy as it affects low carbon vehicles and fuels in light of the spending review

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Accelerating a sustainable shift to low carbon vehicles and fuels in the UK

Stimulating opportunities for UK businesses





LowCVP has delivered an impressive and diverse range of achievements in 2009-10









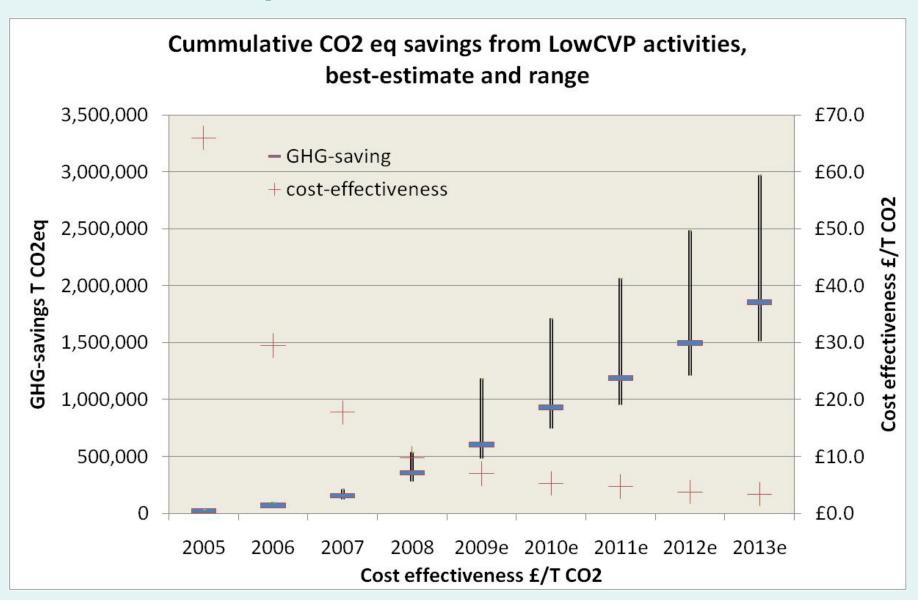


To compare fuel costs and CC₂ emissions of used cars (since March

68.9

Extra-urban

LowCVP has saved c1MTCO2eq at under £10/TCO2eq to date



Outline

- Challenge of tackling the budget deficit and meeting carbon targets
- Highlights from spending review for key departments
- Implications for the organisations involved in the delivery
- Office for low emission vehicles
- Key incentives remaining and those to be determined
- LowCVP's continuing programme of activity





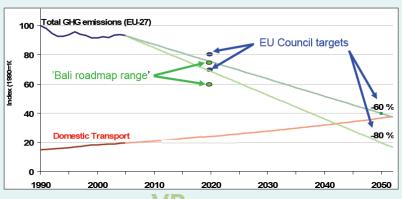




Closing the budget deficit while making progress against carbon budgets is a real challenge

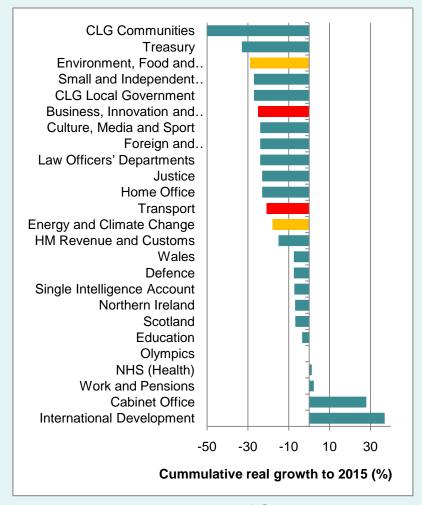


Closing the budget deficit

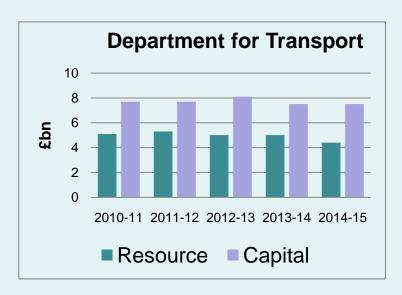




EU GHG targets



Transport will focus on localism and sustainability



"We can continue to build a transport system that supports economic growth and reduces carbon"
Transport Secretary, Philip Hammond



Local control

- Give local communities greater control over how transport funding is spent
- Reduce the number grant streams from 26 to 4, including a Local Sustainable Transport Fund £560m

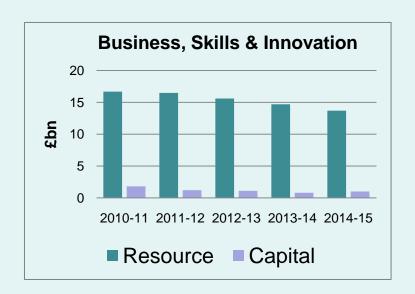
Making cars low carbon

- Stop Act on CO2 campaign and,
- Focus on promoting up take of low carbon vehicle technologies with £400m package

Business, Innovation & Skills to focus on green investment and R&D

Promoting growth

- Establishment of a Green Investment Bank (£1bn)
- £1.4bn regional growth fund to replace the RDAs
- £200m investment in technology centres



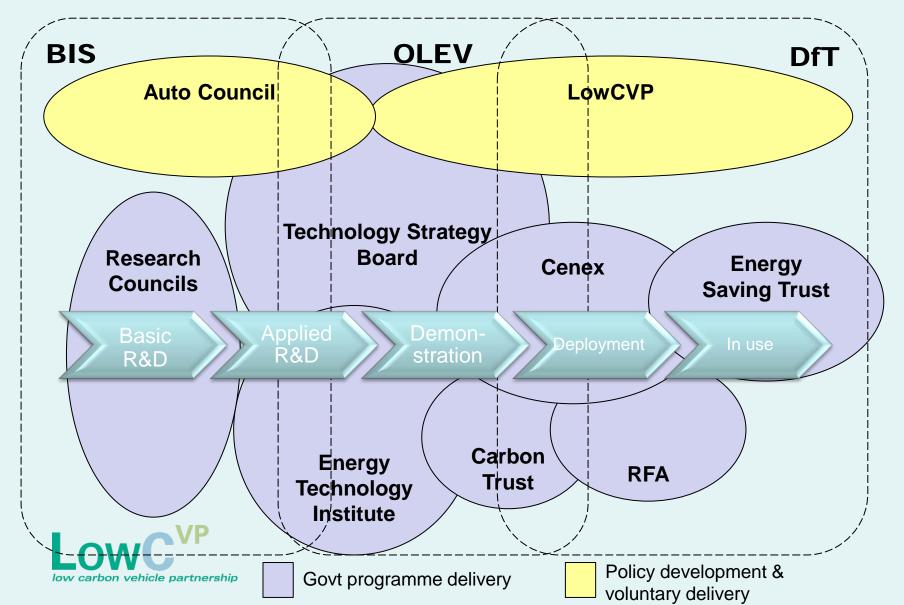
Science and Research

- Maintaining the science budget in cash terms
- Funding for adult apprenticeships

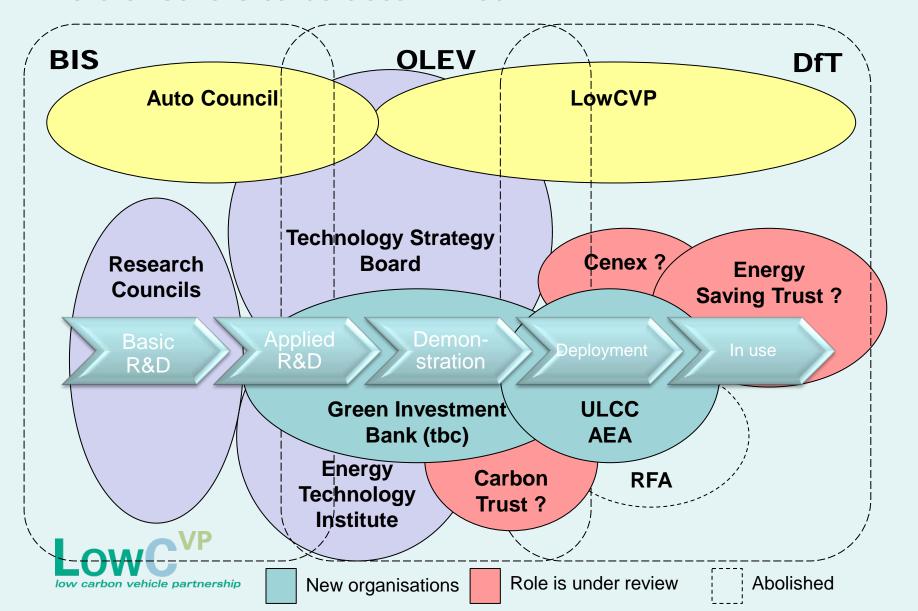
"I have been clear that growth must be sustainable" Business Secretary, Vince Cable



Low carbon vehicle and fuel space is crowded

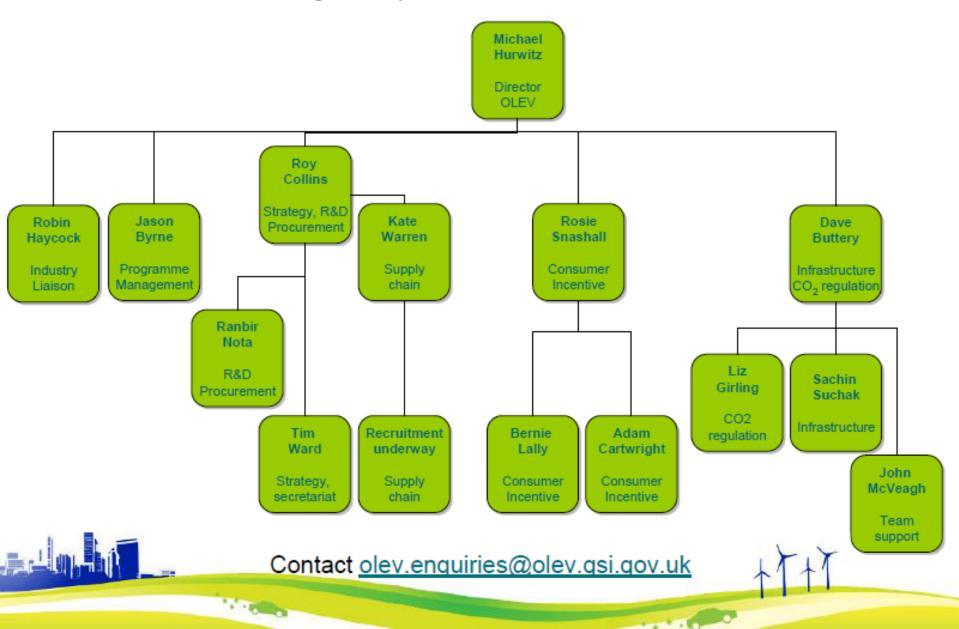


New delivery bodies announced, RFA abolished and role of others to be determined



The Office for Low Emission Vehicles:

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Incentive programmes announced and ongoing (1/2)

Ultra Low Carbon Car (ULCC) Grant (OLEV)

 A total of £43 million has been made available for the programme up to 31 March 2012 to provide grants of upto £5,000 to car buyers of ULCC. Remaining fund is subject to review in early 2011.

Plugged in places (OLEV)

 Guidance released to the 15 locations interested in bidding for the second round of the Plugged-In-Places infrastructure programme.

■ Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Grant Programme (BIS)

 BIS announced six successful bidders who will share £660,000 in funding for recharging points and bio-gas refuelling.



Incentive programmes announced and ongoing (2/2)

■ £200m to be invested in Technology Centres (TSB)

 To support UK businesses from drawing board to market, giving access equipment and expertise. Overseen by TSB.

□ Green Investment Bank (BIS)

 BIS to provide £1bn along with proceeds from sale of assets to help capitalise a Green Investment Bank to provide finance for green infrastructure.

■ BSOG Reform (DfT)

BSOG will be cut by 20% in 2012 until then LCEB incentives will continue.
 DfT are currently seeking stakeholder views.

Green Bus Fund winners announced (DfT)

 Additional £15m to support the introduction of Low Carbon Emission Buses (LCEBs), brining total support to £45m.

LowCVP work streams

The LowCVP Strategy and current work programme has been structured around 5 identified themes:

- Facilitating the creation of a successful UK supply chain for low carbon vehicle and fuel technologies
- Incentivising and informing lower carbon choices for cars
- 3. Building the market for lower carbon commercial and public service vehicles
- 4. Tackling market barriers to the use of lower carbon fuels
- 5. Progress and pathways to low carbon transport technologies



Facilitating the creation of a successful UK supply chain for low carbon vehicle and fuel technologies

LowCVP has undertaken a diverse portfolio of work to support policy development relating to research activities and supply chain support. Increasingly LowCVP is developing activity in this area in conjunction with the Automotive Council.

- Technology Challenge Commercial Vehicle Aftermarket
 - Aimed at assisting technology led companies with securing an end customer or developing an exit strategy.
- Low Carbon Vehicle Supply Chain Entry
 - Project to provide a clearer perspective of how OEMs and Tier1s interact with new market entrants as a basis for future work.
- New approaches to supporting low carbon automotive companies and develop proposals for future initiatives. Two specific streams have been defined:
 - Technology readiness guide
 - Mapping of facilities



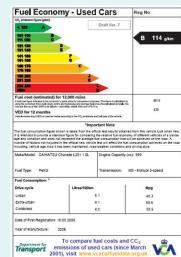
Incentivising and informing lower carbon choices for cars

This programme area builds upon LowCVP's extensive and successful activities to strengthen consumer information through showroom labelling, advertising research, marketing best practice and consumer attitudes surveys.

- Informing the development of improved vehicle labelling
 - through the Review of the Labelling Directive
- Changing car buyers' attitudes and behaviour
 - Building on the expertise of the Partnership on labelling, we will review areas of action to more permanently affect buyer behaviour
- Embedding the used car fuel efficiency label

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- Promotion and evaluation of the used car label intended to compliment the new car label scheme introduced in 2005
- Disseminating best practice in environmental marketing with Partners



Building the market for lower carbon commercial and public service vehicles



- Securing the market for Low Carbon Emission Buses (LCEB)
 - LowCVP has played a key role in defining a LCEB, provided extensive support to DfT in the revision of the Bus Service Operators grant and introduction of the Green Bus Fund.
 - LowCVP will continue to support the LCEB market through the development of a local transport policy toolkit and supporting DfT with further revision to BSOG.
- Creating a market for Low Carbon HGVs

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- LowCVP has been asked by DfT to propose the policy framework to encourage the market for low carbon HGVs. LowCVP has provided DfT with our initial recommendations.
- Subject to Ministerial approval, LowCVP will develop the regulatory framework for low carbon HGVs for DfT to implement.
- Understanding van procurement and purchasing behaviour
 - LowCVP is undertaking background research to understand the procurement of vans in order to develop policy for labelling and incentivising low carbon van purchase.

Tackling market barriers to the use of lower carbon fuels



One of the LowCVP's principal achievements has been its influence in recognising and developing practical regulations to encourage a market for sustainable biofuels. With the creation of the Renewable Fuels Agency, LowCVP's role in promoting a shift to sustainable biofuels will diminish.

- □LowCVP will be engaged with developing forthcoming regulation:
 - Support for the implementation of the Renewable Energy Directive
 & Fuel Quality Directive
 - Input to the EU Indirect Land Use Change consultation
- Review of policy relating to the use of biomass in the UK
 - LowCVP will undertake a review of policy on biomass for power, transport and heat with a view to the equalisation of incentives

Progress and pathways to low carbon transport technologies

LowCVP has an important role in building consensus on the role and contribution of low carbon vehicle and fuel technologies to emission reductions and progress towards established targets. This area of activity includes;

- Monitoring the effectiveness of current policies and programmes.
- Assessing the role of competing technologies
- Examining long-term technology pathways and identifying enabling policies

Two current projects currently being undertaken by the LowCVP are;

- Alternative life cycle metrics to tailpipe CO2
 - What metric should future policy be based on as tailpipe CO2 becomes inappropriate.
- Road transport technologies 2020-2030
 - A scenario based assessment of the role of technologies beyond 2020.



Join the LowCVP

If your organisation makes a contribution to the UK's move to low carbon vehicles, you are welcome to apply to be a member of the Partnership. By joining the LowCVP your organisation can demonstrate leadership and serious intent to help deliver a low carbon future. See over for details.



LowCVP members are: influential; networked; informed; engaged; committed; leaders; knowledgeable. ARE YOU?

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Thank you for your attention

Any Questions?

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