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Working with LAAs to reduce carbon emissions

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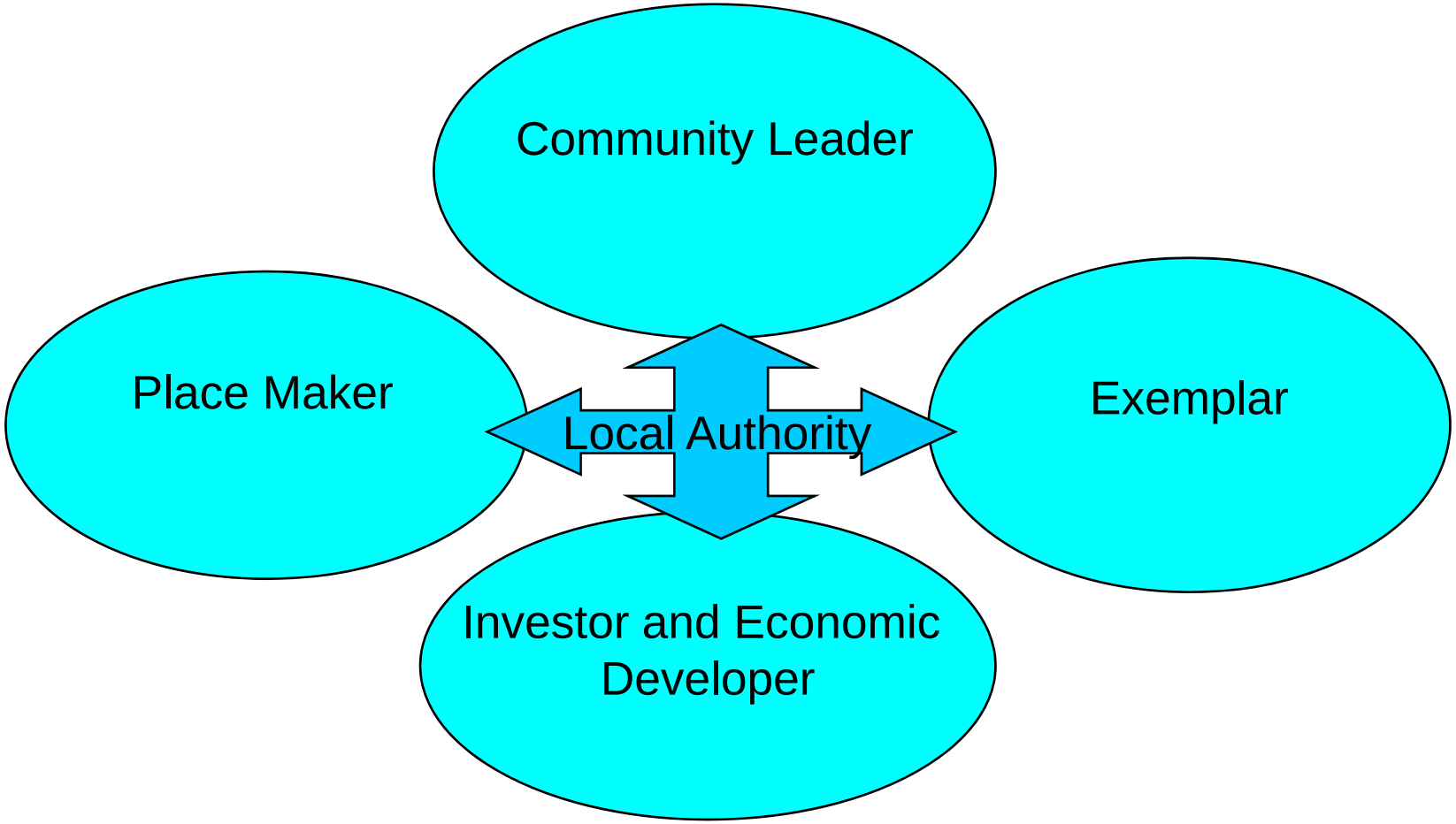
Local action to reduce carbon: the context

- Climate Change Act Targets – 80% reduction in ghgs by 2050
- Climate Change Committee Report
- Carbon Budgets
- Government Strategies
  - Renewable Energy
  - Heat and Energy Savings Strategy
  - Low carbon economy

Local Action: Role of Local Authorities



Local Action: Processes

- Sustainable Community Strategies
- Local Area Agreements and Multi Area Agreements
- Performance Framework
- Planning policies
- Capacity building activity -Climate Change Best Practice Programme, Nottingham Declaration, NIES, Carbon Trust and Energy Savings Trust activity
- Community empowerment processes – Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill

Local Action: LAA climate change indicators

PSA 27 Lead the global effort to avoid dangerous climate change		No. of LAA Targets	Popularity In national indicator set
NI 185	CO2 reduction from Local Authority operations	35	50th
NI 186	Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions in the LA area	100	5th
NI 188	Planning to adapt to climate change	56	32nd

DECC: DSO – climate change tackled internationally, and through domestic action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions		No. of LAA Targets	Popularity In national indicator set
NI 187	Tackling fuel poverty - % people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating	40	47th

Source for PSA-NIS links: The New Performance Framework for Local Authorities & Local Authority Partnerships: Single Set of National Indicators published by HM Government and CLG in 2007

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Local Action: What this might mean in practice

- Planning to mitigate and adapt to climate change:
  - Climate Change Planning Policy Statement
- Delivering renewables
  - Planning for renewables
  - ‘Merton plus’
- Energy efficiency initiatives:
  - Retrofit programmes (Decent Homes)
  - Community Energy Savings Programme
- Managing LA operations

Local Action: Planning

A significant role for both regional and local planning:

- Helping speed up the shift to renewable and low-carbon energy
  - local councils expected to back renewable energy projects and avoid going over ground covered by national policy
- Helping deliver a new wave of local renewable energy and community power schemes through our ‘Merton-plus approach’
  - boost to supplying new development with local renewable and low-carbon energy
  - A council-wide target PLUS tailored targets for sites where there are bigger opportunities than the council-wide target
- Helping shape places resilient to the impact of climate change

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Local Action: Energy efficiency

- Heat and Energy Savings Strategy:
  - Challenging objectives for the residential sector
  - Role of the social sector at the forefront of action
  - Programme of information; incentives; investment
- Taking forward national programmes:
  - CERT; Decent Homes
  - Community Energy Savings Programme
- Local action
- Low and zero carbon heat: Government/local authority heat summit