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Dear Chief Executives of Local Authorities in England,

SHARING INFORMATION ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES OWN ESTATE AND OPERATIONS – PUBLICATION OF COLLATED DATA FOR 2009-10 AND 2010-11 AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR 2011-12

I wrote to you on 13 April 2011 requesting that local authorities measure and report their greenhouse gas emissions from their own estate and operations by the end of July each year. This information is DECC's only entry on the 'single data list'.

The guidance (published on the DECC website at

<http://www.decc.gov.uk/assets/decc/Statistics/nationalindicators/1693-sharing-information-ghg-emissions-council.pdf>) asked local authorities to publish on their websites emissions data for the 2009/10 and 2010/11 financial years and to send a hyperlink to this data to DECC. We have produced a spreadsheet summary of the information provided by local authorities, which is available at:

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/statistics/local_auth/ni185/ni185.aspx.

We shall be discussing with the Local Government Association (LGA) ways in which this data can be used to assist local authorities to improve their individual performance year on year and thus reduce energy costs and carbon emissions, as well as how this work fits with the new Climate Local initiative, the successor to the Nottingham declaration.

I would now request that your authority measure and report emissions data for the 2011/12 financial year by the end of July 2012 in accordance with the joint DECC-Defra guidance that was published in September 2009 and is available at:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/economy/business-efficiency/reporting>.

When calculating your emissions please use the August 2011 Greenhouse Gas conversion factors contained on that webpage.

As before, data on area emissions and fuel poverty (formerly covered by NI 186 and NI 187 respectively) will be collated and modelled centrally by my department with no burden on councils.

Yours sincerely,