

Covenant of Mayors – IEE Proposal

Severn Wye Energy Agency, in partnership with **Powys County Council**, are looking for partners who are intent on bidding for funding under the **Intelligent Energy for Europe Programme** and specifically the **Priority 10.4**. The Council is attracted by the Covenant of Mayors but has not yet made any commitment in that respect. It has signed the “Welsh Declaration on Climate Change” and is pursuing several initiatives that will seek to reduce carbon emissions in the County. It has previously joined with the EC's Renewable Energy for Europe campaign and then the successor Sustainable Energy Partnership.

The Powys partnership would seek to make progress with existing initiatives and seek to improve policies and performance via exchange of experience in areas such as:-

- In-house energy use reduction through behavioural change
- In-house energy use reduction through technology
- In-house use of renewable energy and low-carbon technologies
- Retro-fitting of sustainable energy technologies to local authority owned houses
- Campaign to reduce energy consumption in the domestic sector through behavioural change
- Facilitation of the installation of sustainable energy measures in the domestic, community and SME sector
- Making the most of opportunities through the management of biodegradable waste
- Seeking to engage with the agricultural community to optimize opportunities for renewable energy installations whilst managing land to lock up carbon and attenuate rainwater run-off.
- Seeking to ensure that the land use planning system encourages/requires new development to be low or zero carbon in use
- Seeking to ensure that the land use planning or other regulatory functions do not **unreasonably** restrict sustainable energy generation projects

The emphasis of the project would be to see real progress in reducing carbon emissions and there would need to be a robust programme of monitoring.

Call deadline – 25 June 2009. For further information:

Intelligent Energy Europe 2009 Call for Proposals:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/index_en.htm

EU Covenant of Mayors

<http://www.eumayors.eu>

Severn Wye Energy Agency

<http://www.swea.co.uk>

Powys County Council

<http://www.powys.gov.uk/index.php?id=1&L=0>

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