

GOVERNMENT OFFICE
FOR THE NORTH WEST

Domestic Energy Alliance

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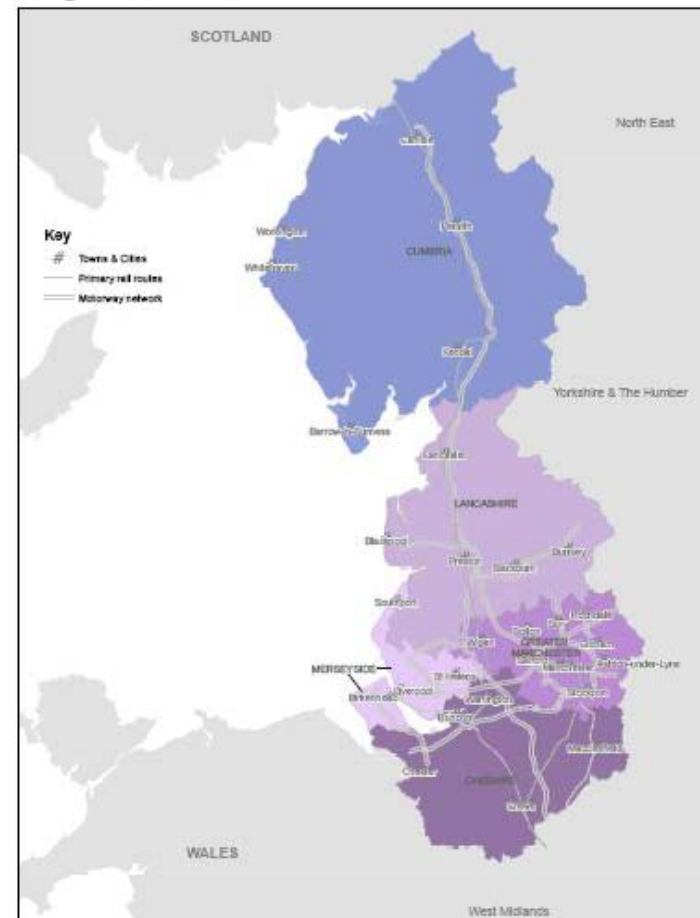
NORTH WEST STRATEGY AND ACTION

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North West Profile

- Just under 7m people.
- Around 3m households.
- Urban / rural mix.
- Old stock / hard to treat.
- 20.8% in fuel poverty.
- 5,000 excess winter deaths 08/09.
- 8.4 tonnes of CO2 per capita.

England's Northwest



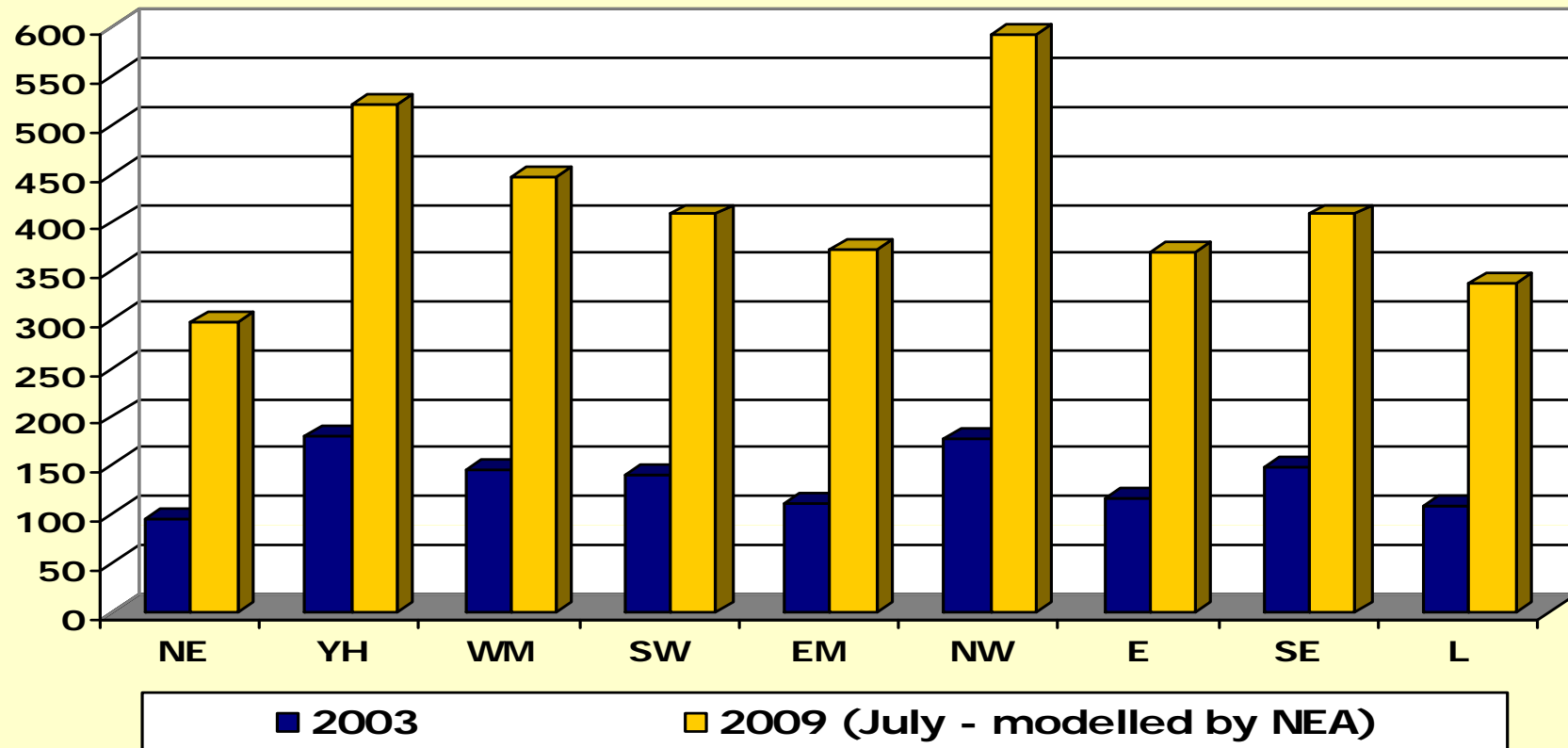
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- 4NW/HCA Action to develop a regionally coordinated approach to accelerating energy efficiency measures (especially retrofitting, hard-to-treat and decentralised energy systems).
- Groundwork Northwest Action to deliver Foundation.



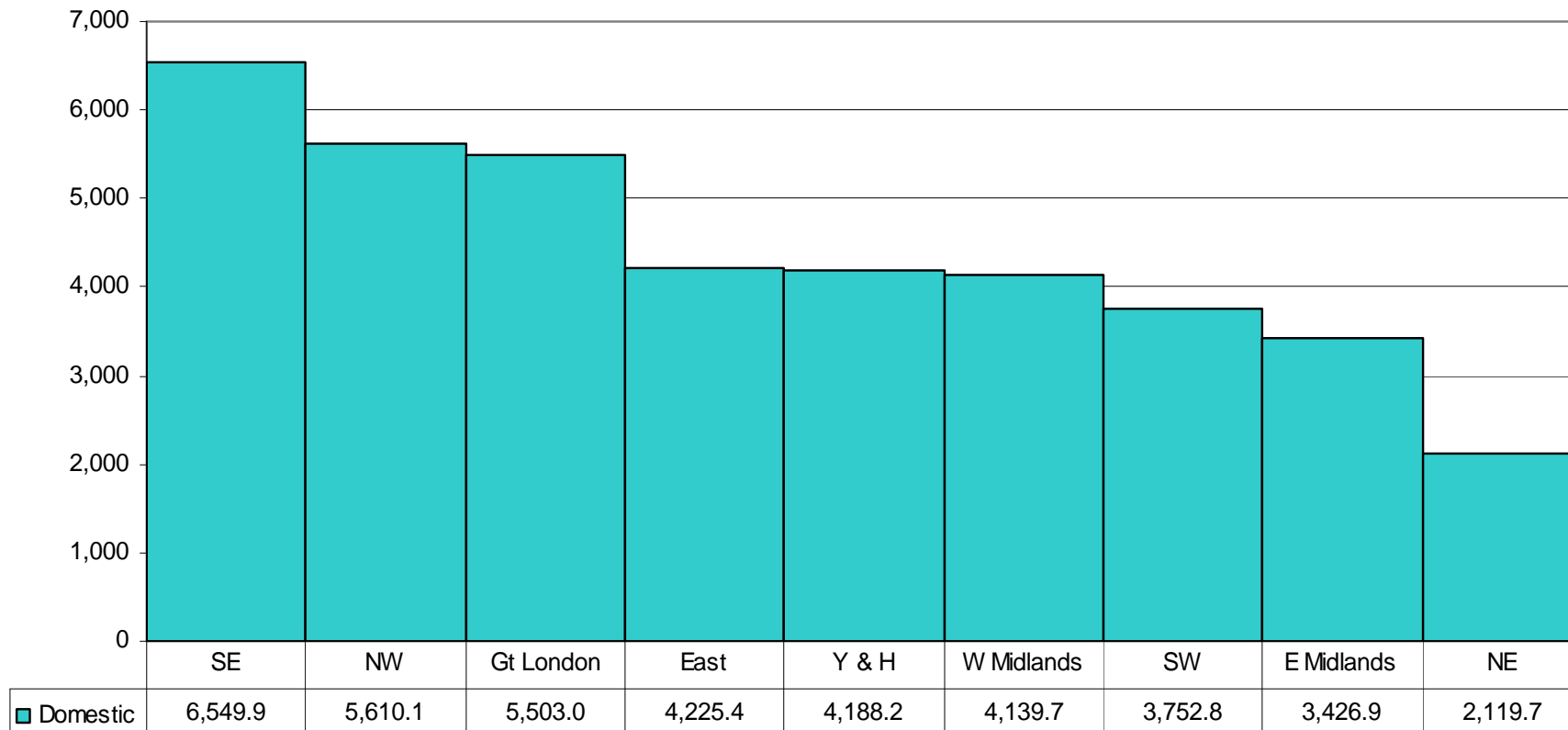
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Figure 1a: Number of households in fuel poverty by region (England) 2003 - 2009: (Rounded to nearest 000's)



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Regional domestic energy consumption (2007 ktoe)



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- North West Climate Change Action Plan re-launched in February 2010.
- DEA Action 5.3 to encourage microgeneration installation, energy efficient technologies and maximise regional access to funding mechanisms to reduce upfront costs for householders (including for the fuel poor).



North West Strategy and Action



Will bring together Regional Spatial Strategy, Regional Economic Strategy and Regional Housing Strategy.

- Priorities*
- achieving economic growth
 - contributing to climate change targets
 - addressing housing needs

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1. Capitalise on opportunities of moving to low carbon economy and address climate change.
2. Build international competitive advantage and regional distinctiveness.
3. Release the potential of our people and **tackle fuel poverty.**
4. **Ensure the right housing** and infrastructure for sustainable growth.

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- Work already underway includes renewable energy capacity methodology.
- Consultations due Summer 2010 onwards...

www.nwregionalstrategy.com

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Energy Saving Trust highlights:

- Three advice centres on target.
- Microgeneration Adviser in place.
- Rural Low Carbon Challenge Fund.
- Local Authority 1-2-1 programme.

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SummitSkills partnership highlights:

- Increasing number of businesses approved under MCS (Certification Mark for Onsite Sustainable Energy Technologies). (With Envirolink).
- Promoting Environmental Technologies using Solar, PV and Wind turbine kits in schools etc (with Envirolink).
- Promoting Environmental Careers in Building Services Engineering (with CIBSE).

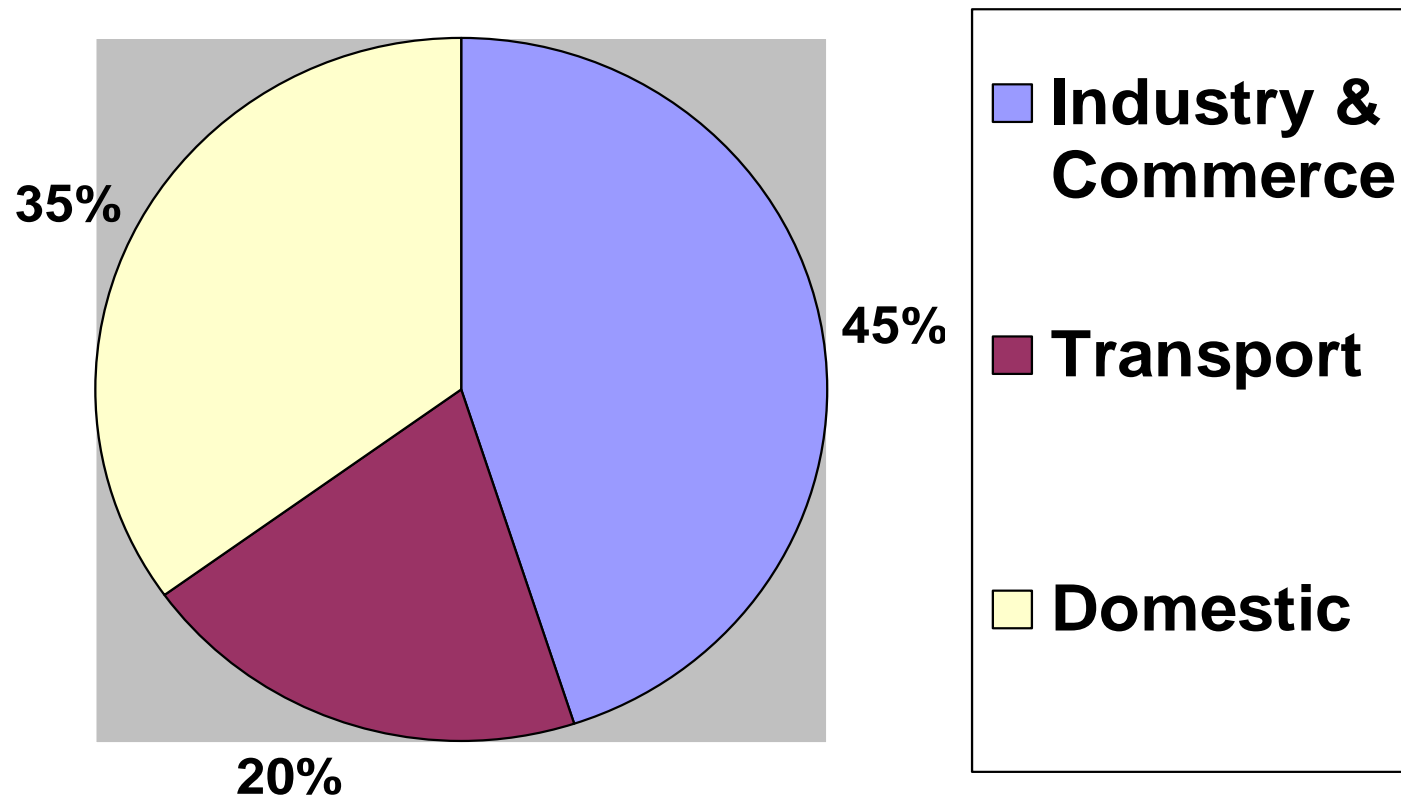
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Local Area Agreement highlights:

- 16 of 23 LAAs have an NI186 target; typically 10-12% per capita CO2 reduction.
- 6 LAAs have an NI187 fuel poverty target.
- 7 LAAs have an NI188 climate change adaptation target.

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2007 NW 47,500 KtCO₂ emissions for NI186



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CLASP. CLIMATE CHANGE
LOCAL
AREA
SUPPORT
PROGRAMME

- Guidance & support on climate change National Indicators.
 - Mostly Local Authority led, sharing support & learning.
 - Funding for local innovative projects.
 - Events & training through to March 2011.
- www.clasp-nw.info, ailsa@clasp-nw.info

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NEA

- Affordable Warmth strategy development
- Collaboration with Adult Social Care and Child Poverty agendas
- Training - awareness raising, renewables, fuel debt
- Regular forums and seminars

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- Manchester Low Carbon Economic Area status for the built environment.
- AGMA Low Carbon Framework pilot.
- CESP Projects?
- Carbon Action Network.



What next?

- Low Carbon & Environmental Goods & Services Sector Strategy.
- Smart grids and metering pilots.
- Local Authority skills and capacity to tackle climate change.
- Investment Bank.
- DECC 2050 roadmap.