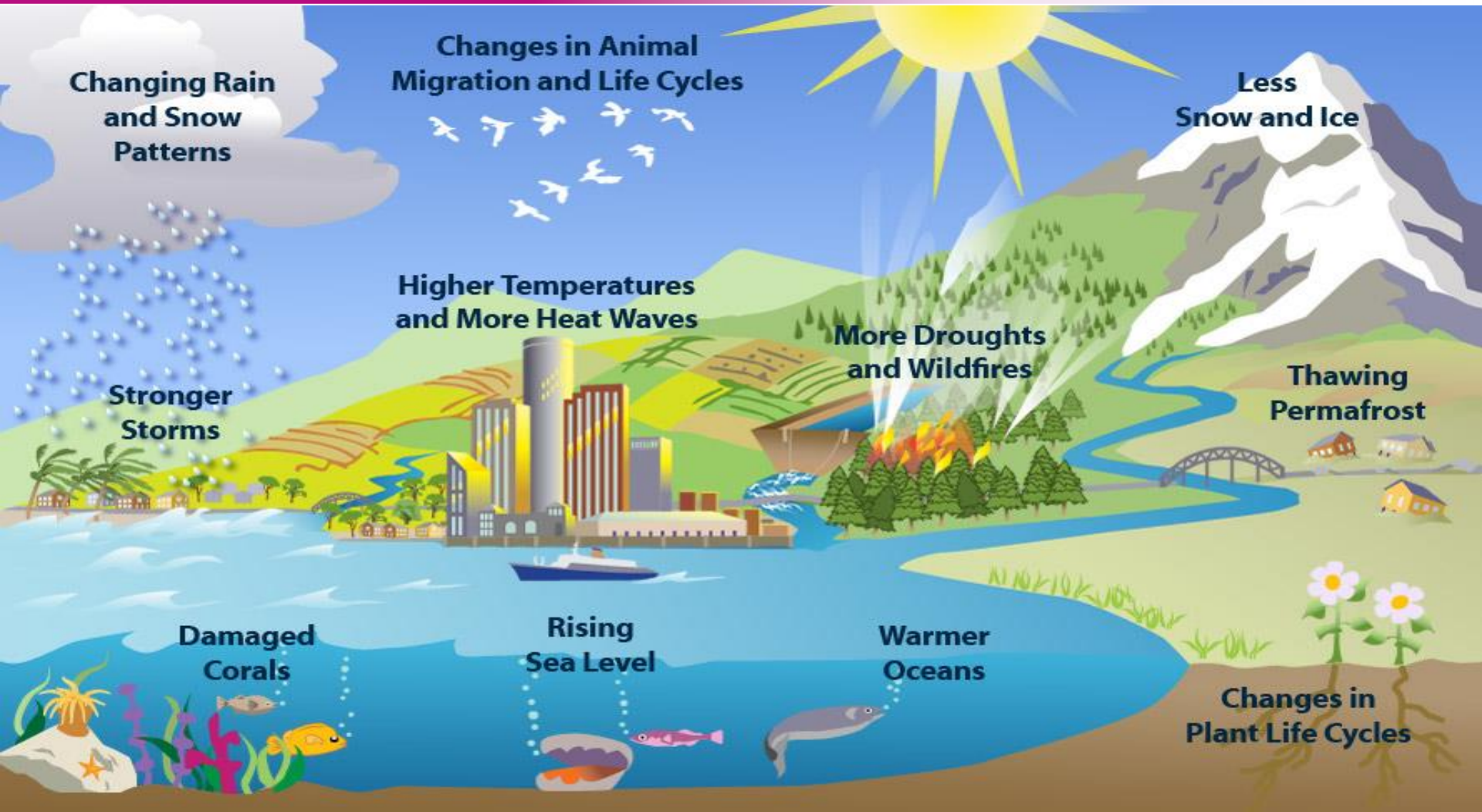




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Many councils have committed to going carbon neutral, but they lack the power and funds to take effective citywide action

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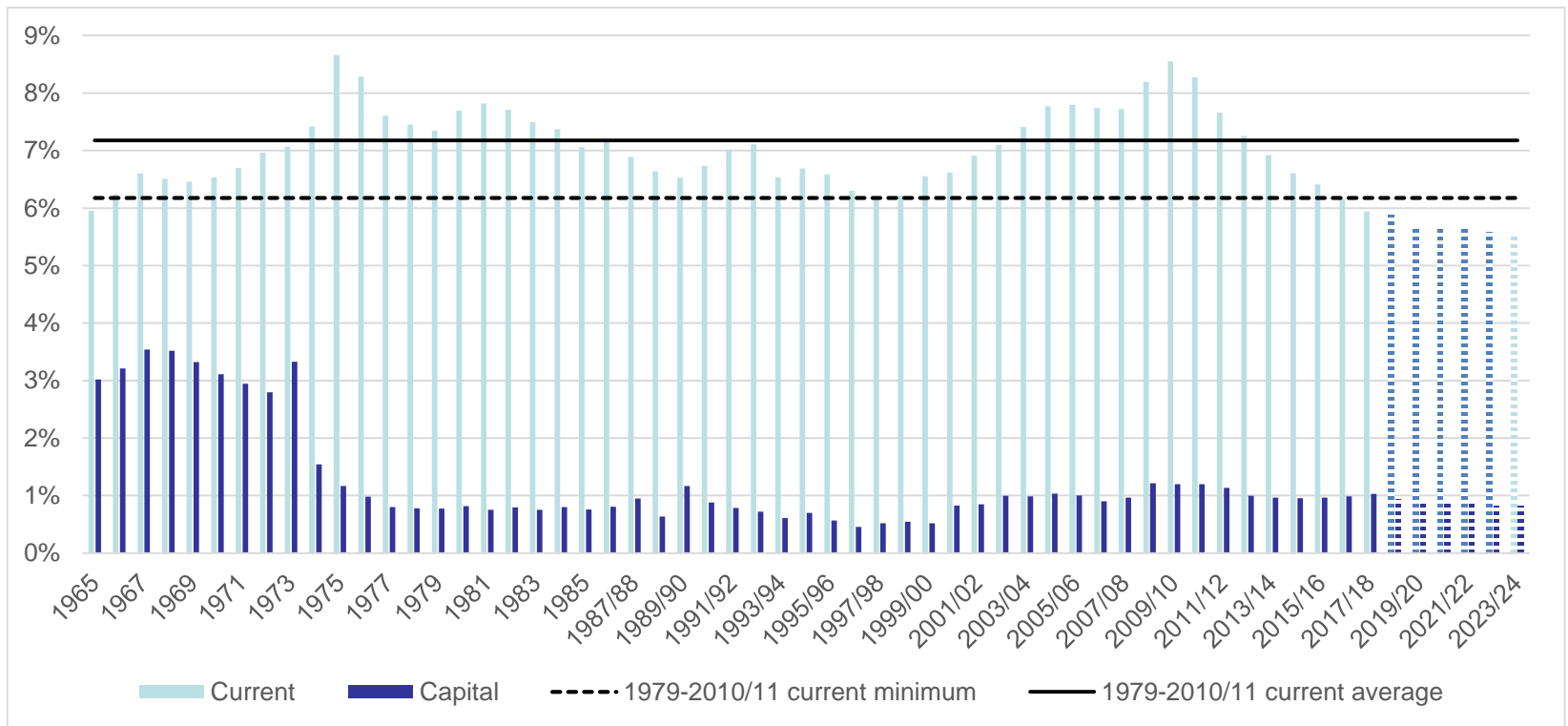


▲ In areas of Nottingham, there has been a mass installation of solar panels on houses. Photograph: E On/Play One/Nottingham Council

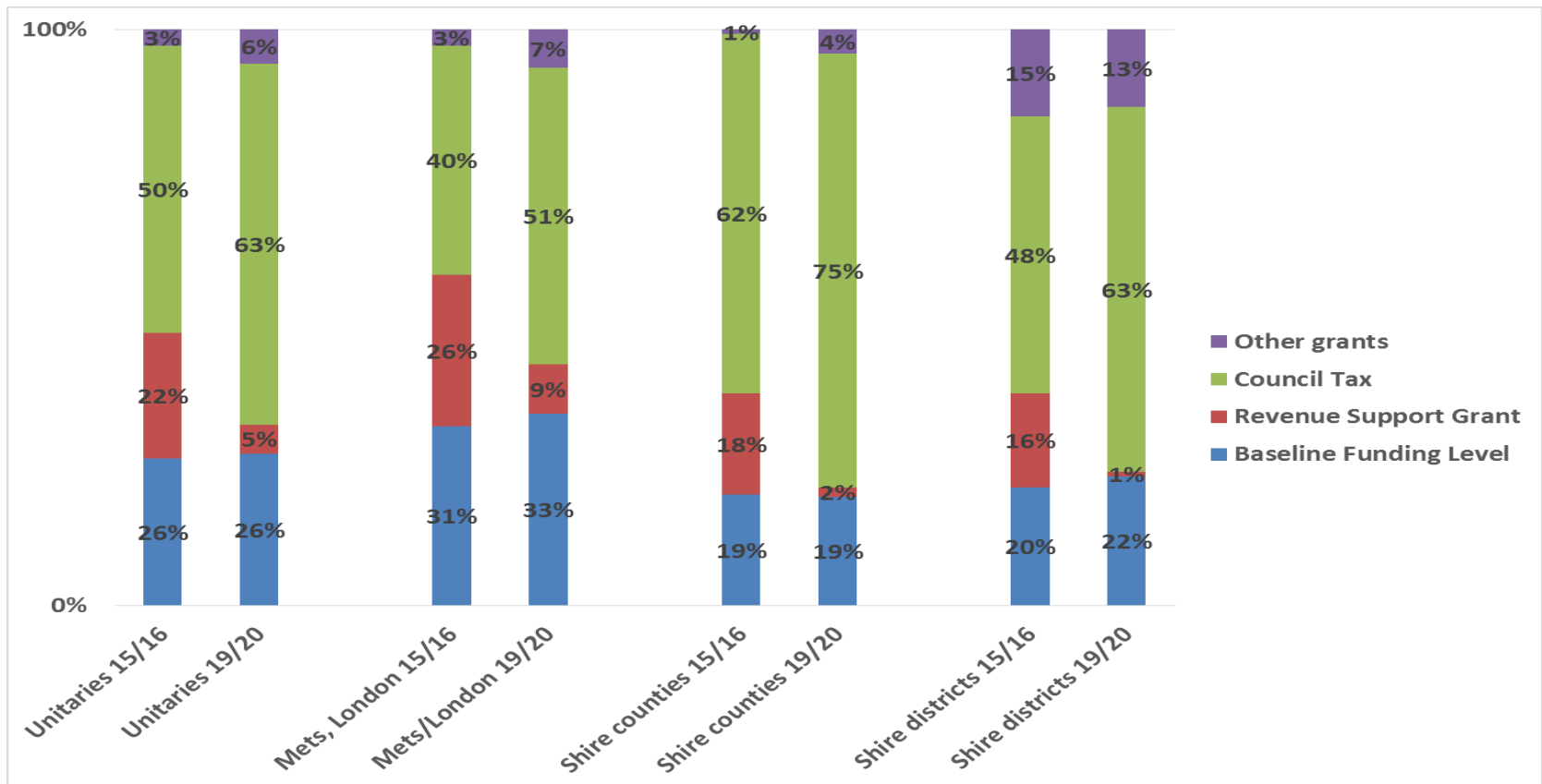
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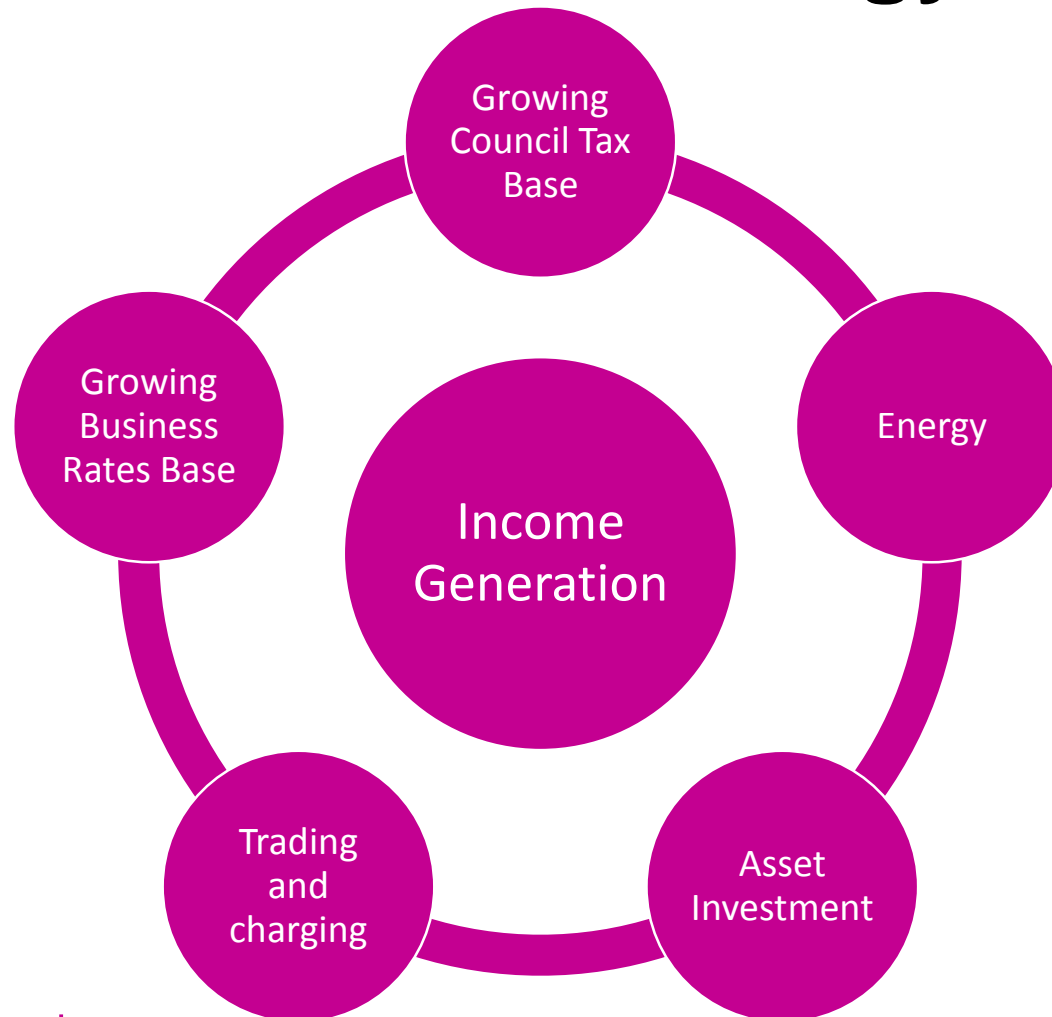
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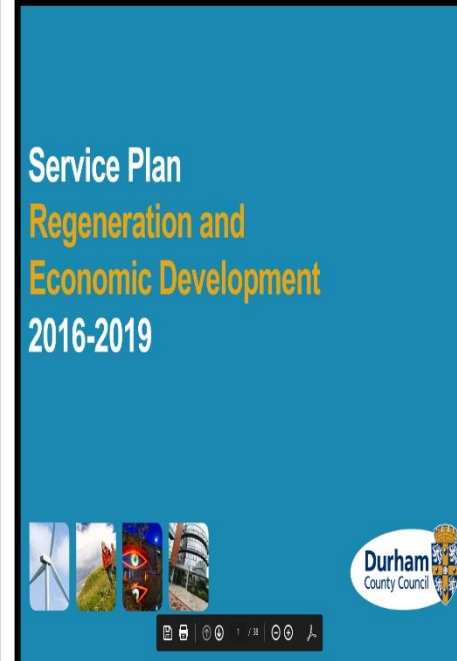
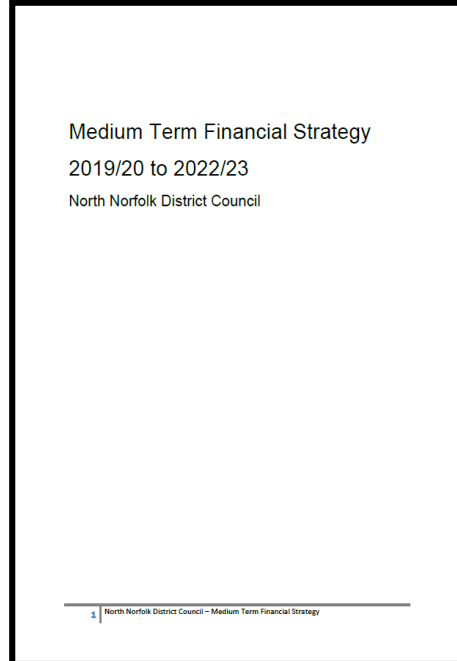
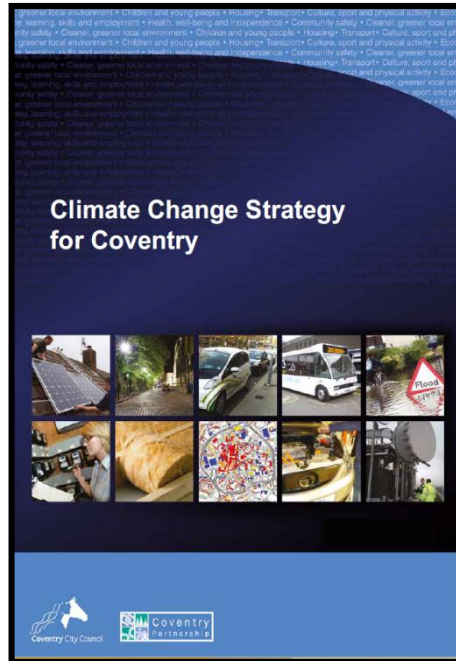
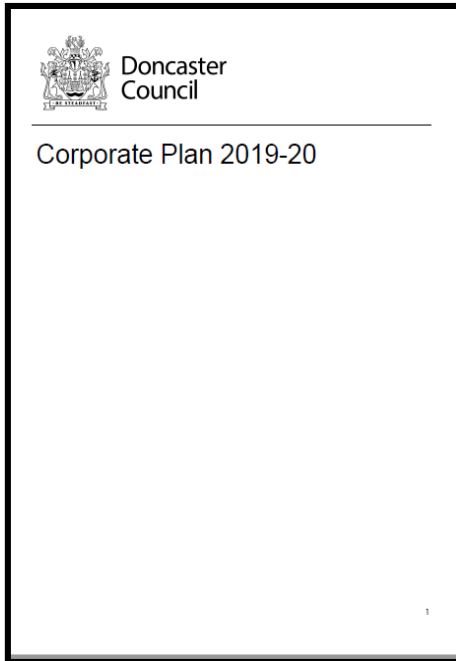
Commercialisation strategy



What type of emergency are you calling?

- Council footprint?
- Council footprint plus supply chain?
- Area wide footprint?
- The fragmented state
- Civic leadership

The Golden thread



Routemap on carbon eradication

Short

Property
energy
efficiency

Solar

Mid

Waste and
recycling

Electric fleet
infrastructure

Air quality

Wind

Long

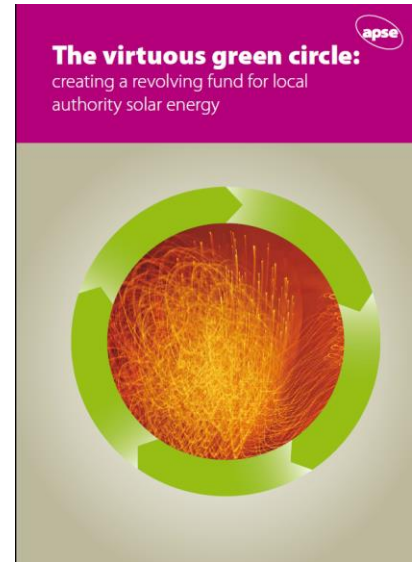
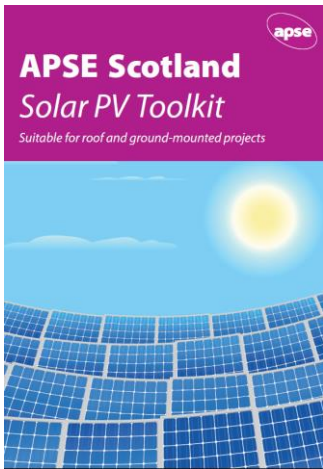
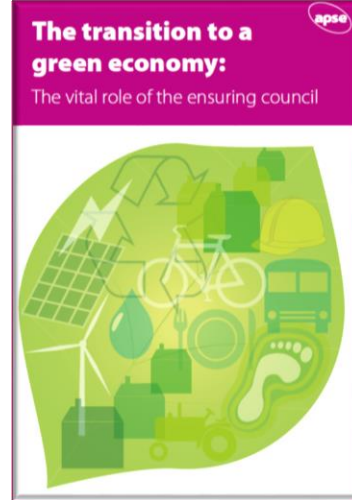
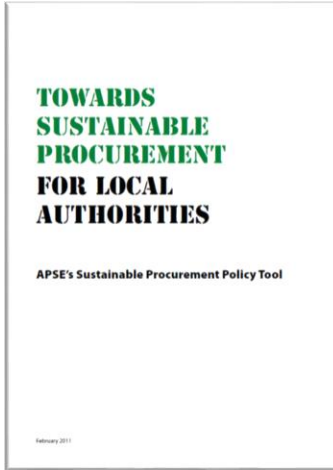
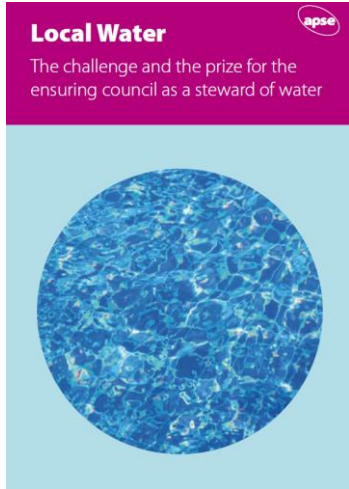
Reinventing
the high street

Housing plan

District
heating
networks

Government action required?

- Waste and resources strategy?
- Air quality?
- End of austerity?
- Finance and resources?
- Brexit?



Conclusions

- Time for action
- Local government action
- Government action
- Austerity, finance and resources
- Time for civic leadership – political and managerial
- Time for creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship
- Time to forge a new municipalism
- Time for a more sustainable future

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