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## **Local authorities get a lesson in energy efficiency**

A free seminar to teach local authorities how to reduce their carbon footprint, improve their use of renewable energy and reduce energy costs will take place on Thursday 5 June.

Organised by The Co-operative Bank as part of its £400m commitment to financing sustainability and renewable energy generation, the day- long event will take place at the CIS Tower in Manchester.

Three organisations that specialise in sustainability and renewable energy will share their expertise throughout the day including Cool Planet, specialists in heat pump technology that uses geothermal energy to provide heating and cooling systems; Cynergin Group who specialise in replacing dated energy equipment in education, municipal and housing stock with modern, energy efficient technology; and Utilities Procurement Group which helps public sector organisations procure and manage utility services to reduce energy costs.

Ian Smith, Senior Manager for Public Sector Development at The Co-operative Bank, said: “At The Co-operative Bank we are committed to addressing climate change and are currently involved in financing a wide range of renewable energy sources including wind farms, hydro projects and geothermal power.

“This seminar will give local authorities the knowledge and motivation to switch to more renewable energy sources, leading to a reduction in both their energy bills and carbon emissions.”

The seminar will run from 10am until 3pm at CIS Tower, Boardroom, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor, Co-operative Insurance Society (CIS), Miller Street, Manchester M60 0AL.

Any local authorities who wish to attend should email [stuart.thomas@cfs.coop](mailto:stuart.thomas@cfs.coop)

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