

Julie Hitchcock attended a Government Department meeting on 18 May 2009 with Liverpool City Council to discuss their second phase of the Multi-Area Agreement (MAA).

Julie Hitchcock conveyed the following messages to Liverpool City Council:-

*One of the asks of Government within Liverpool's MAA is a long-term relationship with relevant departments to help them develop their plans for a low carbon economy, and they are asking for a commitment to quarterly meetings with the relevant departments to help them develop their low carbon strategy.* Julie

confirmed that Defra would like to be party to an ongoing relationship with Liverpool on this and said that, from Defra's point of view, carbon is not the only issue and that the wider resource efficiency agenda should also form part of their planning. They were content to consider that.

Julie also suggested that, as well as embedding climate change in Liverpool's growth plans, they should also be thinking about adaptation to climate change, and Liverpool appeared to be receptive to amending their ask to reflect that.