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SCHOOLS WASTE £20 MILLION A YEAR ON ENERGY

Every year UK schools are wasting around £20 million and 300,000 tonnes of CO₂ due to poor energy management. To help schools use their energy more wisely the Energy Efficiency Partnership for Homes (EEPH) today launched the 'Energy Challenge' - a step by step guide to sustainable energy.

"We all know schools have limited resources and yet many are wasting energy and money needlessly. By adopting a whole school approach to sustainable energy, schools will reduce their energy bills, educate and inspire their pupils and help the environment." Said Mark Brown, Director, EEPH.

Schools nationwide are urged to pledge their support and take the Energy Challenge. The Challenge comprises of three easy steps as follows:

- Step 1 Get the whole school involved - from the head teacher and leadership team, to teachers, site staff, governors, parents and students.
- Step 2 Carry out an environmental audit of your school. It will identify where improvements can be made and will form the basis of a plan of action.
- Step 3 Look to incorporating sustainability into your school policy or management plan and start installing sustainable energy measures

A copy of the 'Tackling Climate Change - Guidance for Secondary Schools' is available for download from www.se-2.co.uk/energychallenge. For further advice schools should contact 08700 622 882 or email energychallenge@se-2.co.uk

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Note to Editors

For further information please contact Stephanie Moore on 01363 860070.

The Energy Efficiency Partnership for Homes (EEPH) is a network of over 540 organisations from the public, private and voluntary sectors. By working together EEPH aims to reduce the energy consumed by UK households as well as the number of people who are unable to sufficiently heat their homes during winter.