

We are also committed to using public contracts to deliver clear community benefits, including local employment and training opportunities and support for community initiatives.

**We will continue to take forward our partnership with Scotland's island communities as part of the 'Our Islands, Our Future' project, with the clear intention to devolve new powers and responsibilities to**

**Scotland's three main island groups.** We will also work with local authorities to ensure that our island and coastal communities see a direct benefit from the devolution of the Crown Estate, including full enjoyment of net income from seabed leasing revenue. We believe that the natural wealth and resources of Scotland should deliver clearer advantages for the people who live here.

That includes one of our most valuable natural assets - our land. Our new **Land Reform Bill will improve transparency and accountability of land ownership** and ensure Scotland's land reform debate focuses on how Scotland's land can be best managed in the public interest to ensure it is of benefit to all of the people of Scotland.

We are also working to support increased community ownership of local energy projects, for example, through our **£20 million local energy challenge fund**. This fund provides support for projects from community groups, local councils and housing associations, among others, with the aim of delivering 500MW of locally owned renewable generation by 2020. Our ambition is to achieve even more and we will explore ways of increasing support for community generation.

As part of our focus on meeting our climate change targets and promoting sustainable economic growth,

we will support businesses, the third sector and public sector organisations working to boost productivity by using energy, materials and water more efficiently, so we can build a more resource efficient Scotland. This includes work to stimulate remanufacturing networks and supply chains through the Scottish Institute of Remanufacturing, one of only four international centres of excellence.

As the Scottish Government, we are consulting on measures to reduce emissions in Scotland, including looking at the creation of Low Emission Zones. We will continue to develop our zero waste strategy, supporting a range of initiatives, for example the ongoing pilot project for reverse vending machines to encourage rewards for recycling.

We will use our influence at Westminster to ensure the UK matches, and supports, Scotland's ambitious commitments to carbon reduction and that we play a positive role in the UN Climate Change conference in Paris. We will also look for the Bank of England to continue its work on the potential impact of climate change on financial stability in the UK and report on how it can best respond.

In government we have made the promotion of Scotland's food and drink a key priority with a particular focus on Scotland's excellent produce as part of the 2015 Year of Food and Drink. We will continue to work on promoting local food supply, including within the public sector.

We will seek full devolved responsibility over all food levies to support the promotion of food and drink, so we can build on a record that has seen growth in the sector in Scotland of 20.8 per cent compared to 8.6 per cent in the UK.