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ANDY ATKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

Andy is executive director of Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland, taking up the post in 2008 in order to focus on engaging the public in campaigning around big sustainability issues.

Andy spent his childhood in the tropical Torres Straights Islands of Australia and his teenage years in the East End of London. He has a passion for the environment and social justice. After studying Geography at University College London, he completed a Masters in Development Studies focused on Latin America, and spent 9 months volunteering in Argentina shortly after the Falklands War.

Andy has worked on researching and campaigning in a range of human rights and development NGOs including the Chile Committee for Human Rights and CAFOD. Before joining Friends of the Earth, Andy was Advocacy Director at development charity Tearfund, where he oversaw the establishment of policy and campaigns work as a core focus for the organisation. He initiated Tearfund's work on climate change which led Tearfund to become the first major UK development agency to identify climate change as a 'poverty' issue and begin campaigning on it. While at Tearfund, Andy was also part of the founding group of what became the historic Make Poverty History campaign, and subsequently served on the Board and as a spokesperson.

Andy is married to solicitor Sarah and they have three children. He is a keen amateur painter, reader of world literature and cyclist.

DAVID MILLER, FORMER MAYOR OF TORONTO AND FORMER CHAIR OF THE C40 CITIES CLIMATE LEADERSHIP GROUP

David Miller is Counsel, International Business and Sustainability at Aird & Berlis LLP. In that role, he assists the firm in the development of its international clean tech and renewable energy practices.

David is a leading advocate for the creation of sustainable urban economies. In addition to being a strong and forceful champion for the next generation of jobs through sustainability, David advises companies – and governments – on practical measures to make this happen. As Chair of the influential C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group from 2008 – 2010, David Miller was instrumental in demonstrating the practical and real change cities are already making and can continue to make as they fight climate change and create green jobs. In this capacity, David Miller continues to work with the World Bank, OECD, the Club de Madrid and other national and international organizations to strengthen the capacity of City governments worldwide to act. He was recently named the Future of Cities Global Fellow by Polytechnic Institute of New York University (NYU-Poly). He is also a member of the David Suzuki Foundation Board, and is Chair of the Board of Directors for Cape Farewell North America.

As Mayor of Toronto from 2003 – 2010, addressing climate change was a top priority for

David Miller. In July 2007, the City of Toronto released a wide-ranging Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan, that included over 100 actions to reduce the city's carbon footprint. In October 2009, the Power to Live Green outlined step-by-step how Toronto will reach 80 percent reductions in greenhouse gas emissions based on 1990 levels. Under Mayor Miller's leadership, the City of Toronto allocated \$4 Billion to climate change related projects and programs.

David Miller is a Harvard trained economist and professionally a lawyer. He and his wife, lawyer Jill Arthur, are the parents of two children.

GREG BARKER MP, MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Gregory Barker graduated in History, Economic History & Politics from London University in 1987 and has over ten years experience of working in the City of London. In 1988 after working at the Centre for Policy Studies with David Willetts, he trained as smaller companies analyst and subsequently became a Corporate Finance Director of the Australian owned International Pacific Securities, specializing in cross-border mergers and acquisitions.

In 1997 Gregory Barker became an Associate Partner of the leading financial public relations firm, Brunswick Group Ltd. The following year he was appointed head of International Investor Relations for Sibneft, a major Russian oil company, where he helped lead the company's drive to modernize in the post Soviet economy and open up to Western markets. He returned to Britain in May 2000, to continue as a director of Bartlett Scott Edgar, the recruitment advertising business, of which he helped lead a "management buy-in" in 1998. The company was sold to TMP Worldwide in 2001.

Gregory Barker was elected Conservative Member of Parliament for Bexhill and Battle in his native Sussex in June 2001. He served on the House of Commons Environmental Audit select committee between 2001 and 2005. He was appointed to the Opposition Front Bench as a Conservative whip in 2003.

Gregory Barker was appointed Shadow Minister for Climate Change & Environment in December, 2005 and led the passage of the Climate Change Bill through the House of Commons in 2008 and was a key author of the Conservative Party's 'Low Carbon Economy' green paper, launched in January 2009. In October 2008 he was promoted to Shadow Climate Change minister in the new Shadow Department of Energy and Climate Change.

LUCIANA BERGER MP, SHADOW MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Luciana Berger is the Labour and Co-operative Member of Parliament for Liverpool Wavertree. She was appointed as Shadow Minister for Climate Change in October of 2010. She was Labour's frontbench lead on the recent Energy Bill, during which she campaigned for amendments to introduce local carbon budgets. Luciana is a frequent writer on climate change and the green economy.

A graduate of Birmingham and Birkbeck Universities, she has worked for Accenture and the NHS Confederation.

Before being elected, Luciana ran a not-for profit campaigning and education organisation working toward peace in the Middle East.

JAMES MURRAY, EDITOR, BUSINESSGREEN

James Murray is the founding editor of BusinessGreen having launched the site in October 2007.

He is responsible for BusinessGreen's leading news, opinion and analysis, and also contributes to the brand's expanding events programme.

James is one of the UK's leading commentators on the low carbon economy. He writes occasionally for the Guardian newspaper and has also reported for BBC Radio on a number of green technology stories.

He reports daily on a wide range of green business issues, with a particular focus on low carbon policy, economics and technology.

In March 2011, he was voted number eight in the Press Gazette's list of the top 50 environmental journalists in the UK.

Prior to launching BusinessGreen James spent five years as a technology journalist working on a variety of IT titles.

DAVID KENNEDY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

David Kennedy is the Chief Executive of the Committee on Climate Change. Previously he worked on energy strategy at the World Bank, and design of infrastructure investment projects at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. He has a PhD in economics from the London School of Economics.

ANDY DEACON, HEAD OF LOCAL DELIVERY, ENERGY SAVING TRUST

Andy has held posts in local, regional and central government as well as working in academia and consultancy. He is currently Director of Local Delivery for the Energy Saving Trust having joined them in October 2008. He is leading work to support local authorities and community groups to cut carbon emissions across their areas. Current projects include support for the nine Local Carbon Framework pilot areas, large scale retrofit financing and developing community group support tools. In previous roles he has helped develop climate change action plans for cities, worked with the main set of climate change impact predictions for the UK and been involved in international climate change negotiations as well as working on climate change projects in India, China and Bangladesh. Andy holds an MSc in applied meteorology and climatology from the University of Birmingham.

PAULA KIRK, ASSOCIATE, ARUP ENERGY CONSULTING

Paula Kirk is an Associate in the Energy Consulting Group at Arup which she joined in 2007, having previously managed the London Energy Partnership on behalf of the Mayor of London. Paula has worked in the field of energy and climate change for over twelve years in both the public and private sectors, with experience of integrating low carbon and climate change initiatives into policy and practice at local authority, regional and national government level. Paula's most recent role was project manager for the C40 Climate Actions in Megacities report which was launched by Mayor Bloomberg in June 2011 and provides a baseline of climate change policies programmes and projects for C40 cities around the world. Paula was a member of DECC's Local Carbon Framework Advisory Panel, has provided advice and guidance on behalf of the Energy Saving Trust to local authorities on energy services procurement and contracting, and also led the Arup team delivering the decentralised energy support programme for local authorities (DEMaP) on behalf of the Mayor of London, advising local authorities on all aspects of decentralised energy project development and delivery.

SIR RICHARD CHARLES LEESE CBE, LEADER, MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

Born, brought up and went to school in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. After graduating from the University of Warwick, worked as a teacher in Coventry and as an exchange teacher in the USA before moving to Manchester to take up a post as a youth worker. Employed

variously in youth work, community work, and education research 1979-1988. Elected to the City Council in 1984. Deputy Leader from 1990 to 1996 having previously Chaired the Education Committee (1986-90) and Finance Committee (1990-95).

Political interests include the links between economic development and social policy, developing open democracy and the community leadership role of local authorities; and the role of cities in creating a sustainable future.

Heavily involved in regeneration activity including being on the board of the Central Salford Urban Regeneration Company. Chair of Manchester Airport Group Shareholders Committee. Deputy Leader of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) and became Chair of the Regional Leaders' Board (RLB) in March 2009.

Interests outside politics include cinema, music, and sport as a spectator (principally football and cricket), a regular runner and cycling to the Town Hall most days.

LOUISE GOLDSMITH, LEADER, WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Louise Goldsmith was first elected to the County Council in 2001. She has lived in West Sussex for over 25 years, and her two children were educated locally in Chichester. She has her own business as an Independent Adviser. Her interests are the countryside and the environment, walking, gardening, reading, yoga, theatre and opera. Louise is the Leader of the Council.

TIM MOORE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL

Councillor Tim Moore has been Cabinet Member for the Environment and Climate Change on Liverpool City Council since 2010. He was previously Opposition spokesperson for the Environment. He sits on the LGA Environment and Housing Programme board, where he is the Labour Group Portfolio holder for Green Issues. He is also an LGA representative on the Nottingham Declaration Partnership Board. Tim has a professional background in public policy, having previously been a Policy Officer with the Trades Union Congress, and Merseyside Police Authority.

LIZ HUTCHINS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE CAMPAIGNER, FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

Liz Hutchins is a Parliamentary campaigner for Friends of the Earth England Wales and Northern Ireland. Liz was part of the Big Ask campaign for a Climate Change Act and worked with MPs to strengthen the Climate Change Bill as it passed through Parliament in 2008. Liz's current work includes: local government campaigning for action to cut emissions in local communities; Big Ask Europe campaigning in support of domestic climate change laws in European countries; and developing Friends of the Earth's campaign strategies.