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"What's being done about climate change and why should I be bothered?"

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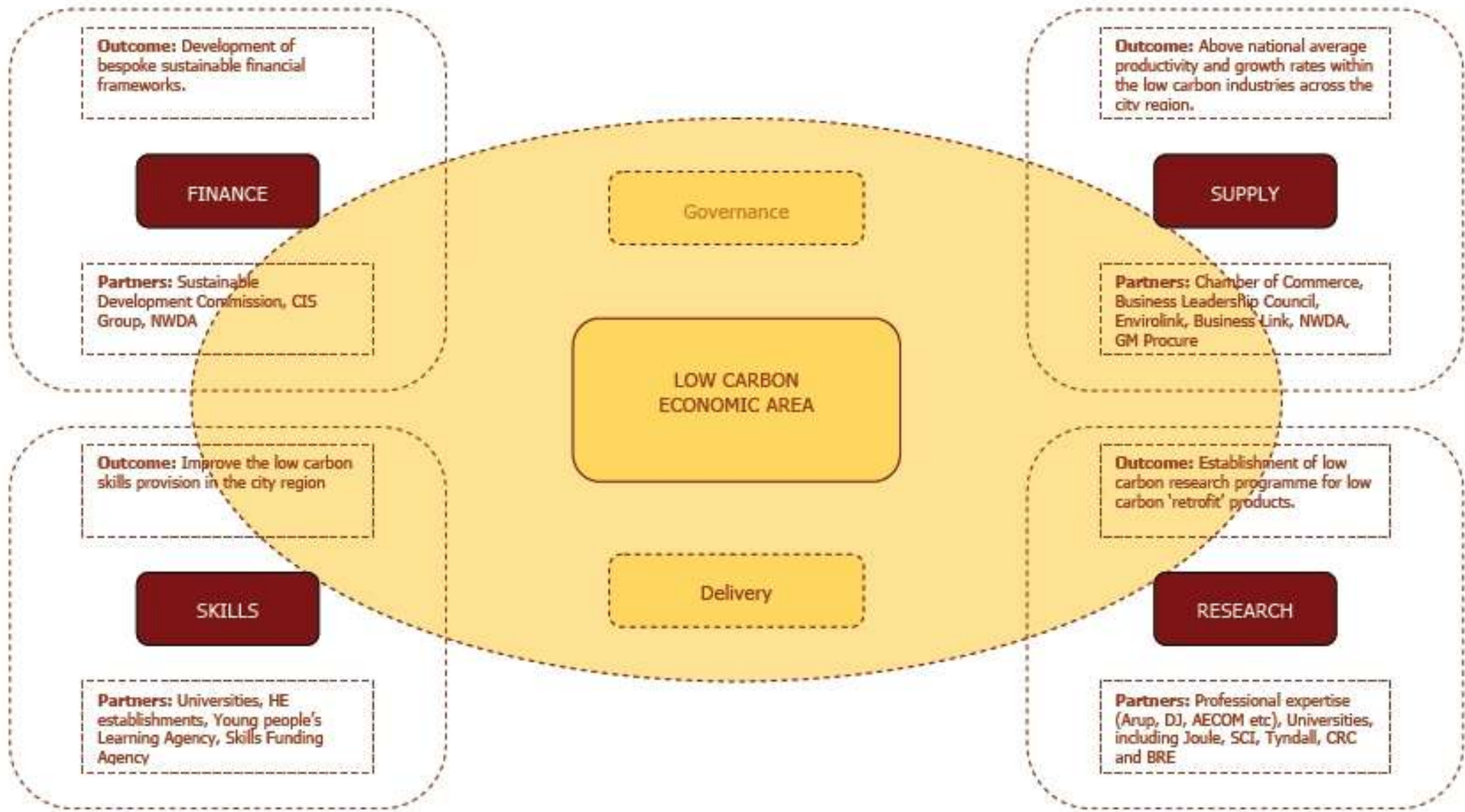
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- Moral duty
- Funding potential
- Legislative frameworks
- Fits our mission and ethics
- Because we can reach the places others can't
- Practical reasons
- Because of polar bears/children/other countries

What are people doing about it already?

- Cities rather than national level
- Cities hold the key to the future
- Urban problems and solutions...
- Working at a local level - Tameside, AGMA
- Low carbon economic zones/Low Carbon Economic Area for the Built Environment
- Sustainable commissioning
- Manchester Climate Change Action Plan:
41% reduction by CO₂ equates to a reduction in per capita emissions from 7.3 tonnes to 4.3 tonnes per head
3 tonnes of CO₂ is equivalent to:
10000 miles in a typical petrol car
a one-way flight to Sydney, Australia
- Pressure at a high level, campaigning, lobbying
- Don't be down hearted



Tameside Council's Commitment

www.tameside.gov.uk/1010

Calendar: 2010 onwards

12th February 2010	Launch of the North West Climate Change Action Plan
February/March 2010	Council budgets set
6th May 2010	Local Elections
May (?) 2010	General election
29th Nov-10th Dec 2010	Mexico 16th Conference of the Parties
2010	United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Events in Bonn throughout the year.
2013	Manchester Climate Action Plan deadline for producing a "Total Carbon Footprint" for Manchester
30th June 2011	UK Climate Change Act (Carbon Budgets)

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Pros

- Local employment
- More advice and support
- More training available
- More local grants
- Local authorities / organisations are looking for practical and cost effective solutions.

Cons

- Money goes to private sector
- Money goes away from core activity and towards eco stuff
- People assume govt will sort it out
- Public sector funding cuts after the Election

Frameworks

1. Understand where you are at
2. Get good information
3. Make a plan
4. Get buy in
5. Don't do it alone



Sustaining Change