



All-Party Parliamentary Group on Excellence in the Built
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A few words about LABC

- Represents local authority building control teams
- Formed in 2005
- Promotes and markets local authorities
- An alternative warranty to NHBC
- Consultancy services



Part L of the Building Regulations

- The route to zero carbon
- January 2012 consultation
- Budget 2013 statement
- The challenge of ensuring compliance – building control interventions
- Closing the performance gap – LABC support



Consequential Improvements

- January 2012 proposals
- LABC did not support all that was proposed
- But a disappointing outcome
- ACE legal challenge
- Must tackle the existing stock



The Green Deal

- Support in principle
- Needs more Government promotion
- Consumer protection
- Consumer concerns
- LABC concerns eg solid wall insulation installation



Competent Persons Schemes

- No building control inspections
- Monitoring by scheme operators
- UKAS accreditation



The Housing Standards Review

- “radical and fundamental”
- Rationalisation of planning and building regulation guidance
- But are regulatory changes needed?
- Desire of industry for certainty

The Building Control System in England

- Competition – good or bad?
- Maintenance of standards
- CIC Approved Inspector Review
- Competition between local authorities?



Green Construction Board

- Important work – but need to see results
- Low carbon route map
- Performance gap for non-domestic buildings
- An existing buildings hub?



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Any Questions?

