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# Climate change and dinosaurs?

- Are we heading for another major extinction of species, but this time man-made?
- Local authorities - like the dinosaurs?
  - We need to adapt to survive - 'modern local government'

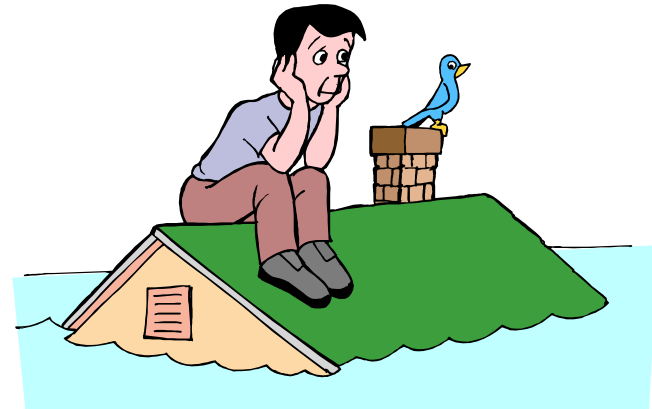


# Why local authorities?

- Community leadership and community strategy
  - Desire to secure benefits for ourselves and our communities
  - CPA 2005
- Because we said we would
  - Signatories to the Nottingham Declaration
- Because we know we should
  - Responsibility to protect
  - We'll feel the impacts

# How will it affect us?

- In many ways, across many services
- The obvious, e.g. the need to cut carbon dioxide emissions and respond to floods
- The less obvious,
  - preparing to deal with heat stress, particularly affecting vulnerable people,
  - reducing the risks of skin cancer to school children and employees



# What are we doing?

A few examples from Notts local authorities:

- reducing carbon dioxide emissions from public buildings - Public Service Agreement
- purchasing of green tariff electricity
- installing renewable energy technology
- tackling fuel poverty
- implementing staff travel plans

# What more are we doing?

- implementing award-winning local transport plans
- reducing methane from landfill
- supporting community action
- planning for emergencies
- promoting the Nottinghamshire Sustainable Developer Guide

# What do we all need to do now?

- Get engaged, and build climate change considerations into our work
- Raise our sights - doing what we're doing already isn't enough
- Maximise the benefits - there is much to be gained for organisations and our communities

