

Environment Matters – 25th April 2008

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **New species found in environment study** New marine species have been found in the latest research on Northern Ireland's natural environment. ([EDIE 18/04/08](#))
- **Applications open for £4m bio-energy grant fund** £4 million fund to support the installation of biomass-fuelled heating and combined heat and power projects, including anaerobic digesters, was opened to applications today. Applications are welcome from industrial, commercial and community sectors. ([Defra 09/04/08](#))
- **Massive wind energy plan refused** Plans to construct one of Europe's largest onshore wind farms has been refused by the Scottish Government. It said Lewis Wind Power's (LWP) 181-turbines for Lewis on the Western Isles did not comply with European law protecting sensitive environments. ([BBC News 21/04/08](#))
- **Environmentalists disappointed by UK's renewables record** The UK's renewable energy performance is a "national disgrace", environmental campaigners claim today. Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace and Enoughsenough.org say the UK is flagging behind Germany in terms of renewable resources. ([Politics.co.uk 22/04/08](#))
- **Global warming threat to native dragonfly species** Britain's dragonflies, which date back to the dinosaurs but are increasingly threatened by habitat destruction, pollution and climate change, are to be the subject of a major national survey. ([The Independent 22/04/08](#))
- **Iceland's energy answer comes naturally** For tourists relaxing in the hot springs of Iceland's famous Blue Lagoon, just outside the capital Reykjavik, the issues of climate change and energy security are not likely to be occupying most bathers' minds. ([Guardian.co.uk 22/04/08](#))
- **Funding For Zero Waste Technology** In the week that the Scottish public was urged to 'love food' and 'hate waste', innovative projects that treat organic waste will be funded by up to £6 million, available over the next three years. ([j4bcommunity.co.uk 18/04/08](#))

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark has added two new members to the team. Phil Cookson joins from Exmoor National Park to help develop the firm's growing sustainable property development work and Luke Sidebottom has joined the team to specialise in ecology, habitat and biodiversity surveys which are now proving to play a key role in the planning system in England and Wales.
- For the latest Aardvark news and services logon to www.aardvarkem.co.uk.

And finally,

- **Compost Awareness Week** WRAP and The Composting Association will be encouraging everyone to 'Green up their Environment' during Compost Awareness Week, Sunday 4th May to Saturday 10th May. (compostawarenessweek.org)