

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Air pollution 'final warning' from European Commission to UK:** The European Commission has sent a "final warning" to the UK over breaches of air pollution limits. (bbc.co.uk 15/02/2017)
- **UK fishermen may not win waters back after Brexit, EU memo reveals:** Document obtained by the Guardian states existing quotas will remain despite promises made by leave campaigners. (theguardian.com 15/02/2017)
- **BBC launches mandatory carbon tracking scheme:** From April this year, all BBC television programmes will be required to track their carbon footprint using a "hotspot" identifying calculator. (edie.net 10/02/2017)
- **Government accused of trying to kill off UK solar industry before it can become cheapest form of electricity:** Official figures project solar will be less expensive than gas in the next few years, but a massive new tax hike could put that at risk. (independent.co.uk 08/02/2017)
- **Air pollution may have masked mid-20th Century sea ice loss:** Humans may have been altering Arctic sea ice longer than previously thought, according to researchers studying the effects of air pollution on sea ice growth in the mid-20th Century. (sciencedaily.com 23/02/2017)
- **Invisible Plastic Particles from Clothing and Tires are Choking the Oceans:** In countries with effective systems for managing waste, consumer products that go down drains and runoff from roads are causing more pollution than larger plastics. (seeker.com 22/02/2017)
- **UK offshore wind 'will lower energy bills' more than nuclear:** RenewableUK chief says windfarms could offer cheaper prices than rates government agreed with new nuclear power stations. (theguardian.com 12/02/2017)

And finally...

- **Bees learn football from their buddies:** The insects show sophisticated learning for non-bee related tasks, and can even improve on what they are taught. (nature.com 23/02/2017)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark has delivered an energy assessment report for Lundy Island off the north coast of Devon. The assessment determined the island's electricity demand with a view to identifying means to improve electricity efficiency and transition from complete dependence on diesel fuelled generators to alternative electricity supply technologies. For all the Aardvark news go to [www.aardvarkem.co.uk](http://www.aardvarkem.co.uk).

