



Department for
Energy Security
& Net Zero

The Big Energy Summit 2026

Local energy, local climate, local action



24 – 25 February 2026

Birmingham Conference and Events Centre, Hill Street,
Birmingham, B5 4EW

Programme day 1

Tuesday 24 February 2026

09:00 Registration

10:30 **Introduction – Phil Brennan, Head of APSE Energy**

10:40 **Session One**

The current local landscape – a DESNZ perspective

- Big picture - Outcomes from COP
- Looking ahead - developments in world of WHP, LPP and NWF

Patrick Allcorn, Head of Local Net Zero Demonstration and Delivery, DESNZ

Great British Energy – questions and answers

- What GBE is trying to do
- Local government and GBE working together
- Practical support for the sector

Helen Seagrave, Director of Local Energy, Great British Energy

An update on the Local Net Zero Hubs

Jack Hayhoe, Head of Net Zero Programmes, Midlands Net Zero Hub

Audience question and answer session

11:40 Break

12:00 **Panel session:**

Investing in local authorities

Panel chair: Justin Olosunde, Senior Finance & Investment Manager, West of England Mayoral Combined Authority and South West Net Zero Hub.

Panel speakers: Mark Whitworth, Sustainability and Climate Change Service Manager, Sheffield City Council and Dominic Brown, Net Zero Project Manager, York & North Yorkshire CA

12:50 **Session Two: Interactive discussions:** run concurrently and delegates can attend one session of their choice

Discussion One

Developing street lighting – meeting the challenge

- Reducing costs and carbon
- Addressing nature, biodiversity and safety
- Examples, evidence and innovation

Karl Rourke, Street Lighting Service Manager, East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Discussion Two

Residential solar PV

- Innovation in microgrids - a UK-first model
- Cost savings, fuel poverty alleviation and carbon reduction
- A scalable solution for others to follow

Jason Powell, Head of Operations - Hackney Light and Power, London Borough of Hackney

Discussion Three

Securing internal support for Net Zero

- How to get people on board
- Individuals driving culture
- Ensuring long term buy in

Chris Moon, Assistant Director - Environment, Sustainability & Culture, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council

Discussion Four

Working with the wider community

- The practicalities of working collaboratively
- Focussed attention – SMEs, CVS, farms and care homes
- Seeing results and long term impact

Jos Holmes, Climate Change Strategy Manager, North Yorkshire Council

13:30 Lunch

14:30 **Session Three**

The importance of local leadership: experience from Dorset

- Making sure 'we're all in this together'
- Within and without the Council
- Keeping actions and targets in line

Steven Ford, Corporate Director SPS, People and Workforce, Dorset Council

'Modelling net zero interventions'

- Where's the value - costs, carbon reductions, financial savings, political?
- What's the process?
- Using the data

David Trousdale, Principal Advisor – Climate Change, Newcastle City Council

Financing Net Zero

- Where do the funds come from?
- Prioritising spend
- Getting the most from your money

Alexandra Snelling-Day, Local Net Zero Accelerator - Programme Lead, Greater South East Net Zero Hub

Audience question and answer session

16:00 Break

16:20 **Session Four: Ask the expert:** Sessions run concurrently. Delegates to attend one session of their choice

How to decarbonise blocks of flats

- Fabric, radiator size, ventilation & shared rooftop PV options
- Application of thermal modelling
- How initiatives impact the EPC rating
- District heating via an energy centre with heat pumps

Alan Barber and Nonso Obuekwe, APSE Energy associates

Why understanding the energy trilemma is more important than ever.

- Factors that could impact energy prices in 2026 and how best to navigate them.
- Ways to increase your security of supply.
- How sustainable choices drive long-term cost reductions.

Andrew Donald, Business Development Manager, Equity Energies

The challenge that is fleet decarbonisation

- What are the objectives?
- A solution to the problem
- No fleet, no services!

Dean Mahoney, Business Development Manager, Dynamon

Net Zero Go: everything you need to deliver non-domestic decarbonisation

- Knowledge library, tools, templates & e-learning - all in one place
- Data for your decarbonisation project
- Expert guidance and peer networks

Jim Lott, Knowledge Manager, Energy Systems Catapult

17:00 Close

19:00 Pre dinner drinks

19:30 **The BIG APSE Energy Summit awards and dinner**

The Summit dinner will include the APSE Energy awards supported by DESNZ. The winners and finalists for each category will be presented with their trophies and certificates.

Programme day 2

Wednesday 25 February 2026

09:00 Introduction, James Jefferson, APSE Energy

09:05 **Session One: Case study 'shorts'**

Energy advice for the hard to treat and the hard to reach

- Defining hard to treat and reach
- Getting the message over
- A whole organisation approach

Shaun Bennett, Director of Property, Derby Homes

De-Risking Solar Investments: Portfolio and Data-Driven Approaches

- Overview of solar investment landscape
- Introducing portfolio-based approaches
- Data-driven site filtering

Dani Jackson, Low Carbon Pathways Manager, NE&YNZH

Delivering Projects by Delivering Careers

- The importance of integrating careers guidance with project planning and delivery
- Best practice in careers guidance from the North East and Yorkshire
- Next steps for a green careers revolution

Harry Baross, Hull and East Yorkshire Project Manager, NE&YNZH

Sustainable Education Programme in Partnership with Walsall Council

- Building Greentown our educational package
- Exploring sustainability and reducing our environmental impact
- Delivering warmer homes and tackling fuel poverty in the community

Mark Ducker, Managing Director, High Aims

Expanding our charger network

- EVCP quicker roll out and at lower cost
- Getting the scale of the project right
- Find the right partner

Jayne Rodgers, Climate Change and Carbon Reduction Manager, Wrexham County Borough Council

Insights from place-based innovation: Case studies from Innovate UK's Net Zero Living programme

- Better, Warmer Homes - innovation in retrofit
- Communities Driving Change - engaging citizens in net zero
- Investing in Places - moving from planning to finance

Poppy Maltby, Associate Director, Regen

10:30 Break

10:50 **Session Two, Panel Session**

Heat networks - the reality in Cardiff

- Practice – identifying priorities for building and operating a heat network
- Making the case and estimating the outcomes
- Scott Harbour flats - linking an office building adapted for residential use

Gareth Harcombe, Head of the Climate Emergency Response and Managing Director of Cardiff Heat Network, Cardiff City Council

11:20 **Session Three: Interactive Discussions:** *Interactive discussions run concurrently and delegates can attend the session of their choice*

Discussion Five

Community Energy – seeing is believing

- Growing the community energy family
- Encouragement, inspiration and motivation
- Experience from the South West

Hayley Ash, Senior Project Manager, SWNZH

Discussion Six

An interactive session on how to engage and empower communities

- Sharing a framework for good engagement on climate change
- The costs of not engaging, and how to secure buy-in
- Practical approaches and tips on making it work

Stephanie Draper, Interim CEO and Director of Innovation and Practice, Involve

Discussion Seven

Benefitting from BMS

- What we did to improve our outcomes
- Managing asset and energy data
- Our results and how we move forward

Neil Grant, Senior Energy Officer, and David Thornton, Building Services Engineer, South Ayrshire Council

Discussion Eight

Decarbonising transport across a geographically diverse region

- Installing, adopting, upgrading, and maintaining chargers
- Where is the funding from?
- A long-term, commercially sustainable EV network

Neil Osborne, Climate Change & Energy Team Manager, The Highland Council

12:00 Break

12:15 **Session Four: Ask the expert:** *Sessions run concurrently and delegates can attend one session of their choice*

The New World of Heat Regulation

- Authorisation Conditions
- Zoning
- Bundled Heating

Steve Gummer, Partner and Maggie Burns, Associate at Sharpe Pritchard LLP

The Warm Homes Plan

- The pillars, the context, the highlights
- Putting the plan into practice
- Local authorities – internal capacity and external support

Duncan McCombie, CEO, YES Energy Solutions

Cremation Decarbonisation

- A burning issue for Local Authorities.
- Options
- Key Considerations

Andrew Glassford, Climate Policy Officer, Preston City Council, John Mullins, Estate Decarbonisation Lead, NWNZH

The Solar Roadmap: Opportunities for the Public Sector

- Unlocking the full potential of rooftop solar
- From overcoming early-stage barriers to delivering compliant, investable projects.
- Utilising real case studies & insights from LASER's new framework

Andy Tanner - Solar Service Lead & Andy Morgan - Associate Director of Carbon & Frameworks, LASER

12:50 **Session Five**

Heat Network Zoning: Unlocking the potential of low-carbon district heating

- How zoning will be implemented following the release of the consultation response
- Who's impacted? Tools for communities to enable a place-based approach
- The council role to enable heat network delivery and maximise benefits for local communities

Ella Sanders, Heat Network Engagement Lead - NWNZH & Thiru Annamalai, Principal Heat Network Zoning Officer - MNZH

Local Authorities and the Seventh Carbon Budget

- Where do local authorities fit into the delivery of the Seventh Carbon Budget?
- Emerging findings from the report
- Recommendations to government and local authorities

Dr Sandra Bogelein, Lead Analyst – People and Net Zero, Climate Change Committee and Louise Marix-Evans, Seventh carbon budget and local authorities report author.

Audience question and answer session

13:30 Closing comments

13:35 Lunch

Attendance list

Authority	First Name	Last Name	Role
AMEY	Andrew	Mason	Delivery Director - Energy
AMEY	John	Quinn	Business Director / Energy Transition & Sustainability
APSE	Iqra	Ali	Business Support Assistant
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West of England Combined Authority	Steve	Ransom	Head of Net Zero Delivery
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West Suffolk Council	Luke	Simpkin	Senior Energy & Sustainability Officer
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	Annie	Bride	PSDS Policy Officer
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	Femi	Omoniyi	Net Zero Hub Manager
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	Jeremy	Laycock-Campbell	
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	Lauren	Kemp	Programme Development Lead: Heat Network Zoning
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	Marian	Kempson	PSDS programme manager
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	Noel	Collings	Policy Manager (Net Zero & Energy)
Westminster City Council	Alex	Downes	Climate Emergency Officer
Westmorland and Furness Council	Allan	Harty	Assistant Director
Westmorland and Furness Council	Claire	Gould	Assistant Director
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council	Heather	Cunliffe	Business Development Officer
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council	Wendy	Boardman	Energy Advisor
Wiltshire Council	Stacy	Sheppard	Climate Delivery Manager
Wiltshire Council	Victoria	Burvill	Climate Manager
Winchester City Council	Cati	Schiller	Sustainability Programme Manager
Winchester City Council	Lottie	Warren	Sustainable Projects Officer
Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council	Heather	Johnson	Climate Emergency Project Officer
Wolverhampton City Council	Vinh	Doan	Net Zero Retrofit Project Manager
Worcestershire County Council	Jack	Evans	Project Support Officer
Wrexham County Borough Council	Jayne	Rodgers	Climate Change and Carbon Reduction Manager
Wyre Borough Council	Chloe	Cox	Climate Change Officer
YES Energy Solutions	Duncan	McCombie	CEO
YES Energy Solutions	Katie	Baker	Operations Director
York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority	Dominic	Brown	Net Zero Project Manager

Exhibitors



Empowering communities to lead the UK's transition to net zero

Community Energy Pathways is a leading community energy capacity building organisation delivering bespoke locally led and trusted low carbon energy initiatives.

We enable communities across the UK to shape a cleaner, fairer energy system

Founded in 2013 as Community Energy South, we've grown from a regional hub to a national organisation with one mission: **scale community energy as a key driver of net zero**, putting **people and planet first**.

What We Do

We deliver tailored programmes that help communities:

- **Develop skills and capacity**
- **Work with local authorities**
- **Access and secure matched funding**
- **Build resilience through locally funded energy projects**

Our expertise spans **training, mentoring and strategic relationship-building**. We work with **local authorities, community groups, industry and central government** to accelerate clean, community-led energy.

Why It Matters

The UK is undergoing a major shift in how communities engage with the energy system — from reducing local energy demand to generating low-carbon power and cutting bills.

In 2025 we saw a surge of communities stepping up. Meanwhile, Government initiatives such as **Clean Growth 2030**, the **Local Power Plan** and **Warm Homes Plan** are driving action to **lower bills** and support the **most vulnerable**.

Progress is strongest where **local authorities partner with community energy groups** to co-design local services.

Our Impact

Since 2021, CEP has supported:

- **60+ community energy groups**
- **15 local authority areas**, including Suffolk, Central Bedfordshire, Leicestershire, Essex, Kent, Surrey and Hampshire
- **24,000+ residents reached in 2025** through our energy advice programmes

Award-Winning Excellence

In September 2025 we received the **King's Award for Sustainable Development 2025-2030**, the UK's most prestigious enterprise award recognising our success in **sustainable development, social mobility and community empowerment**.

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Dynamon is a data-driven software solutions provider in the public sector and commercial transport industry. It is on a mission to make decarbonisation simple, cost-effective, and profitable. Using Dynamon's software tools enables fleet managers and other key players in the transport industry to confidently plan their decarbonisation, reducing operation costs and providing access to insights around new vehicle technology, including EVs.

Dynamon originated from Southampton University, following its work with Team GB to maximize their performance at the Olympic Games in 2012. The company aims to help logistics companies be more efficient by saving fuel and reducing CO2 emissions.

Dynamon works with the global transport sector providing solutions for direct fleets, leasing companies, OEMs, telematics firms, utilities consultants, and charging infrastructure providers.



Eddisons

BTG Eddisons is a leading firm of real estate specialists, operating in 35 offices across the country, skilled in finding realistic ways to lower the carbon footprint within the public sector and beyond.

We are a forward-thinking business, supporting property owners, occupiers and everyone in between to realise their Net Zero ambitions through a modern lens.

Whilst providing exceptional building surveying, valuations and even PFI advice to our clients, we have dedicated and experienced decarbonisation specialists who can assist schools, NHS centres and government departments with funding applications and project delivery and more.

Everything we do is underpinned by a commitment to help clients identify their specific requirements so we can tailor bespoke solutions for their needs.

We are part of the larger BTG group, unlocking access to the wider offering of funding, advisory and restructuring services for our clients. Working together allows us to think bigger and provide stronger outcomes in spaces that are challenged by financial constraints and strict deadlines.

Our team has a long history of working within the public sector, and this event gives us an opportunity to demonstrate the role we play in those success stories and their progress towards a greener future.

EQUITY

Equity Energies is changing the way organisations approach energy strategy. We create energy equity for businesses and organisations by turning their Net Zero ambitions into action which delivers environmental, societal, and commercial value. For more than 20 years, we've been at the forefront of the energy transition and our commitment remains unchanged; to continue to improve the energy model so it's fit for the future, delivering greater efficiencies, less waste and more sustainable energy. Our vision is for every organisation in the UK to be advancing on their pathway to Net Zero and beyond and benefiting from the value generated. We call that energy equity.



**Innovate
UK**

Innovate

Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, is the UK's innovation agency. It works to create a better future by inspiring, involving and investing in businesses developing life-changing innovations.

Its mission is to help companies to grow through their development and commercialisation of new products, processes and services, supported by an outstanding innovation ecosystem that is agile, inclusive and easy to navigate.



LASER Energy is a trusted UK-based decarbonisation and energy services partner supporting the public sector with smarter energy procurement, management and net zero transition solutions. Established in 1989 as the energy division of Commercial Services Group and wholly owned by Kent County Council, LASER has over 30 years' experience helping organisations save money, reduce energy use and meet ambitious carbon reduction targets.

Today, more than 200 UK public bodies rely on LASER for tailored energy solutions — from local authorities and schools to NHS trusts, higher education institutions and emergency services — with over £2.6 billion of energy purchased on behalf of customers between 2020 and 2024.

At its core, LASER delivers a comprehensive suite of services designed to meet the unique needs and challenges of the public sector. Its energy procurement frameworks provide flexible and compliant routes to secure electricity, gas, water and metering services, helping organisations manage costs and mitigate market volatility. Beyond procurement, LASER's energy management services streamline billing, reporting and data analytics, freeing up internal resource while driving operational efficiencies.

Recognising the urgency of climate action, LASER also offers expert net zero consultancy — from carbon footprint assessment and roadmap development to compliance and delivery support — and

bespoke renewable energy solutions including Power Purchase Agreements and renewable asset appraisals.

As a public sector-owned organisation, LASER combines deep industry expertise with a strong commitment to value for money, social impact and environmental stewardship. Its mission is to make energy efficiency accessible and rewarding — empowering public bodies to lead the way to a sustainable, net zero future.



Lendology

Lendology CIC is an FCA-authorised, B Corp-certified social enterprise partnering with local authorities to deliver council-funded home improvement loan schemes. Since 2005, we have lent over £29 million of recyclable council capital to improve private sector housing.

Through a revolving loan fund model, repayments are recycled to maximise long-term impact while enabling councils to retain control of capital. We provide a fully managed service, including application assessment, underwriting, loan administration and collections.

Every council partnership is tailored to local needs and priorities, supporting housing condition, retrofit and decarbonisation programmes, DFG top-ups, landlord improvements and bringing empty properties back into use. Our people-led affordability assessments ensure responsible access to finance, particularly for residents unable to access mainstream lending.

Independently audited data shows that for every £1 lent, £2.44 in social value is generated. Visit www.lendology.org.uk to find out more



West Mercia Energies

West Mercia Energy (WME) is a leading Public Buying Organisation with more than 35 years of experience in supporting local authorities and the broader public sector in procuring and managing their energy requirements. WME is responsible for managing in excess of 1.5 billion kWh of local authority energy volumes, working with clients such as Birmingham City Council, Cheshire East Council and Gloucestershire County Council respectively.

Services and Approach

WME provides a variety of tailored, risk-managed energy procurement strategies, delivered through fully compliant frameworks. These strategies are specifically designed to balance cost certainty with the potential for market opportunities. Clients can choose from a comprehensive, fully managed service or opt for procurement-only provision, depending on their specific needs.

WME's trading strategies have a long-term demonstrable record of delivering competitive prices for local authorities.

WME's commitment is to offer compliant, transparent, and value-focused solutions, paired with a personable, high-quality service. This supports local authorities to managing their complex energy portfolios efficiently, controlling energy costs while meeting operational and sustainability objectives.

Contact Information

For further information, or to arrange an informal introductory chat, please contact Gavin Owen, Head of Business Development, at gowen@westmerciaenergy.co.uk

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Speakers



Helen Seagrave, Director of Local Energy, Great British Energy

Helen is Great British Energy director of local energy where she is responsible for developing and delivering the products and services that will support the development of community and local energy across the UK.

Helen joins GBE with a wealth of experience in the community and local energy sector from previous roles as community energy manager at Electricity North West and chair of Community Energy England.

A chartered environmentalist with over twenty years experience of developing and delivering low carbon and renewable energy strategies and with experience of managing multi-million pound portfolio of energy and environmental projects Helen joins GBE

with a wealth of experience in the community and local energy sector from previous roles with a community energy manager at Electricity North West and chair of Community Energy England.



Dani Jackson, Low Carbon Pathways Manager, NE&YNZH

Dani Jackson is the Low Carbon Pathways Manager (Tees Valley Regional Project Manager) at the North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub, leading net-zero initiatives across the Tees Valley region in partnership with local authorities and industry stakeholders. She previously worked as a Business Consultant in IT and business strategy across sectors including Higher Education and Social Housing. Dani holds a First Class BSc in Natural Sciences from University of Exeter. In De-Risking Solar Investments: Portfolio and Data-Driven Approaches, she explores how structured data and portfolio thinking can reduce investment risk.



Louise Marix Evans, Director, Quantum Strategy & Technology

Louise has over 23 years' experience supporting local action and national policy on climate change. Current projects include retrofit and energy system innovation, citizen engagement and the Local Authorities and Seventh Carbon Budget report for the Climate Change Committee. An expert in local authority powers and role in tackling climate change, she wrote the CCC's Local Authorities and the Sixth Carbon Budget in 2020. She is a Trustee of climate charity Ashden and founder of her local allotments and repair caf?.



Dr Sandra Bogelein, Lead Analyst – People and Net Zero, Climate Change Committee

Dr Sandra Bogelein is a Government Social Researcher with a PhD in Environmental Psychology. At the Climate Change Committee (CCC), she focuses on the role of households and local authorities in UK climate mitigation and adaptation, and on the effectiveness of public engagement. She has previously worked with local authorities and a range of organisations to support sustainable choices, and has also served as a district level local councillor.



Alan Barber, Director Of Energy

Alan is a co-founder of Salvis and leads energy management services, including net zero strategies, energy audits, feasibility studies, decarbonisation plans, data analysis and securing funding. He has over 20 years of experience working in the public and private sectors, where he was responsible for estate-wide energy and water management and identifying financial savings that could be made through energy efficiency projects, power generation and effective management of corporate energy and water contracts. Alan works closely with clients to reduce carbon emissions and operational costs while improving the occupants' environmental conditions.

Alan holds a degree in Sustainable Design and Environmental Management and is a Chartered Energy Manager, Committee Member and Full Member of the Energy

Institute. In his spare time, Alan likes going on adventures with his family and attending gigs.



Dominic Brown, Net Zero Project Manager, York & North Yorkshire CA

Dominic Brown is Net Zero Project Manager at York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, where he leads the Local Net Zero Accelerator “City Leap Replicator” pilot. He specialises in building investible regional project pipelines, developing innovative delivery structures, and strengthening local authority capability through robust modelling and evidence led planning.

Before joining YNYCA, Dominic worked in the finance sector, managing climate risk programmes and supporting institutions to understand and respond to emerging environmental, regulatory and transition risks. Bringing this experience into the public sector, he combines strategic programme management with practical net zero delivery, helping urban and rural areas accelerate decarbonisation with clarity, structure and investor confidence.



Nonso Obuekwe, Sustainability Consultant

Nonso is a dedicated Sustainability Consultant at Salvis with a strong foundation in mechanical engineering and sustainable buildings. He holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Covenant University, Nigeria, and a master's in Sustainable Energy Technologies from the University of Southampton, graduating with distinction. Nonso has contributed to numerous high-impact projects focused on energy efficiency and decarbonisation strategies, helping clients achieve net zero goals and secure funding. Proficient in software tools like PV*SOL and various data analysis platforms, he delivers data-driven solutions that optimise energy efficiency.

Before Salvis, Nonso worked as a Project Engineer in Nigeria's oil and gas sector, where he successfully managed complex projects under challenging conditions. Beyond work, he is committed to community engagement and continuous learning, mentoring students, and participating in sustainability initiatives. In his free time, Nonso enjoys cycling, kayaking, and bird watching, although he is still learning to identify different species. Manager, Committee Member and Full Member of the Energy Institute.



Andrew Donald, Business Development Manager, Equity Energies

Andrew is a passionate advocate for Net Zero, specialising in the unique challenge of decarbonising the Public Sector. With over 25 years of energy expertise - energy management, battery storage, on-site generation and EV infrastructure - he possesses a detailed understanding of the financial, technical, and regulatory hurdles facing Local Authorities. Dedicated to guiding organisations through the energy transition, his approach centres on data-driven insights, ensuring every step toward a sustainable future is as commercially viable as it is impactful.



Jim Lott, Content & Knowledge Manager, Energy Systems Catapult

Jim is Content & Knowledge Manager for Net Zero Go within the Energy Systems Catapult. His responsibilities include engaging with strategic stakeholders and content providers, with strategic partners such as the Net Zero Hubs and with potential suppliers



Karl Rourke, Street Lighting Service Manager, East Riding of Yorkshire Council

As Service Manager for East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Street Lighting, Traffic Signals and CCTV department I am responsible for an overall revenue, capital and energy budget of £6m. I joined the East Riding of Yorkshire Council as Street Lighting Engineer 16 years ago and have been Service Manager for 5 years now. In that time I have overseen a £12m column replacement programme, £10m energy reduction investment and energy reduction of 17m units.

I have now also taken on the role of Project Manager for our Live Labs 2 project, Decarbonising the Highway, looking at decarbonising and rationalising street lighting and lit sign provision.



Mark Ducker, Managing Director, High Aims

Mark Ducker is passionate about sustainable education, with over 30 years' experience tackling fuel poverty in deprived communities, Mark's aim is to share his knowledge and experience by teaching and inspiring the generations of tomorrow through the education programme Green Town..



Thiru Annamalai, Principal Heat Network Zoning Officer – MNZH

As Principal Heat Network Zoning Officer at the Midlands Net Zero Hub, I lead strategic engagement and coordination efforts to support local authorities across the Midlands in progressing their heat network ambitions. My work sits at the intersection of policy, planning, and delivery — helping councils navigate zoning regulations, understand evolving funding opportunities, and develop projects aligned with national decarbonisation goals.

With a background in renewable energy engineering and hands-on experience supporting local authorities from early-stage feasibility to funding bids, I act as the regional lead for all things heat network related. I've built strong partnerships with combined authorities, local councils, national

stakeholders, and delivery partners to ensure that heat network zoning is not just a policy ambition, but a local delivery reality.

My role involves:

- Supporting councils with Heat Network Zoning planning and readiness
- Disseminating critical updates on policy, funding, and consultation timelines
- Leading stakeholder engagement across the public and private sectors
- Helping local authorities align projects with long-term decarbonisation strategies
- Acting as a consistent point of contact for heat network development queries and collaboration opportunities

I'm passionate about scaling up low-carbon heat infrastructure through collaboration, clarity, and policy-aligned action. Whether it's delivering zoning awareness sessions, advising on funding applications, or unlocking cross-sector partnerships (e.g. shared EV charging & Solar/Wind infrastructure or mine water & Geothermal heating), I bring both technical insight and strategic support to help public sector authorities move forward.



Poppy Maltby, Associate Director, Regen

Poppy is Associate Director at Regen, not-for-profit energy experts, where she leads the local authority and community programmes. She is passionate about supporting local action on decarbonisation and the role that local actors and the energy system can have in bringing the benefits of the energy transition to all parts of the UK. She has policy experience working with energy networks and policy makers on energy and climate including leading Regen's work with Ofgem on Regional Energy System Plans, she also sat on Ofgem's network charging challenge group, and was part of the expert panel for the National Infrastructure Commission's recent report on distribution networks.



Justin Olosunde, Senior Finance & Investment Manager, West of England Mayoral Combined Authority and South West Net Zero Hub.

Justin is a Senior Funding & Investment Manager working within the Place Directorate of the West of England Combined Authority

Justin also acts as the finance lead for the Department of Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ) Local Net Zero Accelerator (LNZA) Programme supporting Greater Manchester, West Midlands and York and North Yorkshire Combined Authorities. LNZA supports the combined authorities unlock private investment, to accelerate their efforts to tackle climate change and help the UK reach its net zero target.

Justin is currently Chair of The Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Climate Commission and a Director of South West Business

Council, and he has previously served as an (Associate) Non-Executive Director of Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Chair of the Senior Executives Forum, a Special Advisor to The Office of the Third Sector in the Cameron-led coalition UK Government, the DEFRA representative of the South West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC), Treasurer of Volunteer Cornwall and as a member of the Co-op's National Member's Council as well as a school governor for academies in both Devon & Cornwall in addition to serving on a number of other not-for-profit Boards aligned to his professional expertise.

Justin has an extensive background in investment banking (capital markets and hedging infrastructure finance), education management, curriculum development, consultancy, social enterprise, and sector specialisms in renewable energy and environmental goods & services.



Neil Grant, Senior Energy Officer, South Ayrshire Council

I'm currently employed as a Senior Officer (Energy) with South Ayrshire Council and have 16 years' experience in the energy sector. I've also worked at East Ayrshire Council as an Energy and Carbon Reduction Officer and as a Community Engagement Officer at the Energy Agency a charity providing energy advice in South West Scotland. I currently manage the Energy team at South Ayrshire Council and hold a BSc (Hons) in Environmental Management & Technology from Heriot Watt University.



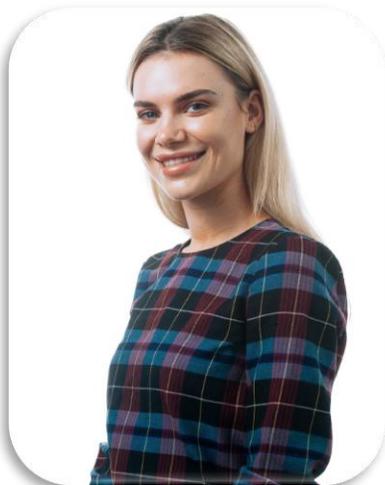
Chris Moon, Assistant Director - Environment, Sustainability & Culture, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council

Leads successful climate and sustainability programme, utilising more than 20 years experience of delivering local government efficiency and transformation.



Steven Ford, Corporate Director SPS, People and Workforce, Dorset Council

After completing a PhD in political science, through the national graduate programme Steve joined local government where he has operated for the last 20 years. The majority of his career has been focused on sustainability where he built the climate and nature programmes at Cornwall and Dorset Council. In addition to sustainability, he has held senior roles in economic development, strategy, localism and is currently the corporate director for strategy, performance and sustainability at Dorset Council.



Ella Sanders, Heat Network Engagement Lead – NWNZH

Ella is the Heat Network Engagement Lead at North West Net Zero Hub. Working directly with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, she supports the implementation of Heat Network Zoning policy across the North West, advocating for place-based solutions to support a sustainable and inclusive future for communities. With 9 years of experience in large-scale infrastructure development, built environment consultancy and engagement, Ella has successfully navigated the complexities of the energy, rail and highways sectors. Working on some of the UK's most contentious schemes, their expertise lies in fostering collaborative partnerships and engaging stakeholders to drive project development, maximising social impact and community betterment.



**Andy Morgan, Associate
Director of Carbon & Frameworks, LASER**

Andy is a highly experienced energy engineer who has been working in the energy management and decarbonisation field for 30 years. At LASER he is an Assistant Director heading up Decarbonisation and Frameworks. He and the team are focused on supporting public bodies on their journey to net zero. The team include energy consultants, procurement experts, energy surveyors, project managers and grid scale renewables experts.

Andy's background includes five years working for a large building engineering consultancy supporting blue chip businesses across the UK through Energy Performance Contracts, and Seven years at the City of London working to reduce carbon emissions in the City's portfolio of flagship buildings.



Andy Tanner, Solar Service Lead, LASER

Andy has 30 years' experience in the sustainability and renewable energy sectors. Including within the public sector as sustainability officer within two Local Authorities. He also ran a solar PV company installing over 1000 renewable energy installations on Schools, Council buildings, Universities, NHS sites, Housing Associations, businesses, community groups and private homes.

At LASER Andy supports the full lifecycle of solar project delivery, guiding public bodies from initial consultation and desktop design through feasibility assessment, procurement, installation and final commissioning. With a sharp focus on technical accuracy, financial optimisation and rigorous quality assurance, he ensures every project is delivered to the highest standard. Andy also supports tender evaluation, contractor coordination and smooth project handover,

ensuring both operational excellence and outstanding client satisfaction.



Andrew Glassford, Climate Policy Officer, Preston City Council

Andrew is the climate policy officer at Preston City Council and the chair of the Unison North West Climate and Environment committee. Andrew's work at Preston Council is focused on estate decarbonisation and public engagement.



Hayley Ash, Senior Project Manager, SWNZH

Hayley Ash has over 30 years working alongside communities and leading a variety of Grant Programmes, such as New Deal for Communities, Safer Stronger and a variety of EU funded programmes. Currently working as Senior Project Manager for the South West Net Zero Hub, delivering the GBE Community Fund and several projects across both the Community Energy Generation and Local Community Energy Advice Sector, aimed at supporting them to both build partnerships with Local Authorities and to share their skills and experiences, to support the growth of the sector across the South West Region to ultimately increase community ownership of clean energy.



Mark Whitworth, Sustainability and Climate Change Service Manager, Sheffield City Council

Mark Whitworth is the Sustainability and Climate Change Service Manager at Sheffield City Council. Mark has worked across the public, private and third sectors, leading complex sustainability, climate and regeneration programmes and building partnerships that unlock delivery at scale. He currently leads a multi disciplinary team working with partners across the city, region and nationally to deliver a range of climate programmes.

Mark's responsibilities include shaping the city's approach to climate investment, overseeing the development of Sheffield's Local Area Energy Plan and the delivery of the Sheffield Climate Investment, a municipal investment vehicle that has recently raised ?1 million to support the city's net zero transition.



Jason Powell, Head of Operations - Hackney Light and Power, London Borough of Hackney

Jason Powell is Head of Operations for Hackney Light and Power at London Borough of Hackney, an in-house energy services arm delivering practical decarbonisation projects. He leads Hackney's Residential Solar PV Pilot and corporate solar projects alongside the other decarbonisation programmes, including community energy. His work focuses on reducing bills, cutting carbon and building delivery models that can scale across the public sector.



Dean Mahoney, Business Development Manager, Dynamon

Dean Mahoney is a Business Development Manager at Dynamon, working with local authorities and public sector organisations to turn fleet decarbonisation ambition into practical, deliverable plans. Councils are under growing pressure to reduce emissions, meet climate commitments and modernise ageing fleets, all while protecting frontline services and operating within tight budgets. Dean supports fleet, sustainability and finance teams with clear, data-led insight into which vehicles are ready to transition, what infrastructure is required, and how investment can be phased without compromising operational resilience.



Jack Hayhoe, Head of Net Zero Programmes, Midlands Net Zero Hub

Jack Hayhoe is the Head of Midlands Net Zero Hub, starting with the organisation during its initial start-up back in 2018, he has held various posts supporting local authorities in energy strategy, programme delivery and low-carbon infrastructure. During his time at Midlands Net Zero Hub, he has set up and managed complex Net Zero programmes from the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero. These have included public sector decarbonisation, energy efficiency advice, community energy, skills training schemes and domestic retrofit. As an organisation, the Hub has saved over 6 million tonnes of carbon, supported £500m in projects, given out over £7m in grants to community projects, enabled the training of over 12,000 individuals and lead schemes that have retrofitted over 10,000 homes.



Shaun Bennett, Director of Property, Derby Homes

Shaun has worked within the public housing sector for over 35 years.

Responsible for maintaining council housing in Derby, Shaun focused on the successful delivery of decent homes, modernising the way responsive repairs are delivered and investment planning into the future.

More recently Shaun has focused on regulatory compliance and the delivery of new energy efficient homes.

Shaun is also a board member of Efficiency East Midlands and has supported collaborative working across the region for many years.



John Mullins, Estate Decarbonisation Lead, NWNZH

John Mullins is the Estate Decarbonisation Lead for the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, guiding councils across the region in developing robust, viable pathways to Net Zero. He brings deep experience from senior roles in industry and consultancy, applying this to complex public sector estate challenges. John also contributes nationally to crematoria decarbonisation, providing technical insight and strategic guidance through the North West Net Zero Hub's evidence based programme.



**David Trousdale, Principal Advisor – Climate Change,
Newcastle City Council**

David Trousdale is a sustainability and decarbonisation specialist with over eight years of experience spanning local government, engineering consultancy, and climate focused innovation. Before joining Newcastle City Council, he spent several years at WSP (formerly Wood plc), where he established and led the transport decarbonisation team, supporting local authorities across the UK on projects involving EV infrastructure, solar deployment, battery solutions, and wider low carbon transport strategy. His background also includes more than five years of work on transport and community net zero programmes, giving him deep technical insight into modelling, behaviour change, and data driven climate planning.

In his current role as Principal Adviser for Climate Change at Newcastle City Council, David leads the development and delivery of the city's Net Zero Action Plan, working across carbon accounting, climate adaptation, emissions reporting, heat decarbonisation projects, skills programmes, EV strategy, and multi agency collaboration. He is recognised for his ability to translate complex technical and policy challenges into practical, outcomes focused action, drawing on a strong foundation in sustainability, public sector strategy, and stakeholder engagement. His passion for climate action is rooted in its broad social, environmental, and economic benefits, and he plays an active role in public facing events, regional partnerships, and thought leadership across the North East. David has recently completed a book for the IET focused on the end to end process for installing charge point infrastructure.