

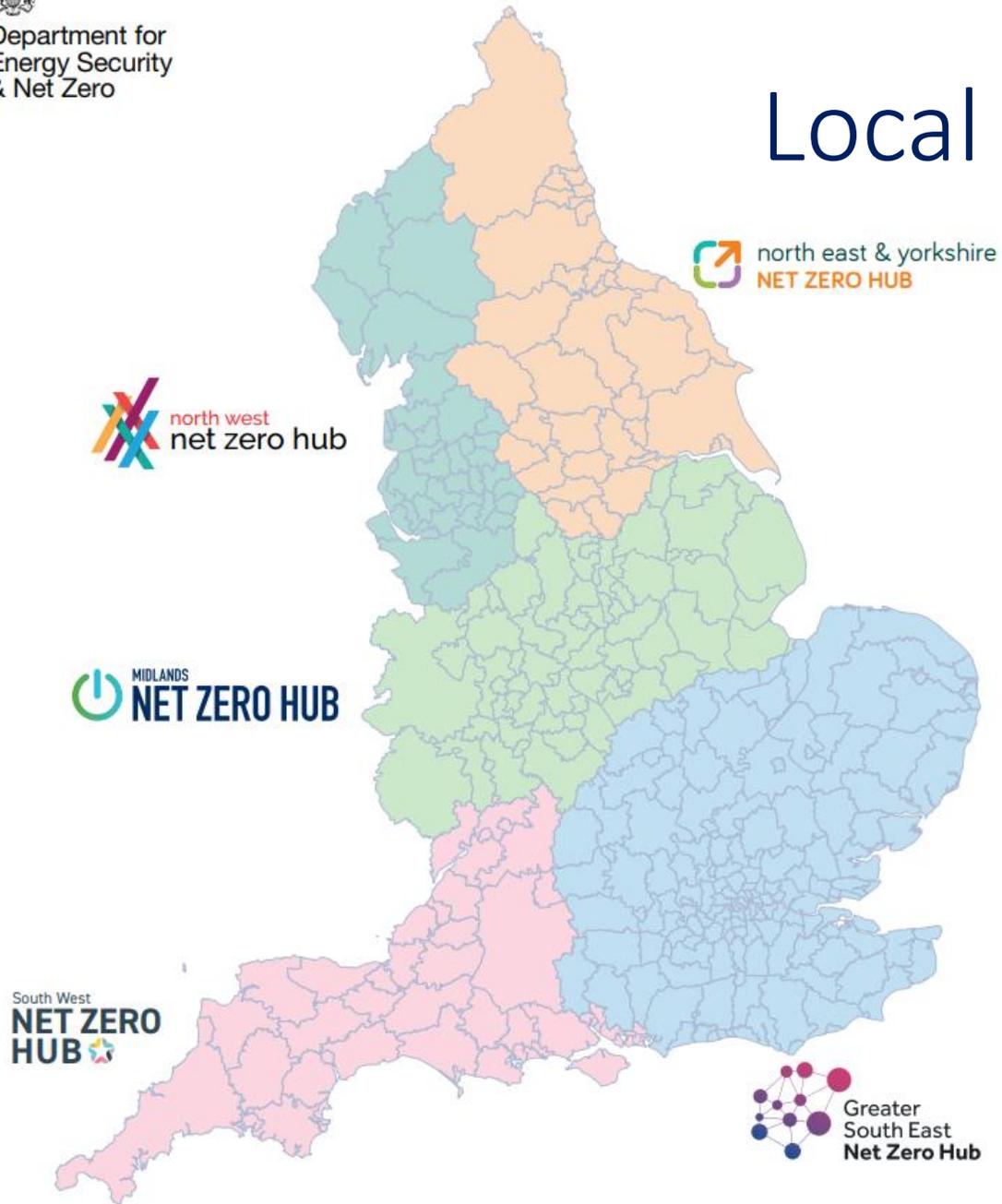
Local Net Zero Hubs

An overview of achievements in 25-26





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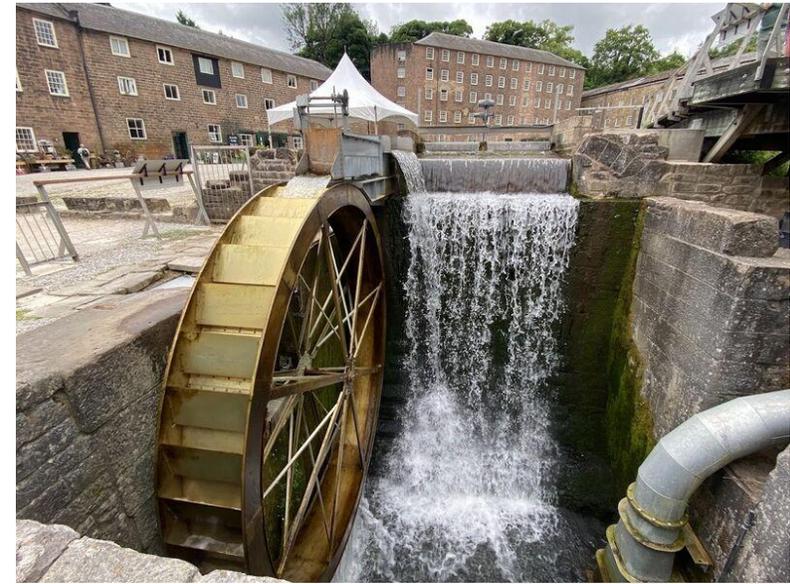


The Hubs are here to provide free, expert support to Local Authorities, public sector organisations and community groups.

Providing technical, strategic and financial guidance on a huge variety of projects.

Objectives can be simplified to:

- Increasing the number, quality and scale of Net Zero projects being delivered.
- Raising awareness of the opportunities for, and the benefits of decarbonisation projects.
- Enabling local areas to attract finance for the projects



Warm Homes – Delivery and Support

Local Net Zero Hubs have supported various iterations of domestic retrofit over the years. Support for Warm Homes is happening throughout the Hubs with over £280 million being delivered with Hub support over the next three years.

- Large-scale renewable projects
- Battery storage
- Decarbonisation of buildings
- Energy efficiency initiatives

Heat Network Zoning

Supporting Local Authorities prepare for Heat Network Zoning. Each Hub has a dedicated zoning implementation officer to support coordination, raise awareness, improve knowledge and increase preparedness for zoning.

- Net Zero planning and strategies
- Knowledge Sharing and Transfer
- Regional Energy Strategic Planning
- Heat Network Zoning

GBE Community Fund

Building on our previous success in community energy, the GBE Community Fund saw £5m in grants distributed across the country, supporting communities to develop local owned projects.

- Transport decarbonisation
- Domestic Retrofit
- Hydrogen Production and Infrastructure
- Community Sector

Warm Home Skills, Heat Training Grant & Regional Skills Pilots

Upskilling the workforce to deliver decarbonisation at scale. Working with DESNZ to support training providers through multiple schemes.

- Skills and Workforce
- Nuclear
- Local Area Energy Plans
- Local Energy Advice Demonstrators



North East & Yorkshire Hub



Warm Homes Consortium

Building on past successes and projects, grown to 22 members.

Will deliver close to 10,000 warmer and cheaper to run homes.



Community Energy - Yorspace

Massive increase in community energy groups.

York families 'recreating a village' with help from the community energy funding.



Securing Private Finance

Organising roundtable events

Bringing together private finance and local authorities which are looking for capital investment.

North West Hub



Public Sector Building Decarbonisation
Crematoria Decarbonisation
Best Practice Guide

May 2024
Version 001

Crematoria Decarbonisation Best Practise Guide

Supporting Lancashire Councils to assess options to decarbonise crematoria.

Created a shared resource that is available for all Local Authorities.

Ready for RESP

DESNZ funded guidance to help regions and Local Authorities understand the RESP process.

Department for
Energy Security
& Net Zero

Ready for **RESP**

Local Decarbonisation Planning Approaches

Enabling Network Investment

Publication 2 from the Ready for RESP series



Programme delivered by
CATAPULT
Energy Systems



North West Clean Power

A regional roadmap to localise
the Government's Clean Energy
Superpower Mission

POSITION PAPER
SUMMER 2025

North West Clean Power Report

Launched in September 2025.

Identifies and presents a unified vision of low-carbon energy generation across the North West.

Greater South East Hub

University of Reading

Supporting installing rooftop solar across 12 buildings and 2 car parks.

Hub has provided technical support, as well as acting as a coordinator with stakeholders and supporting with DNO engagements.



Shoreham Port

Developing 6 wind turbines for onsite use.

Supporting with critical friend and technical support, advising on connections, planning, policy and investment.



Braintree District Council

Helped to secure a £350,000 grant from Sport England to install Solar at Whitham Leisure Centre.

Hub has provided feasibility studies, and market engagement support.



South West Hub



Community Energy

Taking leaders from all sectors on the *Seeing is Believing* tours to meet the people involved.

Domestic Retrofit

Completed 2718 Social Housing retrofit measures and scaling up to deliver £66m in Warm Homes Social Housing Fund.

Delivery has started on the 6500 social homes across the region.



Exeter City Council Solar Feasibility

Large scale review of rooftop solar across council estate, with one single encompassing business case.

Over half the sites reviewed can proceed and deliver an acceptable Internal Rate of Return.

Midlands Hub



Warm Homes Consortium

Delivering WH Local Grant and WH Social Housing Fund as consortium lead for over 50 Local Authorities and Social Housing Providers.

Will provide over £140m and retrofit over 15,000 homes across the Midlands.

Decarbonising the Leisure Sector

With support from six Leicestershire councils, created a guide to support Local Authorities decarbonise the Leisure Centres.

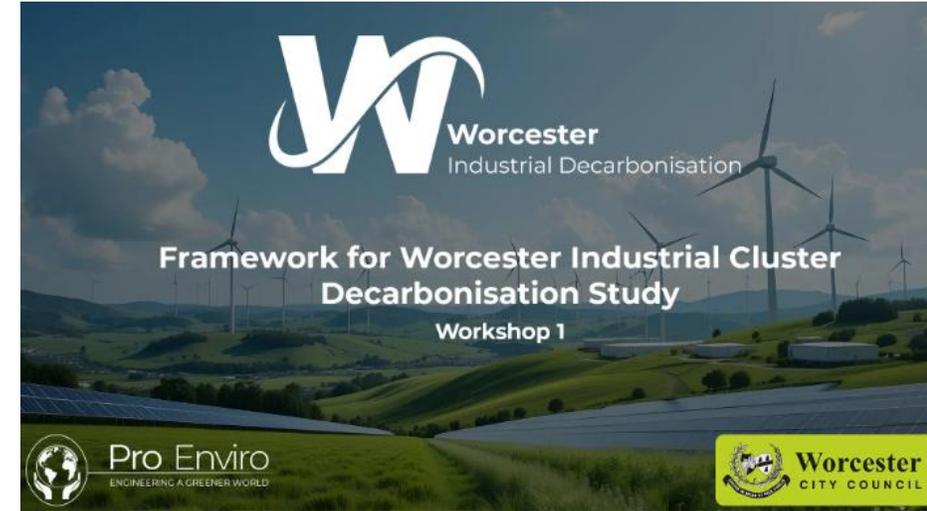
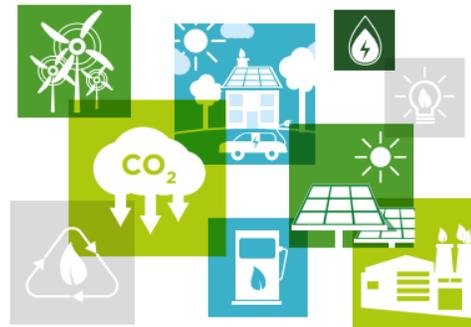
Providing practical support for a range of building ages, arrangements and retrofit potential.



Decarbonising the Leisure Sector

A Practical Guide to Accelerating the Path to Net Zero.

Published: July 2025 - revised.



Industrial Decarbonisation

Supporting five local authorities in the Midlands to deliver decarbonisation plans in their areas.

Identifying challenges and overcoming barriers. Projects have now been identified and are moving forward.

