Local Net Zero: A view from central Government

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The UK is the first major economy to halve its emissions, whilst growing our economy by nearly **80%** at the same time. (P,

The UK has increased our renewables electricity generation from just 7% in 2010 to nearly 50% now.



The UK has overachieved our carbon budget for the third time in a row.

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Continued engagement through the Local Net Zero Forum.

Net Zero Go - online advice to support Local Authorities.

Local Net Zero Hubs Programme – supporting local authorities to develop net zero projects and attract commercial investment.

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Local Net Zero Hub Successes



NE and Yorkshire



NW

Wickersley Trust Partnership Solar School Project – solar installation across 6 schools to generate 270 MWh of electricity annually. Base Camp North Lakes (Decarbonise by Design) – a 80kWp solar PV array installed in UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Midlands

Herefordshire Low Carbon Technology Centre – training centre for low-carbon construction technologies, including retrofit.



SE

Zero Emission Buses – 30 electric double-decker buses in operation in Cambridge.



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The Wave – 3 GWh solar installation to power surfing lake in Bristol.

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Continued engagement through the Community Energy Contact Group.

Community Energy Fund – new £10m programme providing grants to help community energy groups in both rural and urban areas to develop local renewable energy projects for investment.

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UKRI Net Zero Living Programme – to help places to accelerate the delivery of the transition to net zero.

UK Infrastructure Bank – investment and advice.

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'Trailblazer' devolution deals – pilots of a devolved approach to buildings retrofit **in** Greater Manchester and West Midlands Combined Authorities.

Local Net Zero Accelerator Programme – new £19m programme to help combined authorities unlock private investment.

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Further information on central support for local net zero https://www.gov.uk/government/publicati ons/local-net-zero-support-for-localauthorities-and-communities/local-netzero-central-support-for-local-authoritiesand-communities

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