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BEIS Local Energy Team update

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BEIS objectives

We are responsible for:

- Developing and delivering a comprehensive industrial strategy and leading the government's relationship with business
- Ensuring that the country has secure energy supplies that are reliable, affordable and clean
- Ensuring the UK remains at the leading edge of science, research and innovation
- Tackling climate change



BEIS Local Energy team

- New team at BEIS, formed earlier this year as part of DECC
- Working with other teams across BEIS and other government departments
- Head of Local Energy – Patrick Allcorn
- Local Partnerships Manager for North and Midlands – Helen Pearce, supported by Jonathan Mullard in the North East
- Local Partnerships Manager for South – Ruth Binny, supported by Ollie Pendered in the South East



BEIS Local Energy team

- Aim to work with local partners including LEPs, local authorities and communities to deliver the energy projects they want to take forwards
- Ambition to support by:
 1. Developing local capability and capacity across England
 2. Tackling barriers eg legal, procurement, financial viability
 3. Linking up local projects with sources of funding
- Central contact point in government for local energy
- Signpost existing government support and resources, eg Re:fit, Salix, Heat Networks Delivery Unit, and the Energy Company Obligation, along with support provided by intermediaries such as the LGA and APSE



What do we mean by local energy?

- **Economic growth**
 - Revenue generation
 - Jobs and growth
- **Public health and welfare**
 - Fuel poverty
 - Air quality
 - Excess winter deaths
- **Cost reduction**
 - Public sector
 - Domestic
 - Business
- **Low carbon transition**

Planning policy and strategy

Public sector retrofit and demand reduction

Domestic energy efficiency

Business resource efficiency and low carbon growth

Electricity generation

Electricity supply

Electricity distribution

Heat generation

Heat distribution

Low carbon vehicles



Work to date

- 2015 scoping study led by Ruth Binny with Local Partnership
- One-to-one meetings with Local Enterprise Partnerships and local authorities around the country (in progress)
- Survey of LEPs, organised by Liverpool
- Roundtable for LEPs held on 20th September



Next steps for the team

- Develop work programme, including specific actions on funding, capacity building and communications
- Continue local visits and one-to-one meetings
- Deliver support to LEPs and local authorities across England



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