



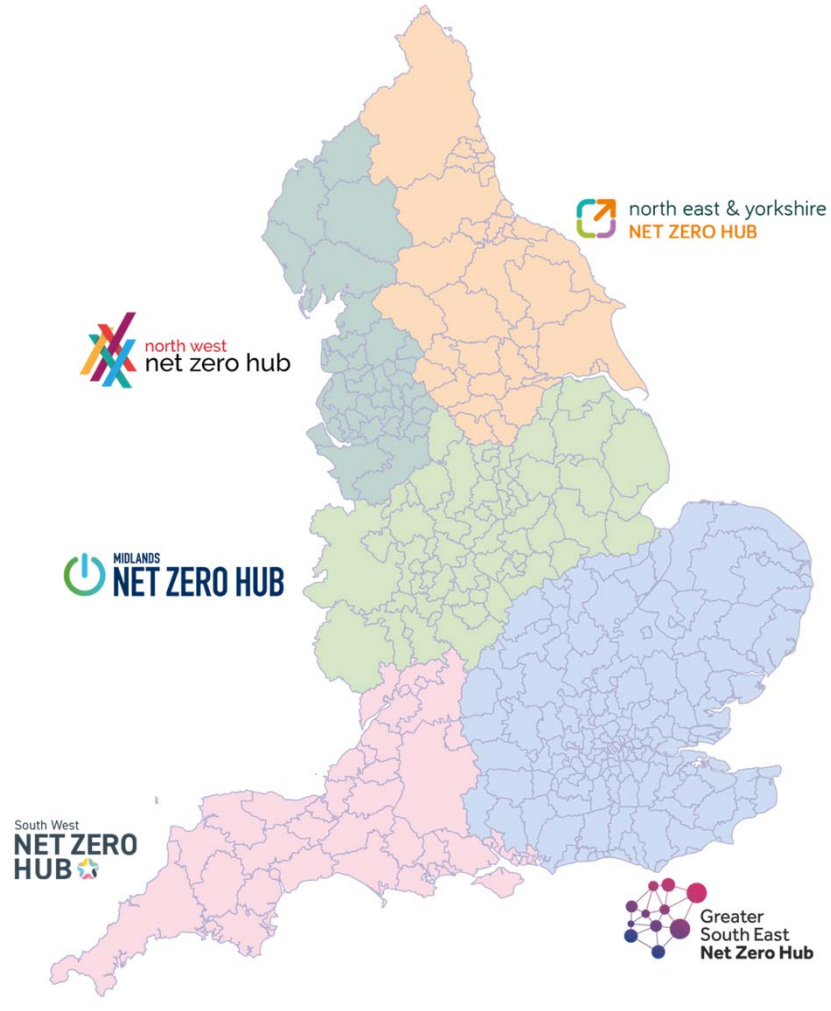
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Delivering Government Agenda Locally and Regionally

A Local Net Zero Hubs perspective

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Local Net Zero Hubs



5 Local Net Zero Hubs in England
Funded by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)

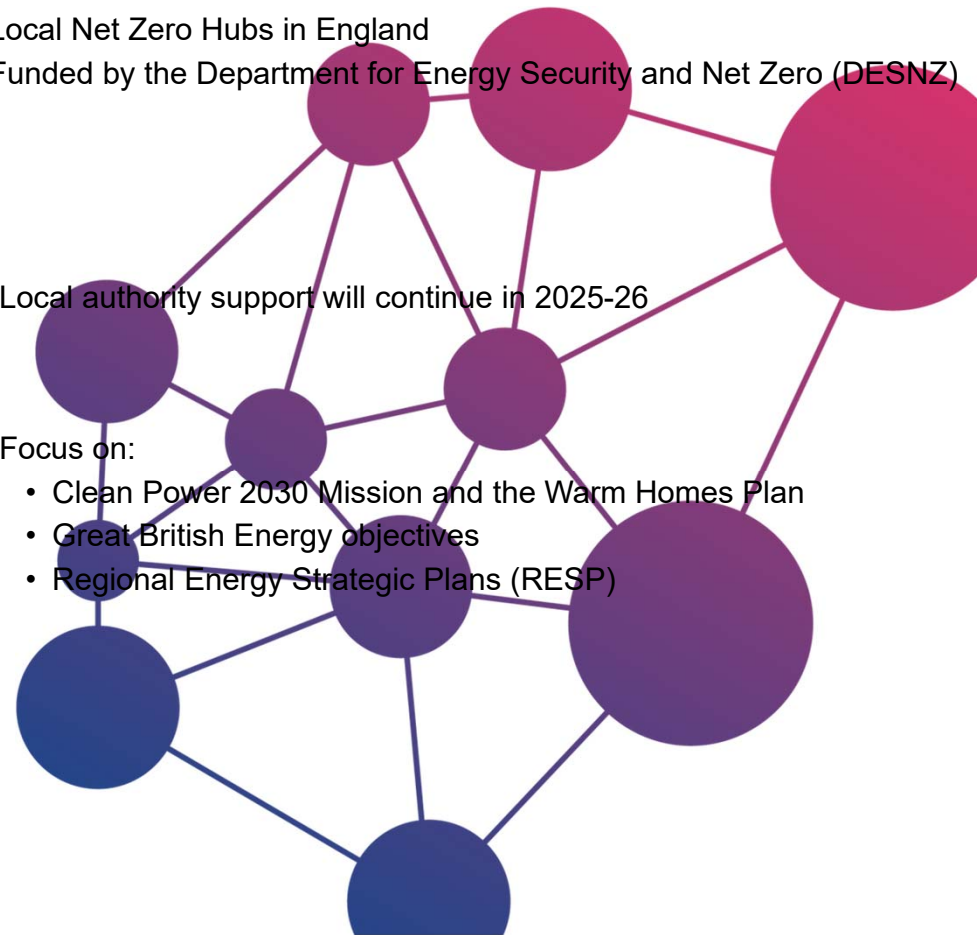


Local authority support will continue in 2025-26



Focus on:

- Clean Power 2030 Mission and the Warm Homes Plan
- Great British Energy objectives
- Regional Energy Strategic Plans (RESP)



Policy Context



UK Government

Clean Power 2030 Action Plan: A new era of clean electricity




- 8GW local renewable energy (LA/CEG by 2030)
- 10-12GW consumer led flexibility & storage
- Solar, onshore wind, short & long-term duration storage, rooftop solar, SLES, DSR
- Community benefits & ownership
- Electricity Market Reform – Regional Energy Strategic Plan (RESP) [National Energy System Operator (NESO)], connections process

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

English Devolution White Paper

Power and Partnership: Foundations for Growth

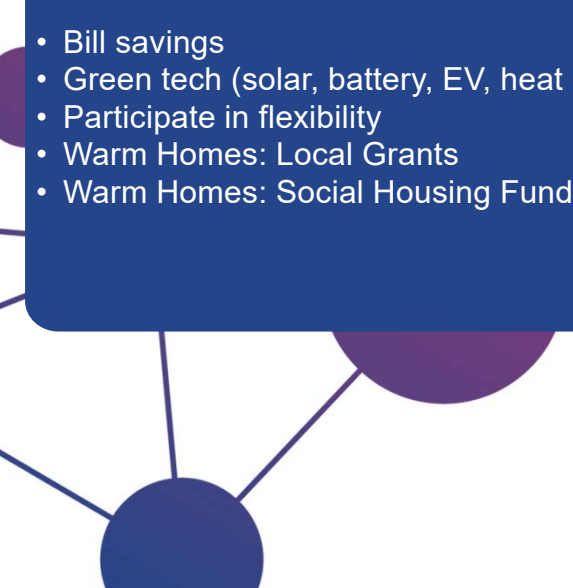
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- Single settlement retrofit funding
 - public sector decarbonisation
 - warm homes (local & social)
- Coordinate local energy planning to support regional network energy infrastructure, strategic role in GB Local Power Plan, Heat Network Zone Coordinator role

Warm Homes Plan (Summer 2025)

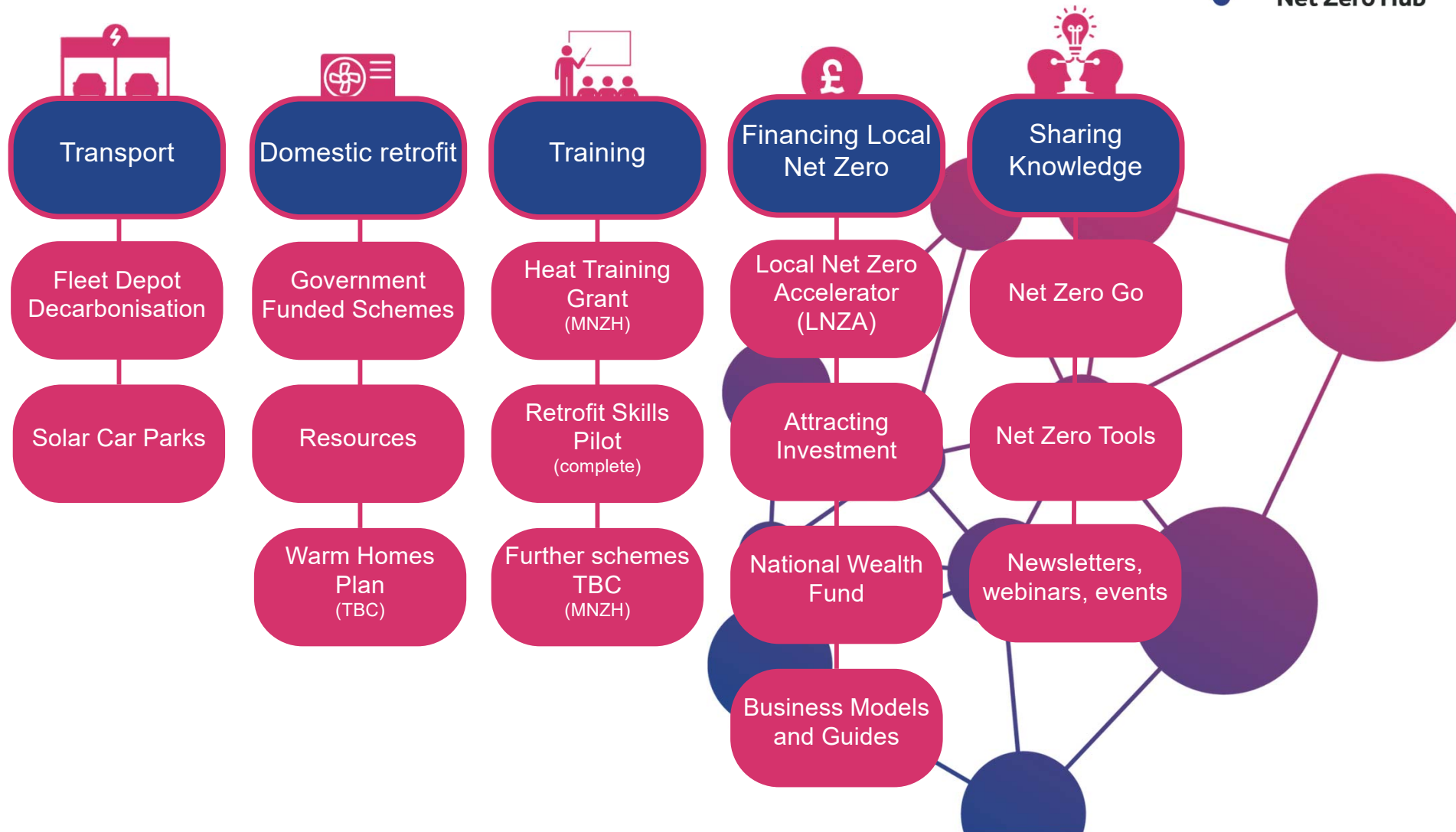
- Bill savings
- Green tech (solar, battery, EV, heat pump)
- Participate in flexibility
- Warm Homes: Local Grants
- Warm Homes: Social Housing Fund

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Support areas



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Local Net Zero Accelerator



- £19 million DESNZ funded programme running to Mar 26
- 3 Pilots:
 - Greater Manchester Combined Authority
Including regeneration projects in Oldham and Wythenshawe
 - West Midlands Combined Authority
Including 7 Net Zero Neighbourhoods
 - York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority
'City Leap' replicator
- Developing aggregated bundles of projects to secure long-term sustainable investment
- GSENZH have launched a new Finance Support Service:
 - Advising Pilots and learning from their practices
 - Operating a new DPS
 - Developing guides, tools, templates, training for all Local Authorities – coming soon on Net Zero Go

Finance Support Service Dynamic Purchasing System

Created as part of LNZA, this DPS could help authorities to access expertise in financing net zero projects.

Features net zero advisory services covering:



Finance



Legal



Procurement



Consultancy

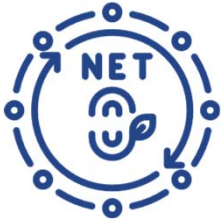


Public Sector Finance

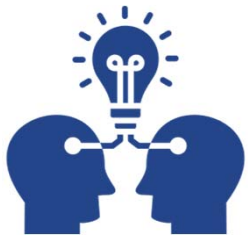
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2025-2026 Priority Workstreams



- Net Zero – focus on the Clean Power 2030 Mission
 - Increase number and scale of projects
 - Track renewable energy projects – 8GW target
 - Attract commercial investment



- Knowledge sharing and capacity building
 - Net Zero Go
 - Local authority and community energy group collaboration
 - Events, webinars, newsletters
 - Green Finance



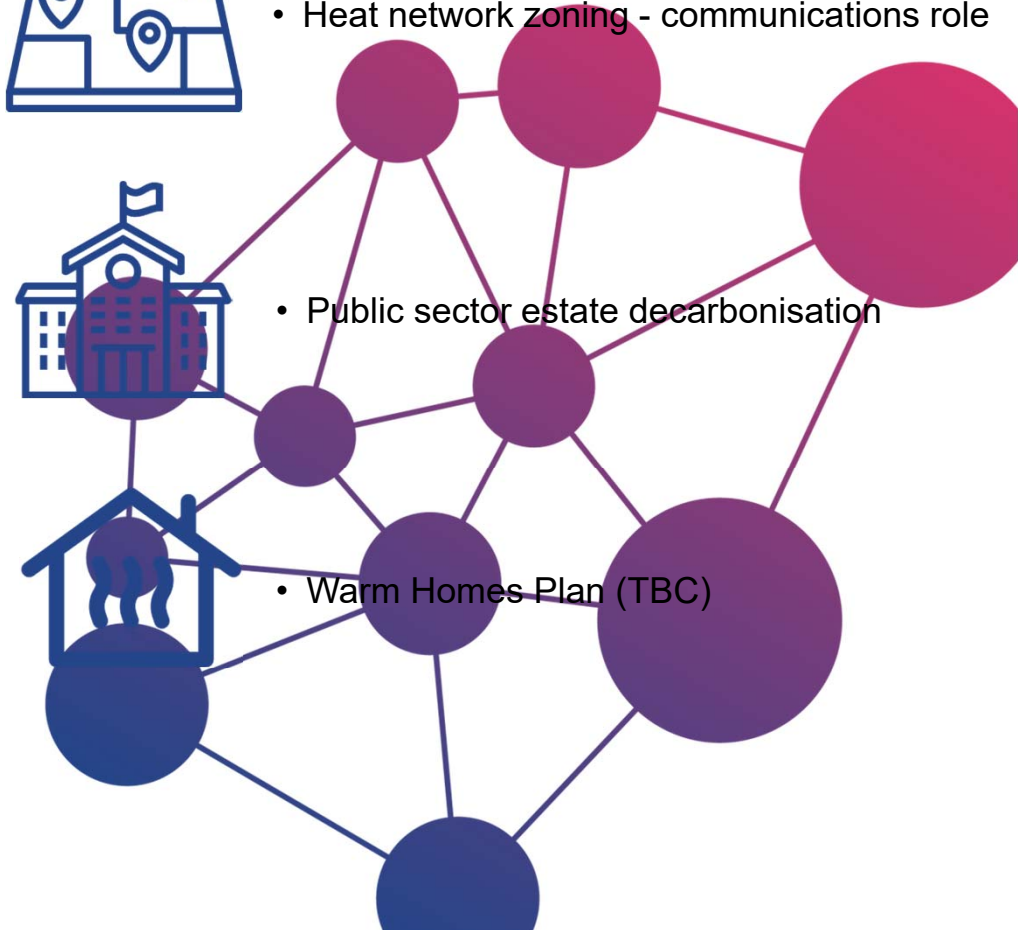
- Heat network zoning - communications role



- Public sector estate decarbonisation



- Warm Homes Plan (TBC)





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