

Building capacity to deliver and embed net zero

Warrington Carbon Culture project



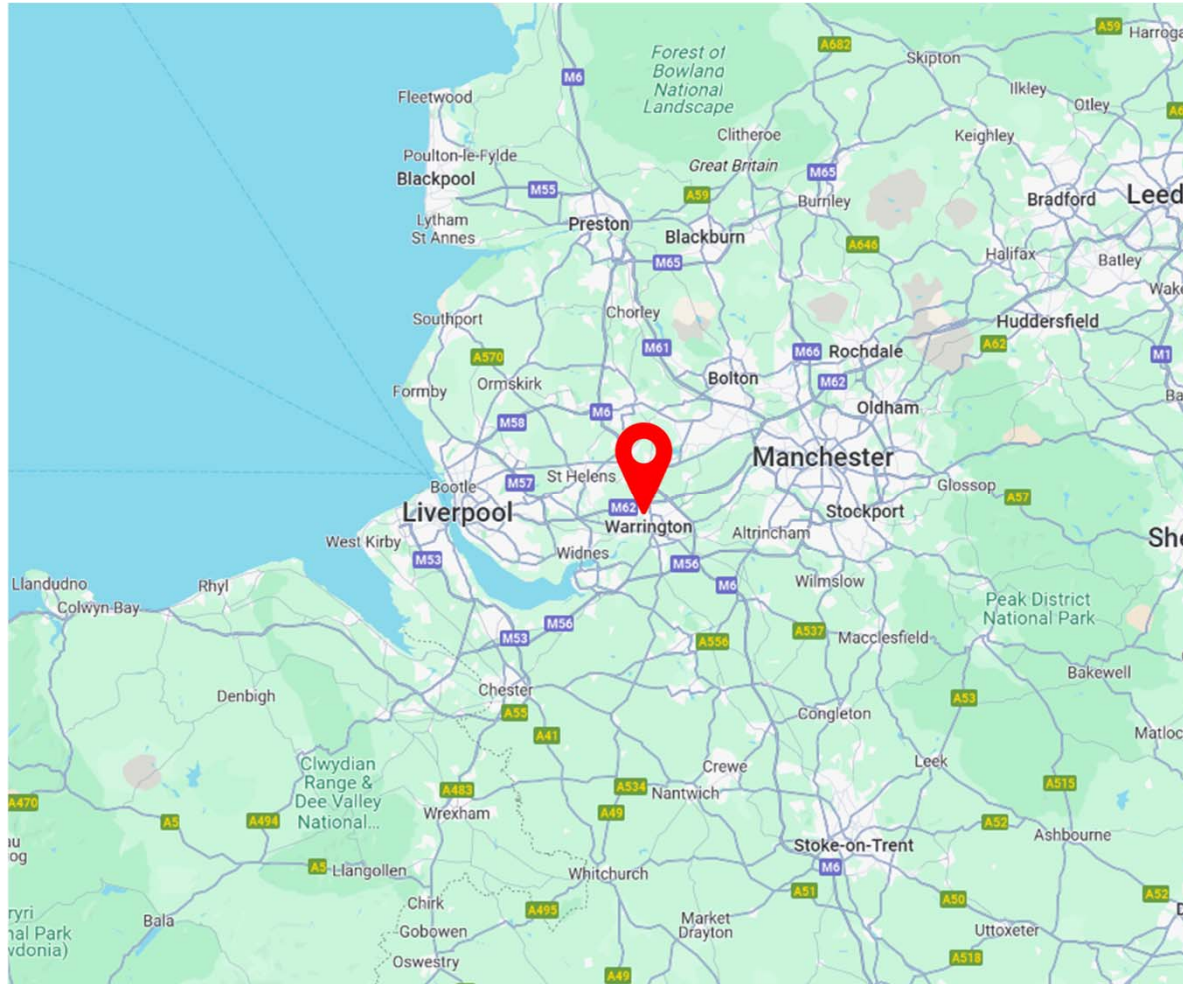
Big APSE Energy Summit
27th February 2025

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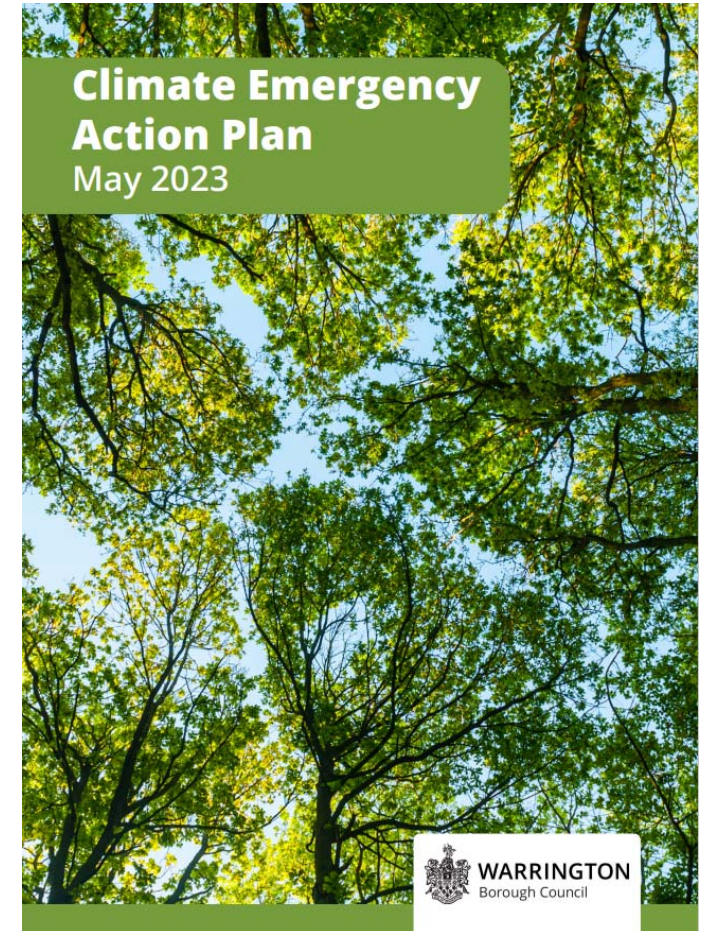
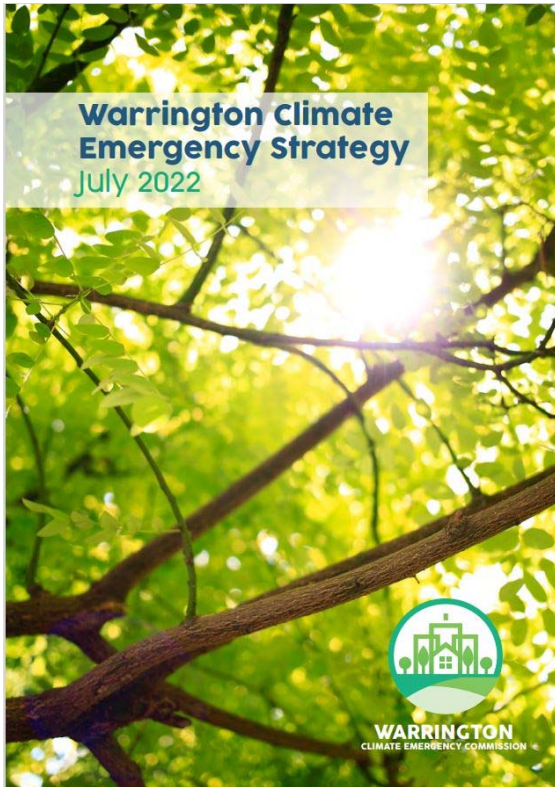
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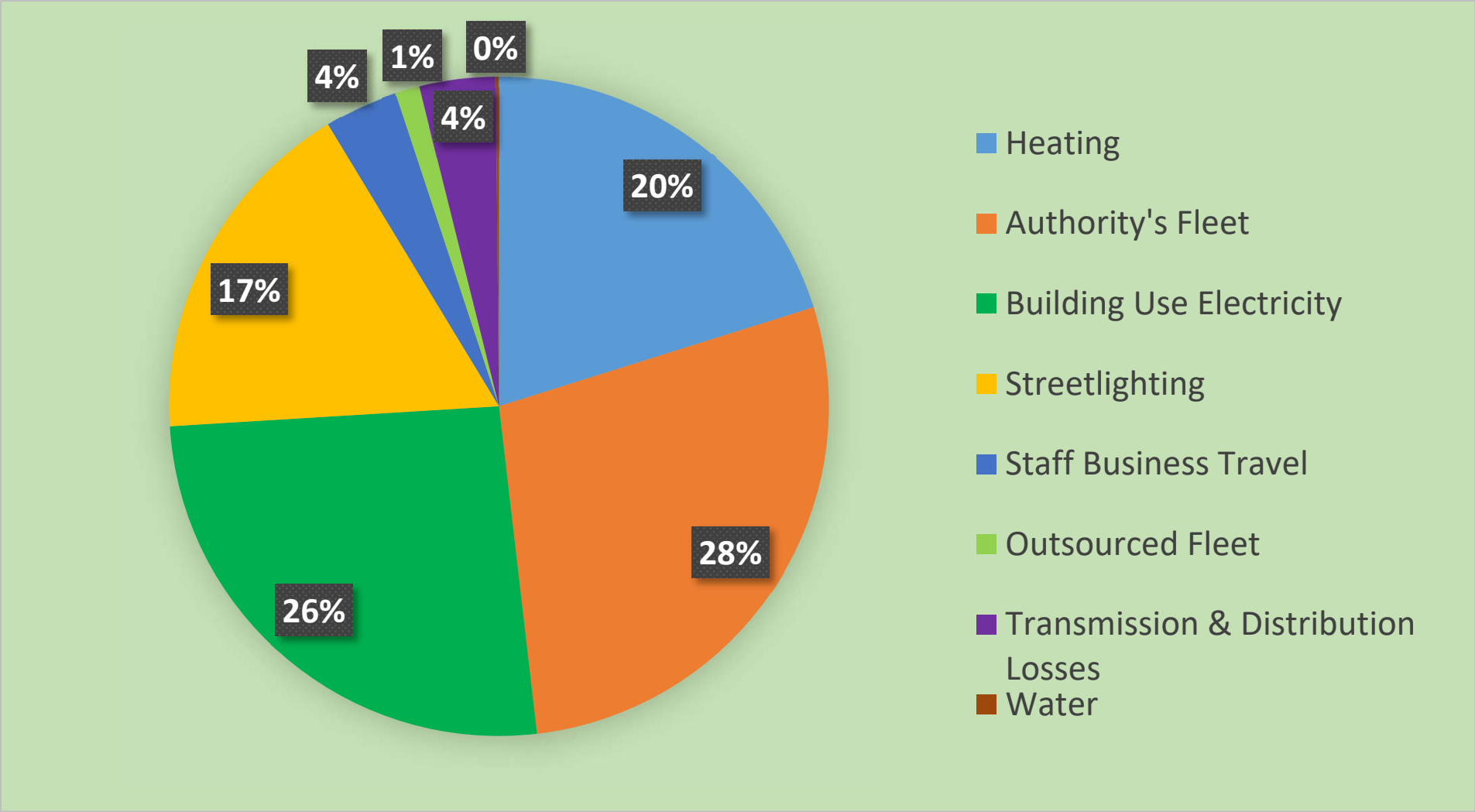
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Context



Warrington council emissions footprint 2023-24



Driving our plan forward...

Engagement...



Driving our plan forward...

Training...



But what next? Is it enough?

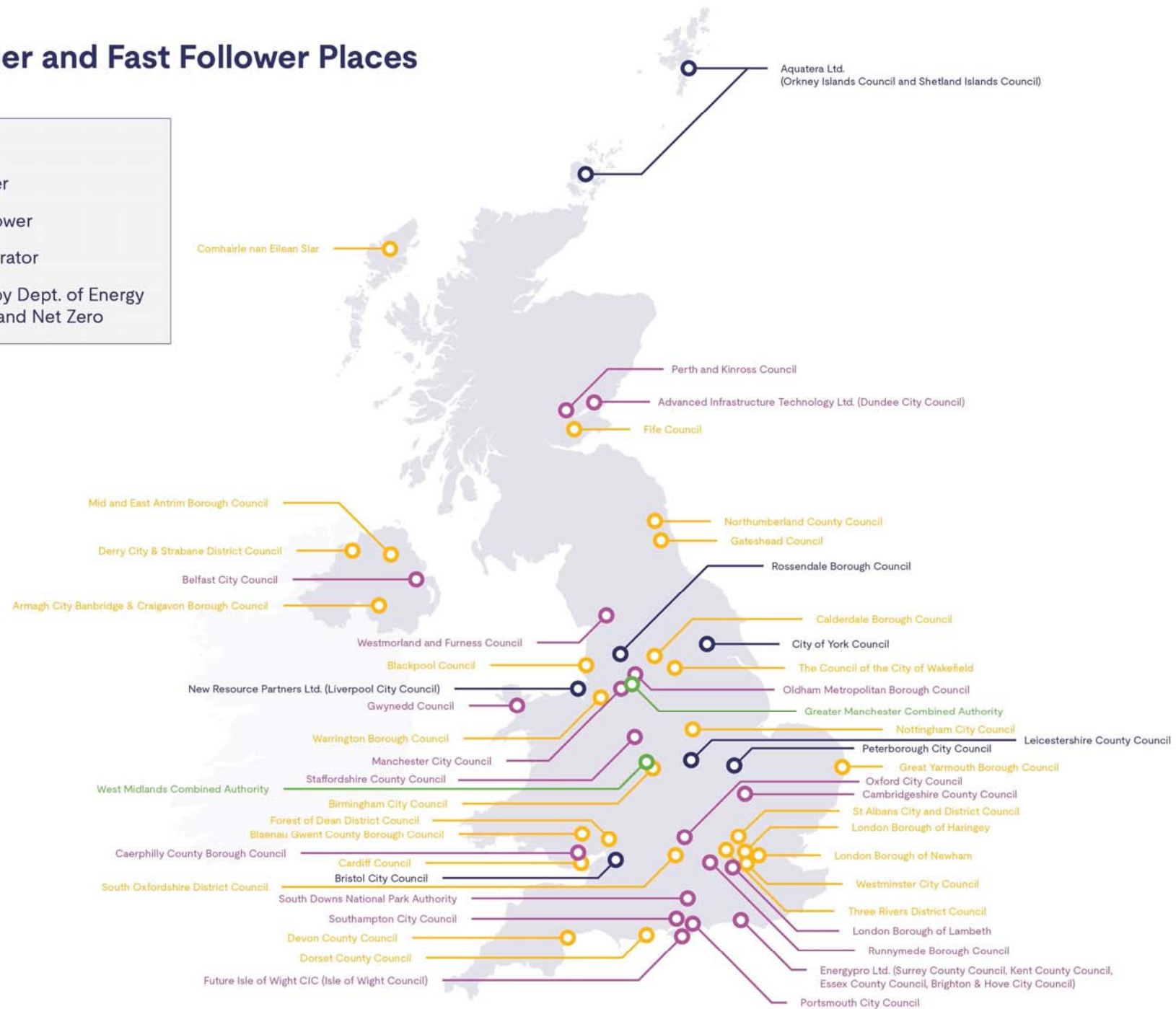
Or just a starting point...



Pathfinder and Fast Follower Places

Key

- Pathfinder
- Fast Follower
- Demonstrator
- Funded by Dept. of Energy security and Net Zero



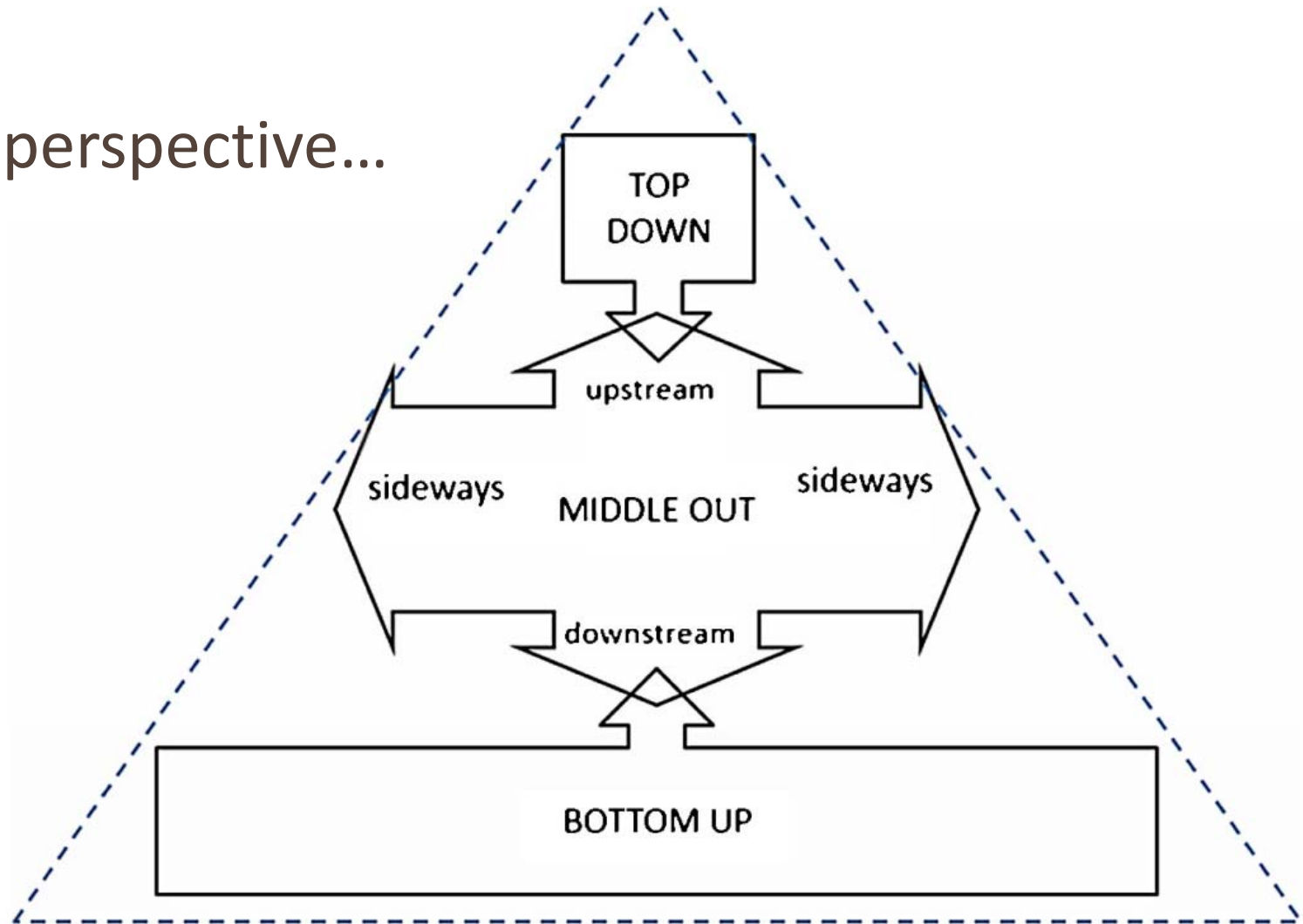
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Developing a Carbon Literate 'alumni' network...



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A middle-out perspective...



Janda and Parag (2013)

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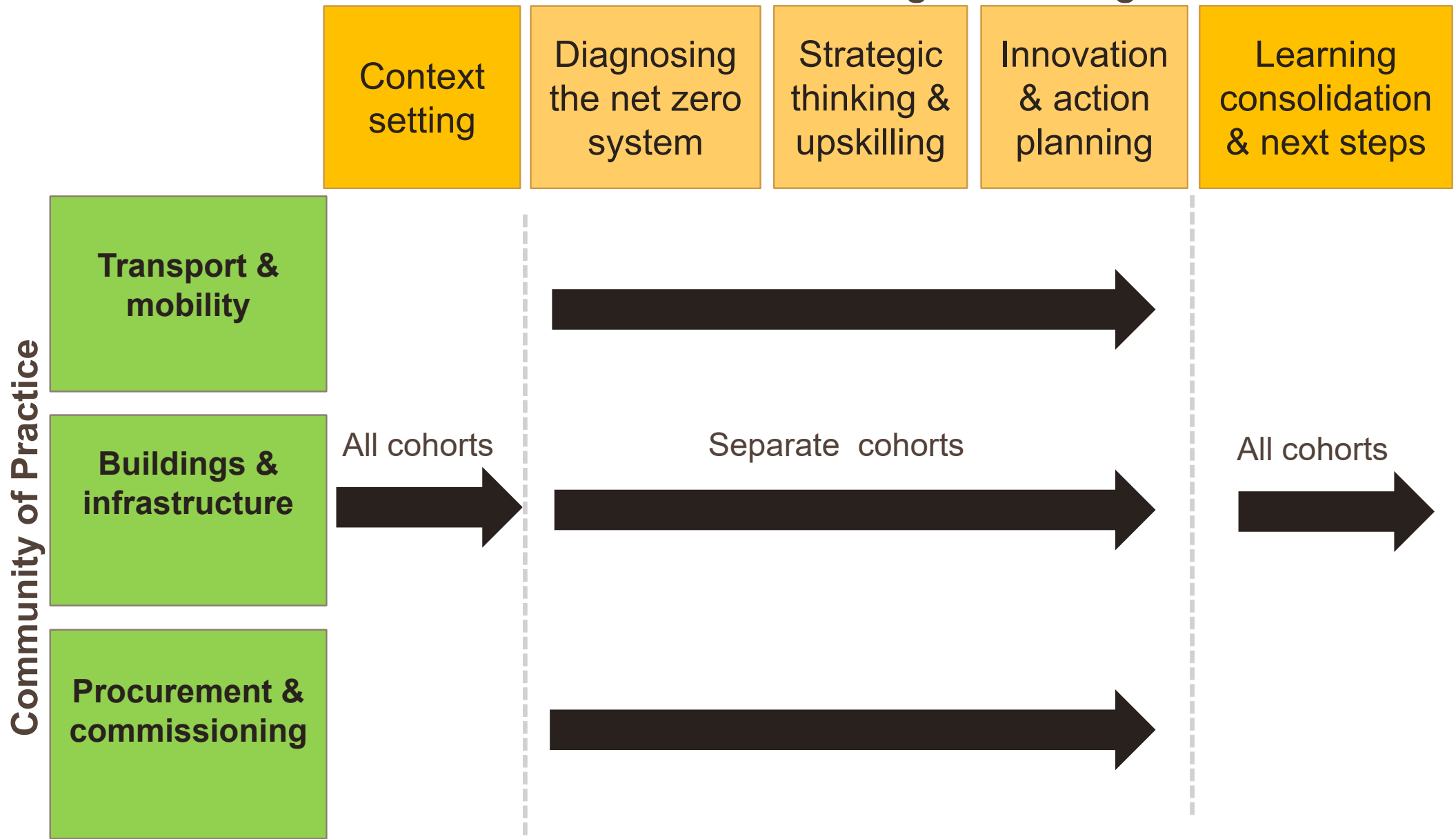
Building communities of net zero practice...

**Transport &
mobility**

**Buildings &
infrastructure**

**Procurement &
commissioning**

Carbon Culture Programme Stage



Innovate UK



training



energy



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Carbon Culture Programme



Carbon Culture Programme

Update standard procurement contract terms and conditions to reflect climate targets

Unlock barriers to EV uptake

Establish a cross-directorate procurement climate committee to consult on large contracts

Reform staff travel and explore electric pool cars

Agree design and provision for new depot to support a zero-emission fleet

Embed sustainability into new urban extension

Convene a climate communications group

Learnings & Reflections

- Change doesn't happen overnight: persevere!
- Harness the passion where it exists
- Be creative and try new methods (offer cake!)
- Challenge your assumptions as to who should be round the table
- Find balance in contact/communication – casual and often!
- Value different levels of expertise and experience
- There is power in connection and storytelling

Unanswered questions....

How do we know it's working?

How do we measure culture change?

How do we sustain and embed a community of practice?

Thank you!

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