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# Bath & North East Somerset Council

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Local Authority & Community  
Energy Collaboration

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# Climate & Nature are high priority cross-cutting themes: clear policy and ambition for our area

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## Bath & North East Somerset Climate Emergency Strategy

2019-2030

Version: March 2023



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## Bath & North East Somerset Ecological Emergency Action Plan

2023-2030

16 March 2023



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View the strategy on our website [here](#)

View the action plan on our website [here](#)

# Four priorities for climate with clear targets and a range of supporting actions...

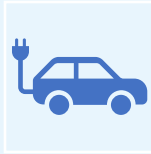


## Decarbonising buildings

**UK's first Net Zero new build policy**

**Target 65,000 residential retrofits by 2030**

**Green Heritage Homes project**

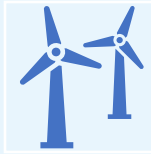


## Decarbonising transport

**EV HGV trials for Council fleet**

**218 public EV charging points via LEVI by 2029**

**Reducing car use by 25% by 2030**

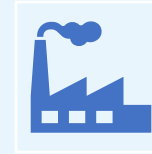


## Increasing renewable energy generation

**300 MW capacity by 2030**

**450+ Solar Together installations**

**Strengthened policies in LPPU**



## Net Zero Council 2030

**£4m Council estate decarbonisation programme**

**2.5MW rooftop solar programme**



# Why Community Energy?

- Engages residents in the energy transition
- Creates local value – ethical investments, supply chain, Community Fund
- Expertise that may not be found within Councils
- Helping us to meet ambitious climate emergency targets



# Cooperation agreement

“Our partnership with BWCE ...has given communities the chance to have a stake in renewable energy projects and helped to build community resilience in B&NES”- Cllr Sarah Warren, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Climate Emergency



First signed in 2011 and laid foundation for capital loan for >2MW ground solar



Surplus revenues c.£450k reinvested into the Community Fund to support local projects



New 5 year agreement signed in 2023



Non exclusive. Also have agreement with Keynsham Community Energy



Commitment to annual reporting

# Enabling community renewables

Capital loans into community energy projects

Promoted community energy offer to schools – 15 BANES schools installed

BWCE installations at Lewis House Council Office, Leisure Centres

Exploring options for power purchase (PPAs) and larger investments





# Community retrofit projects

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## Green Open Homes 2023 & 2024

Led by BWCE, homeowners in Bath and a number of North East Somerset villages opened homes to residents

Over 600 visitors each year

## Green Heritage Homes

Partnership between Bath and West Community Energy, Bath Preservation Trust, B&NES Council, Centre for Sustainable Energy

Brings together retrofit and conservation professionals in BANES to grow knowledge and confidence

Innovative 'Level 0' pre-application advice service for retrofit of listed buildings



# Community Energy Network

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- £1.5m award from National Lottery's Climate Action Fund for 2024-2027
- 5MW new community owned generation projects
- 50 Energy Champions trained in communities
- Cross-referral for home energy advice between 30+ frontline services via Community Wellbeing Hub



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