

# LOCAL ENERGY PLANNING IN ACTION

6TH MAY 2026



# AGENDA

<b>Intro</b>	Linda Irwin	2-2:10pm
<b>Cornwall</b>	Nick Hayden	2:10-2:15pm
<b>Wiltshire</b>	Jordan Clydesdale	2:15-2:20pm
<b>Dorset</b>	Carl Warom	2:20-2:25pm
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	Afriqnmun Lovejoy	2:25-2:30pm
<b>Devon</b>	Doug Eltham via video	2:30-2:35pm
<b>Discussion</b>	All	2:35-3pm

Slides and recording  
will be shared  
afterwards.

Please put questions  
and discussion points in  
the chat for after the  
presentations.

# FROM PLANNING TO ACTION IN LOCAL ENERGY

Diverse approaches to energy planning across the South West

2025: LAEP Stages 1-3 delivered with Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire & Wiltshire

Cornwall & BCP have completed full LAEPs; others using alternative approaches

Today: focus on what happens next - turning plans into action

Followed by discussion and shared learning beyond the region

# WHAT WE'VE LEARNED SO FAR

1

Early-stage LAEP work creates a strong enabling foundation

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Collaboration drives better ideas, support, and shared learning

3

Breaking down complexity helps authorities move forward confidently

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Focus is shifting to “no regrets” actions within local control



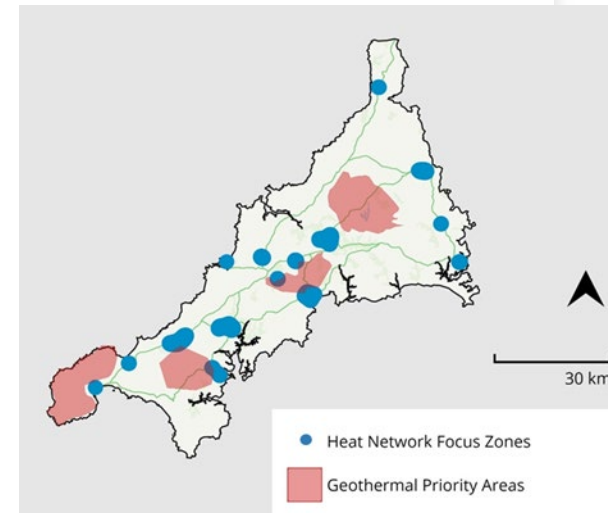
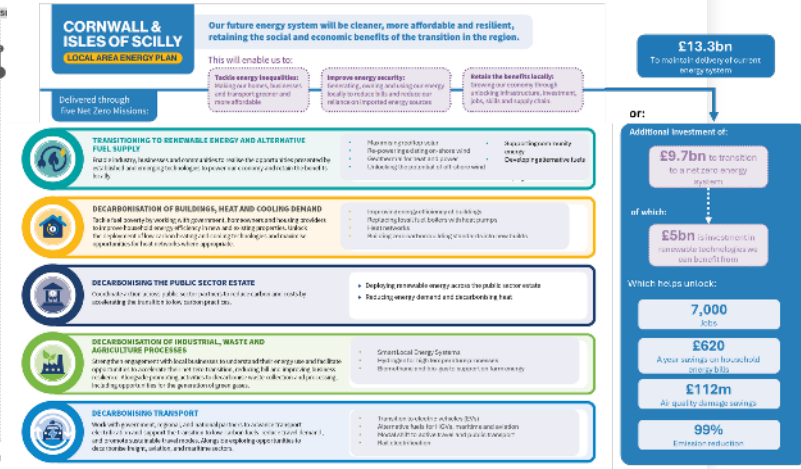
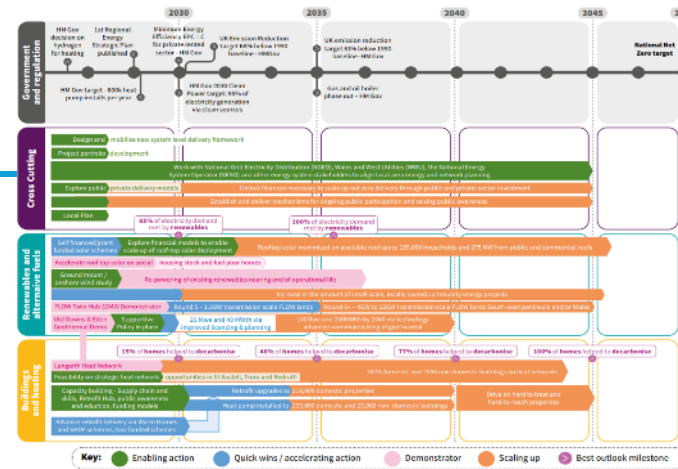
# LOCAL AREA ENERGY PLAN

A Place Based Energy System For Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly



# CiOS LAEP – What did we get out of it?

- Pathway to net zero
- Benefits
- Near term action plan and priorities
- Data sets and intelligence
- New relationships and partnerships
- Public insight and thumbprint



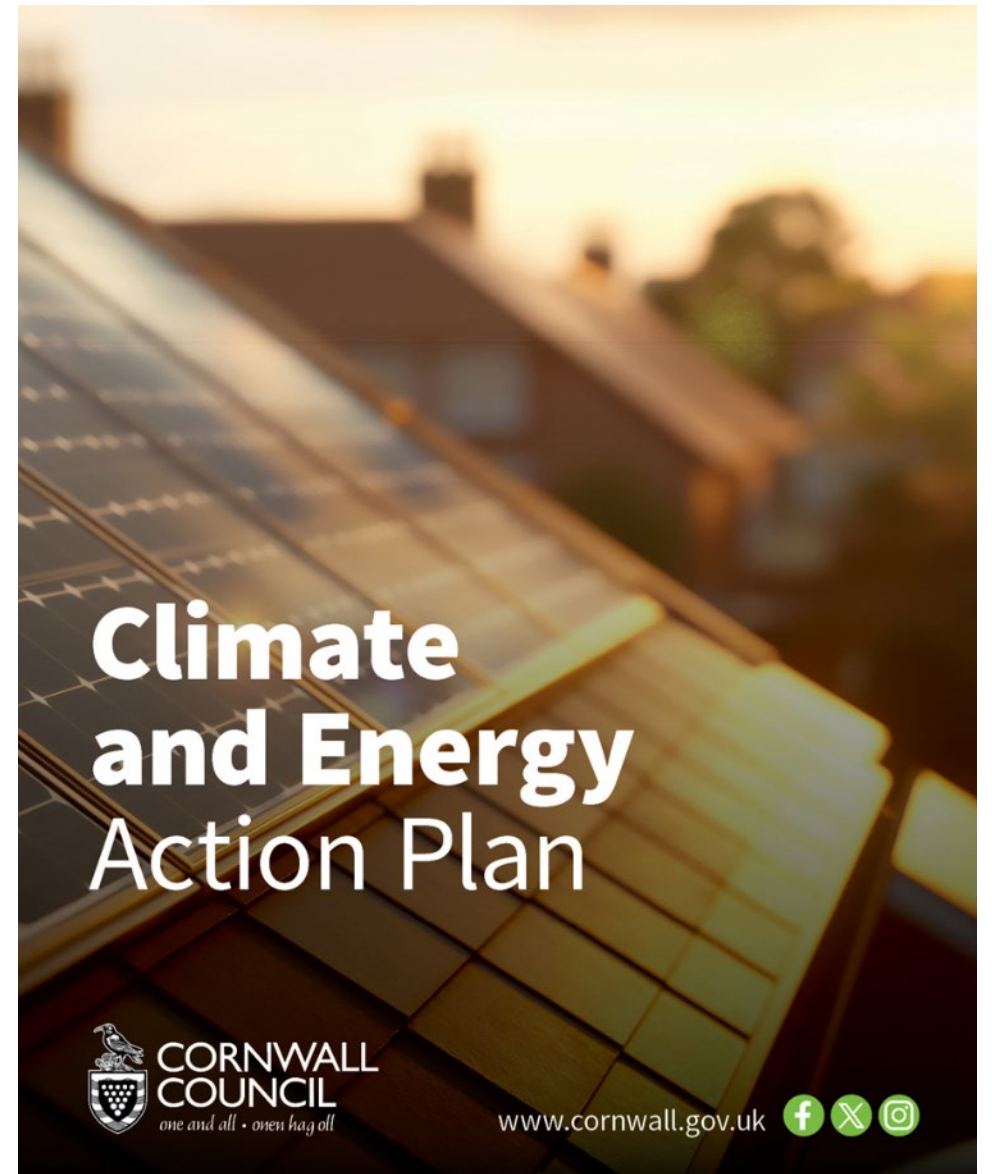
# CIOS LAEP – What have we done/ are we doing with it?

## Completed

- Adoption of LAEP pathway and alignment of targets at Council and system level
- Development of refreshed Cornwall Council Climate and Energy Action Plan
- Fed into TRESP – strategic investments
- Worked with / advisory support from NWF to develop an investable local net zero project pipeline.”

## Work in progress

- Working with Climate Commission to establish system level governance arrangements
- Advancing development of Strategic Energy Partner (including EOI with GB Energy)
- Exploring devolution opportunities under new FSA designation.



# Local Energy Planning in Action - Wiltshire

6<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Jordan Clydesdale; Victoria Burvill

**Wiltshire Council**

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# Wiltshire Forward Plan

## Section 1: Local Priorities

Establish a Countywide Climate Partnership

Commission an energy strategy

Prioritise areas for the Council to lead on

Develop a wider pipeline of projects

Creating Additional Resource and Capability within the Council

## Section 2: The Roadmap

Do first (short term actions)

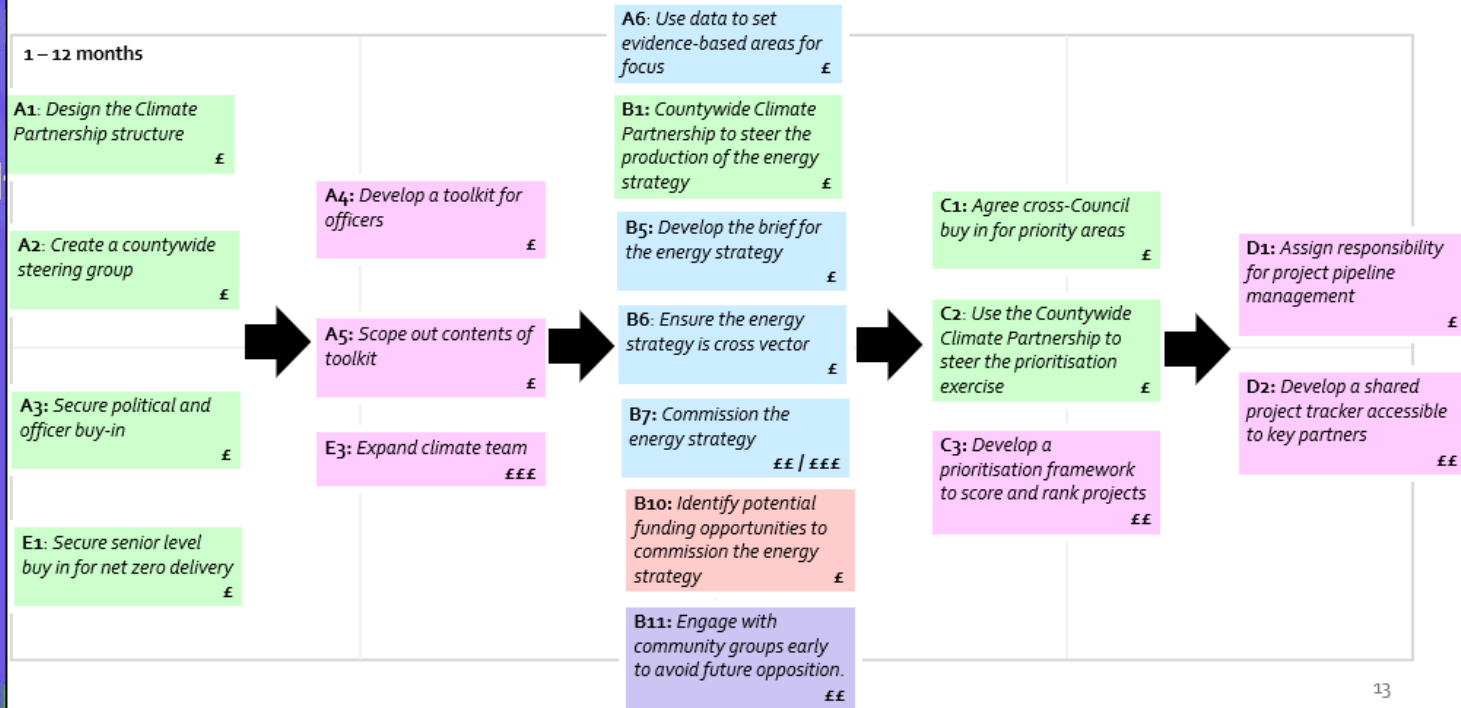
Prepare opportunities (medium term options)

Explore solutions (longer term actions)

## 2.2 Do first

Short term actions for Wiltshire to focus on progressing over the next 12 months

1 – 12 months

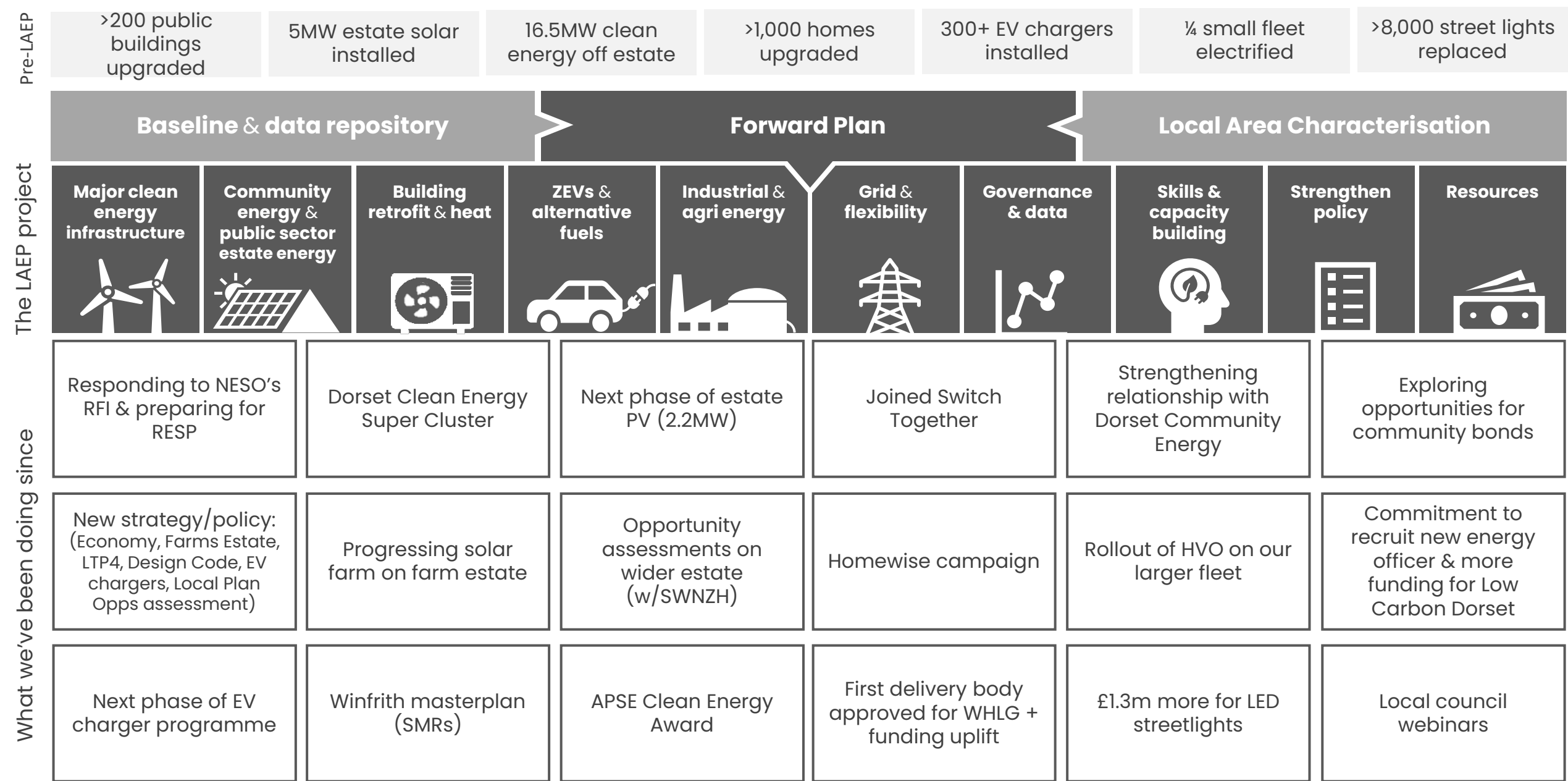


# Next Steps

- ✓ Re-focus activity
- ✓ Secure senior buy-in and agree ambition for the Energy Plan
- ✓ Steer/align through existing internal working group
- ✓ Review and agree Energy Plan approach and options
- ✓ Progress LAEP modelling with LENZA
- ✓ Use LAEP as a key evidence base
- ✓ Strengthen partnership working and stakeholder engagement
- ✓ Develop early project pipeline
- ✓ Explore community-scale energy



# DORSET



**Next steps with LAEP outputs:** (a) Review recent policy (LPP, WHP, tRESP, Connections Reform, NPPF, FHBS, heat network zoning etc.)

(b) See how far we can get using LENZA for the modelling of spatial stuff

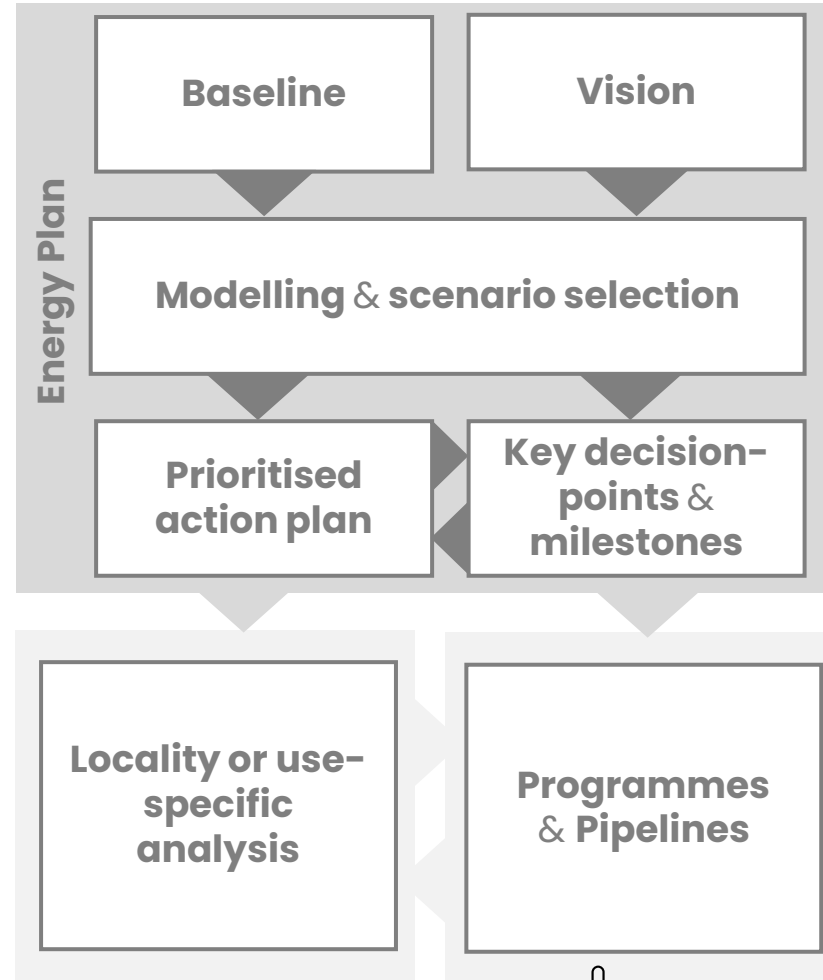
## Why bother with a LAEP? Ask yourself...

What's it for?



Some of **these** things don't obviously require you to do all of **these** things (or they're not the most efficient way of doing so)

What is energy planning?



## The rationale for us...

We already had senior buy-in, resourcing and an established programme. So the point was...

- **To take stock** on any gaps and where we go next given big national policy shifts.
- **To help prepare for RESP, GBE, Warm Homes Plan etc.** to better articulate our track record and ambition
- **To strengthen governance, oversight & alignment** given the disparate/sprawling programme

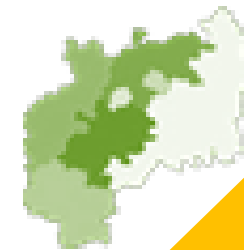
# Energy Planning from a Local Area perspective

**Afriqnmun Lovejoy**

**Countywide Climate Change Coordinator**

**Climate Leadership Gloucestershire**

**Greener Gloucestershire**



# Benefits released from stages 1-3

1. Senior level awareness raising – via CLG and presentations to SLTs within partner councils
2. Provided materials to raise awareness and engage stakeholders e.g. Business groups
3. Highlighted gap between our aspirations and existing deployment
4. Highlighted knowledge gaps in our existing evidence (e.g. a carbon budgets and onshore wind feasibility?)
5. Strengthened existing priority actions on clean energy
6. Encouraged senior leaders to ask what next?
7. Allowed us to mobilise further resources
8. Helped us to develop much needed relationships with NESO and DNOs

# Steps towards stages 4-7

1. Established working group with DNOs and NESO
2. Bid to NL (Climate Fund) for Community Energy and Retrofit programme
3. Separate project supported by £5k from SWNZH for Community Energy capacity building
4. Short term energy officer resource re-diverted from existing partnership to coordinate DFES returns
5. Local award of further £325k for Energy Planning work
6. Highly engaged and ambitious political leadership (through CLG)
7. More engaged local officers able to input to SWNZH strategic data collection exercises and bid for local support
8. Further project on public estate RE deployment with SWNZH
9. Renewable Energy Motion tabled and agreed at full council
10. Ability to utilise LEAP narrative to support niche projects such as heat networks

# DEVON

# Devon\* Energy Planning

Doug Eltham

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\*Area administered by Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council and Torbay Council



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# DISCUSSION

# FOR MORE INFORMATION...



- Stages 1-3 LAEP Project resources
  - [Case study](#)
  - [Report](#)
  - [What are we modelling and why webinar](#)
  - [Where are we at with RESP webinar](#)
- Ready for RESP [resources](#) and [e-learning](#) on Net Zero Go
- Lots more energy planning resources on [Net Zero Go](#), just search 'energy planning'

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