
Bath & North East Somerset Council

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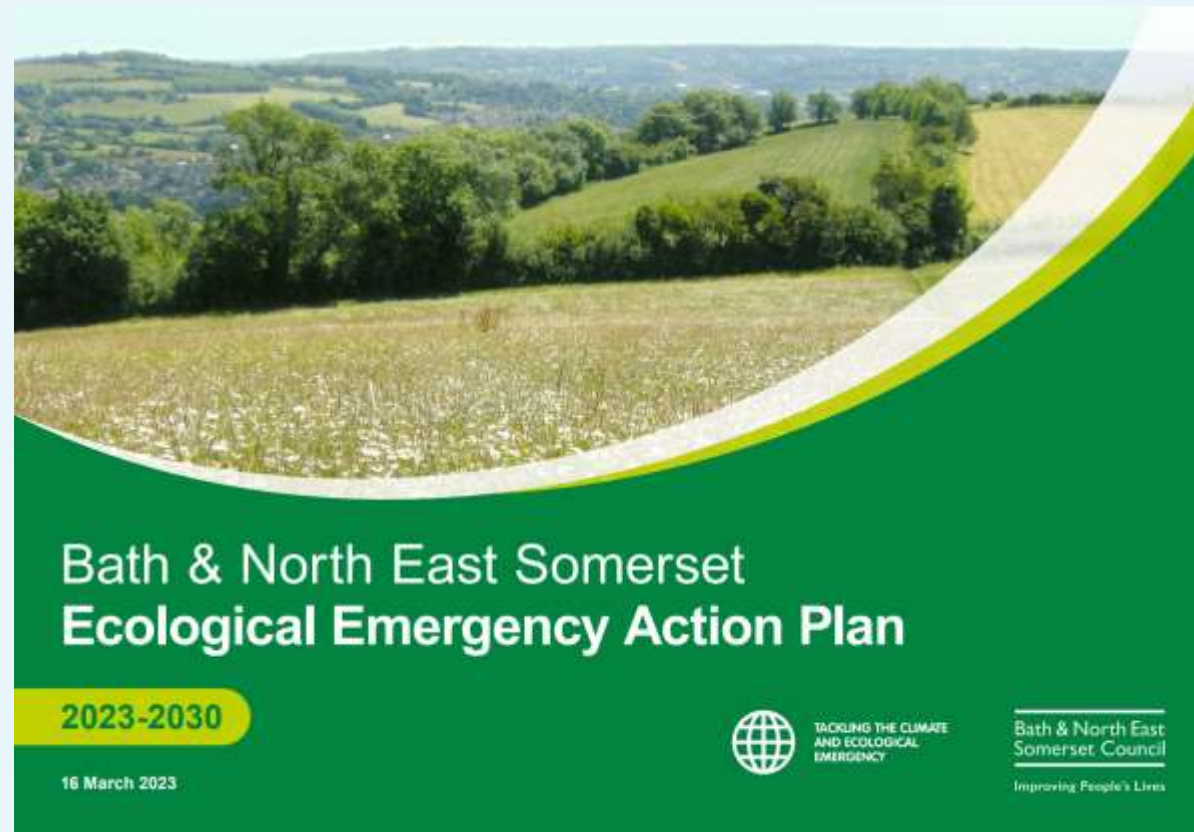
Local Authority & Community
Energy Collaboration

Councillor Oli Henman

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



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



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

We set out our four priorities for climate, with clear targets and a range of supporting actions...



Decarbonising
buildings



Decarbonising
transport



Increasing
renewable
energy
generation



Cut council
operational
carbon
emissions to
net zero by
2030

UK's first **Net Zero**
new build planning
policy in our LPPU

Targeting 65,000
residential
retrofits, via WECA
'Accelerator'

Reducing car use
by 25% by 2030.

95 public **EV**
charging points

£138m investment
in infrastructure

Targeting 300 MW
capacity by 2030

Support
renewables through
LPPU

Domestic solar PV
has doubled

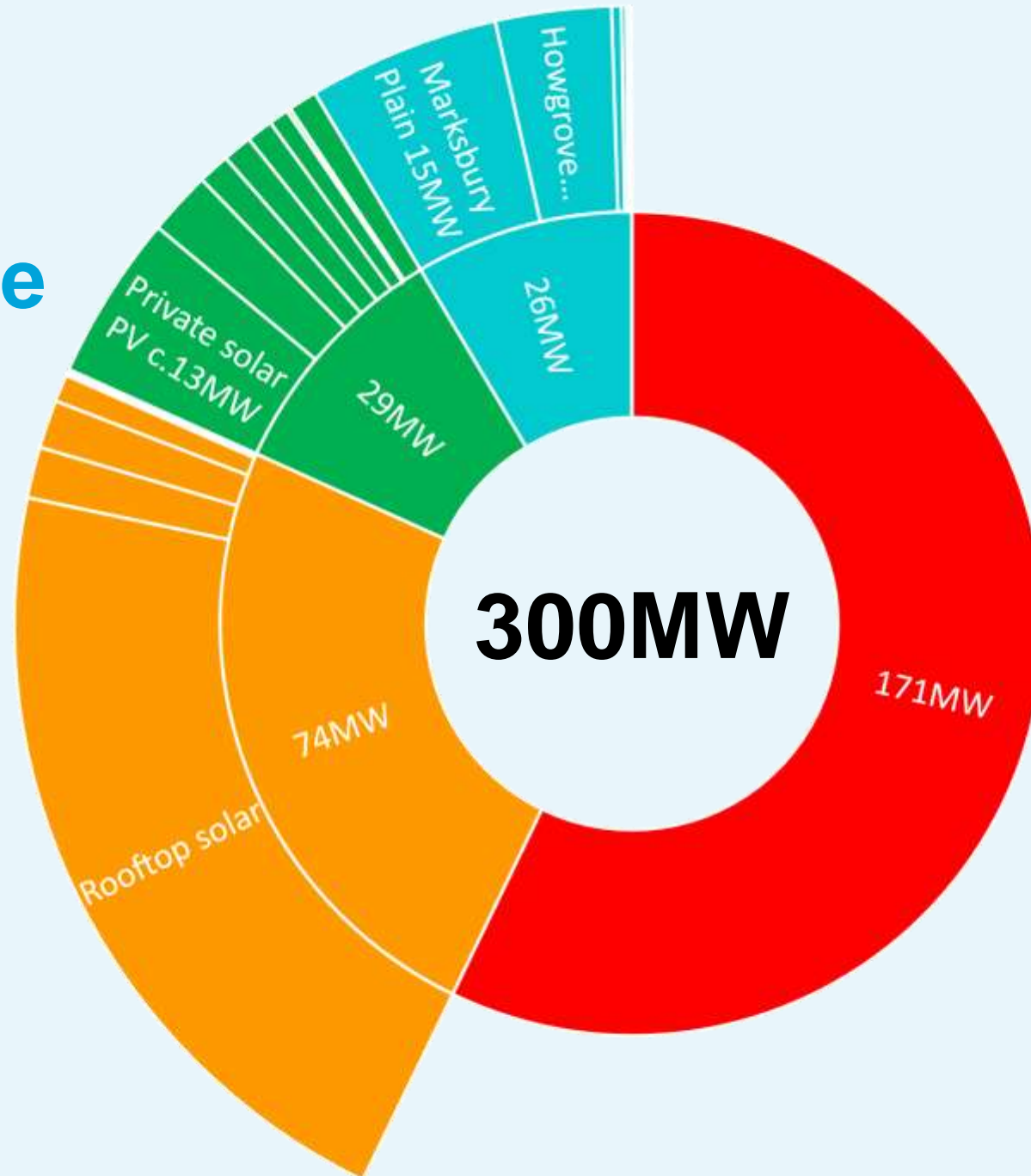
600 Solar Together
installations

Council estate
retrofit
programme

30 EVs in our
fleet, more planned

12MW target for
renewables on
B&NES estate

District Wide Renewable Energy Pipeline



Includes wind and solar sites not yet at planning application stage

KEY
INSTALLED
PIPELINE
KNOWN POTENTIAL PIPELINE
TO BE IDENTIFIED

Cooperation agreement

Pete Capener: *“Our partnership with Bath and North East Somerset Council has been a critical factor in Bath and West Community Energy's successful transition from a small voluntary organisation to one able to deliver large projects with an experienced and professional staff team.”*



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



BWCE local share ownership model. Surplus revenues c.£350,000 reinvested into the Community Fund to support local projects reducing carbon emissions and combating fuel poverty



New 5 year agreement signed in 2023 now better reflects the organisations' joint vision setting out how we will work together to develop and promote community owned energy



Non exclusive. Also working with Keynsham Community Energy towards refreshed agreement



Commitment to annual reporting

Enabling community energy

There is currently 9MW community owned renewables in BANES

B&NES Council has supported Bath and West Community Energy projects through a capital loan (e.g. Wilmington Farm, Old Mill Hotel hydro scheme)

Rent-a-roof scheme on schools

Lewis House Council Office



Wilmington farm

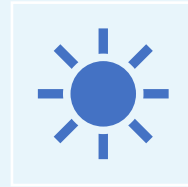
Enabling wider community energy



Local Plan Partial Update CP3 – community energy friendly & net zero new homes followed by emerging new Local Plan (2025). Safeguarding of wind sites proposed in Options Consultation



Exploring Joint Venture in which the Council co-invests in sites to help us reach our 300MW target for the District. This could be a sustainable income stream for the Council

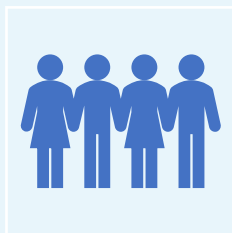


Exploring a Power Purchase Agreement with Bath and West Community Energy (1MW solar farm)

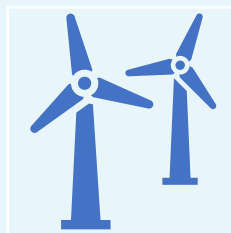


Quarterly meeting with NGED & BWCE re Distribution Future Energy Scenarios and local network development

Enabling wider community energy



Engaging with other
community energy
organisations



SIFFFT collaboration re
wind site feasibility with
Bristol Energy Network to
develop with a view to
handing over to the
community



Have offered a 'Demand
Aggregation Meter' to
enable setting up
of **Energy Local** club in
south Bath to utilise
spill from two community
rooftop solar
sites (c.300KWP)



Keynsham Community
Energy partnership for
rooftop solar at Keynsham
Leisure Centre

Community retrofit projects

Green Open Homes 2023

Partnership between,
Bath Preservation Trust, Transition Bath, Buro
Happold, B&NES Council and led by Bath & West
Community Energy

22 homeowners across Bath and Chew Valley showcased
energy saving measures, with 788 visits over one weekend

Positive feedback from visitors, with most saying they've
been inspired to plan energy efficiency improvements to
their own homes

Funding secured for further events in communities
throughout BANES this year. B&NES Council helping
to recruit 'champions' to run local events in their area.



Community retrofit projects

Green Heritage Homes

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

Aims to increase sensitive retrofitting of historic and listed buildings by growing knowledge and confidence among householders and professionals

'Level 0' pre-application advice service, to join up retrofit and conservation goals for B&NES. Detailed home energy assessments provided by Bath & West Community Energy.

Builds on B&NES's 'Energy Efficiency, Retrofitting and Sustainable Construction' Supplementary Planning Document





Energy Strategy

Bath & North East
Somerset Council

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Energy Strategy in development as part of update of Climate & Nature Strategy & Action Plan (2025)

Regional Climate Investment Plan to be developed with Bristol Council and SW Unitary Authorities as part of £5m Mission Net Zero Pathfinder project