

# The role of Local Authorities in Developing the Hydrogen Economy

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# The need for Public and Private Partnership



#### **Public Sector**

Demand generation Legal and regulatory framework Incentives for Hydrogen use / Commercial Models Share investment cost and technology risk Regional Value Chain

Support Planning and Permitting

Private Sector

Technology solutions Supply Chain Management Private Finance International experience Share investment cost and technology risk Planning and Permitting applications

# A National and Regional Approach

#### **UK Government**

The Climate Change Act 2008 Net Zero Target by 2050 Net Zero Strategy – Local Climate Action Chapter Energy bill?

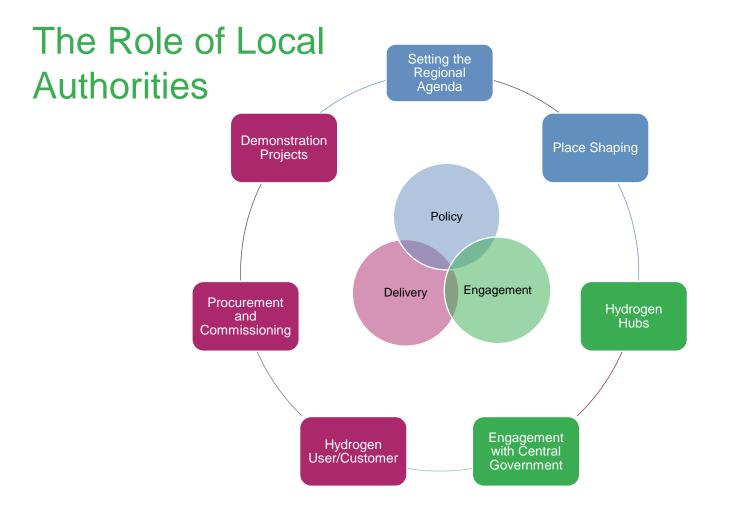
#### **BEIS/ DESNZ**

10GW Hydrogen Target by 2030 UK Hydrogen Strategy Hydrogen Investor Roadmap Net Zero Hydrogen Fund Agreement for the Low carbon Hydrogen Business model – Heads of Terms

#### **Authorities / Combined Authorities**

78% of LAs in England have declared a climate emergency 2/3 of Councils in England are aiming to be carbon neutral by 2030 Decarbonisation Plans / Climate Emergency Action Plans Local Net Zero Forum







## **Delivering in Practice**







### Redcar Hydrogen Comunity with Northern Gas Networks

#### **Direct Control / Asset Owners**

Opportunity to support on pilot projects for use of Hydrogen in heating on Local Authority estates – where necessary supporting schemes to replace/retrofit boilers to accommodate Hydrogen.

Local authorities also own fleets of heavy duty vehicles which could be converted to Hybrid/Hydrogen Fuel Cell technology.

#### Procurement and Commissioning

#### Local Government third Party Spend in 2020/21 was £64bn

Local Authorities place large contracts and purchases for external services for example in waste collection, street sweepers, fire engines etc.

Zero Emission Buses

#### Place Shaping Local planning authorities have powers or influence of 1/3 emissions in the their area

Use of statutory powers and duties to develop plans that connect transport, sustainable development and energy production/usage.

Increasing use of Local Area Energy Planning (LAEP) – a local approach to decarbonise energy systems

#### Partnership

Co-ordinated thinking across business, academic and the private sector.



## **Delivering in Practice**









#### Stakeholder Engagement

Using formal consultation processes to engage and communicate with communities to help support/facilitate Hydrogen projects

#### City Wide Plans

Opportunity to include/consider Hydrogen solutions through City Wide Plans in partnership with the Private sector

> e.g. Bristol City Leap

Identify and adapt successful business models in the market.

#### Links into Central Government Engaging with BEIS/DESNZ to support Hydrogen Projects

For example. use of cleaner hybrid/Hydrogen trains through local authority regions where cost of electrification is prohibitively high or supporting investment on mixed hydrogen heating schemes etc.

#### Feasibility Studies / Research Projects

Commissioning Feasibility Studies to study the potential of Hydrogen as an energy source for the region



# Local Authorities involved in hydrogen projects



# **Building on Progress**

Roll out of Local Area Energy Plans - to ensure Hydrogen opportunities are considered

Strategic review of Heavy Fleet Vehicles – refreshed on cyclical basis so forward planning required

Innovation is not enough. Projects need grant funding or be economically viable

Develop regional evidence base to support business cases/funding bids

Support infrastructure/pipeline upgrades/Hydrogen Ready

Ensure that leads for Hydrogen Projects are clear within the organisation

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