

York and North Yorkshire Climate Action Practitioners,

This month's info includes Government announcements, funding opportunities and consultations. Please send me anything you would like to share from your community of interest – or questions – for inclusion in the January circular. Thanks to everyone that has sent info this time.

1 Energy White Paper: Building on the Prime Minister's Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution, (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-outlines-his-ten-point-plan-for-a-green-industrial-revolution-for-250000-jobs>) **the Energy White Paper** sets out specific steps the government will take over the next decade to cut emissions from industry, transport, and buildings by 230 million metric tonnes – equivalent to taking 7.5 million petrol cars off the road permanently – while supporting hundreds of thousands of new green jobs. Click on this link for more info - [Government sets out plans for clean energy system and green jobs boom to build back greener](#)

2 News from the Climate Change Committee – 6th Carbon Budget. Under the original Climate Change Act, the UK pledged to cut net emissions by 80% by 2050. Now, it will need to deliver a 78% reduction by 2035 if it is to meet its long-term net-zero commitment. Meeting the Budget's requirements will require (amongst other things)

- all new cars, vans and replacement boilers to be zero-carbon in operation by the early 2030s. UK electricity production must then reach net-zero by 2035, and the majority of existing UK homes will need to be retrofitted in some way also.
- domestic low-carbon industries like nature restoration, green hydrogen production and carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) will be far larger.
- behaviour change including electric vehicle adoption and reducing demand for flights and red meat.
- Annually, the central government will need to allocate £50bn more to decarbonisation each year by 2030 than it did in 2019

The Budget contains several policy recommendations for creating the balanced pathway scenario. These include mandates to ensure that all new trucks sold by 2040 are low-carbon and that all boiler replacement are low-carbon and mainly electric by the early 2030s. Boris Johnson's [commitment to bring 40GW of offshore wind online by 2030](#) will need to be built upon with a commitment for the UK to host 100GW by 2050.

Ministers are also being urged to incentivise demand for low-carbon food, transportation and fuels and to disincentivise high-carbon alternatives; and to transform land use in the UK.

The CCC published [detailed recommendations on land use late last year](#). The Sixth Carbon Budget reiterated many facets of that plan, including the creation of 460,000 hectares of new mixed woodland by 2035 and a wide-scale approach to peatland restoration.

Full article : https://www.edie.net/news/9/Sixth-Carbon-Budget--UK-will-need-to-cut-emissions-by-78--by-2035-to-meet-net-zero/?utm_source=dailynewsletter,%20edie%20daily

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3 UN Emissions Gap Report 2020 – This The report finds that, despite a brief dip in carbon dioxide emissions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the world is still heading for a temperature rise in excess of 3°C this century – far beyond the Paris Agreement goals of limiting global warming to well below 2°C and pursuing 1.5°C.

However, a low-carbon pandemic recovery could cut 25 per cent off the greenhouse emissions expected in 2030, based on policies in place before COVID-19.

<https://www.unenvironment.org/emissions-gap-report-2020>

4 Ofgem has recently updated the Authority Guidance on the allocation of Energy Redress funds, allowing for projects that specifically support their decarbonisation agenda to be funded through the Energy Redress Scheme and they have now opened a **new Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund** .

The fund can award grants between £50,000 and £500,000 to projects that meet the following criteria:

- demonstrate measurable and lasting reductions in the carbon intensity of energy end use and accelerate the transition to net zero carbon
- show a realistic prospect of delivering broadly replicable benefits to existing and/or future energy consumers
- proved to be efficiently managed throughout the project

The closing date for applications is **5pm on Thursday 11 February 2021**.

<https://www.energyredress.org.uk/apply-funding>

5 Funding from the **Heritage Lottery Green recovery fund** has been announced – click the link below. There are some ‘local’ projects in York and North Yorkshire for you to connect with. It is anticipated that the funding will be repeated, so you can see the breadth of activity funded.

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/publications/green-recovery-challenge-fund-decisions-first-round>

6 Support for SMES in YNY - The LEP is hosting a programme of free **circular economy** audits and support for SMES – B2B and B2C in York and North Yorkshire.

Launching in Feb 2021, the LEP is piloting circular economy support for B2B and B2C SMEs across York & North Yorkshire. The pilot programme will support 20 SMEs identify circular economy opportunities for their business, develop action plans and undertake carbon footprint analysis of their products/services. This includes

1. Energy savings
2. Waste cost reductions
3. Efficiency and productivity increase

4. Brand recognition as standout and sustainable
5. Product purpose, customer trust
6. Business resilience

If there are any businesses that you think would be interested in the free support, please pass / refer these on to the consultants, Oakdene Hollins. For further info please see [here](#).

<https://www.oakdenehollins.com/sme-circularity>

7 Christmas Homework! Most Local Authorities are considering their budget allocations and holding **budget consultations**. This is an opportunity for communities to comment on how the next year's budget will be spent and what are their local priorities. The links following are for North Yorkshire Count Council and City of York, <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/our-challenge-your-services-your-say-budget-consultation> or <https://www.york.gov.uk/budget> and there will be consultations for all the District Authorities as well on their respective websites.

8. If you are representing a Local Authority, you may be interested in this group - **UK100** is the only network for UK locally elected leaders who have pledged to play their part in the global effort to avoid the worst impacts of climate change by switching to 100% clean energy by 2050 and the Net Zero Local Leadership Club - are doing everything within their power to get their communities to Net Zero as soon as possible, and by 2045 at the latest. To accelerate the transition to this Net Zero society, UK100 brings together local authorities, from cities to the countryside, to share knowledge, collaborate, and petition the UK government with their collective power.

<https://www.uk100.org/about>

9. City of York have launched their **E Scooters** and they are out an about on York's streets! See attached picture and you'll need to download the app (search 'tier escooter' in apple/google store) to ride them and it will show you where they are currently allowed.

10. **Northern Powergrid - A Net Zero Energy Future for the North - Building our Plans for 2023-2028**

Do you have an interest in shaping the future of energy in the North? We believe the North has a critical role to play in the future of energy as we transition to a low carbon, decentralised and much more active network. We are excited about the challenge that lies ahead for our business and the opportunity that we have to make a difference to our region in enabling the transition to a carbon-free society. **Join us at our annual summit** to find out how we are developing plans for a low-carbon future – and to discuss your questions with our experts. The details are:

Date: Thursday 28th January 2021, Time: 09:30 – 13:00, Location: Virtual Conference

11 **Local Energy Newsletter** – direct from Business Energy and Industrial Strategy. See attached. The webinar programme has passed by now, but if you are interested in those topics, I am sure you

could watch recordings.

12 Finally.... Some tips from colleagues for a **sustainable Christmas** for you to share and distribute. See attached docs on reducing and recycling from NYCC.

<https://friendsoftheearth.uk/about/21-ecofriendly-christmas-tips>

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/article/how-cut-back-waste-home-christmas>

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We're leading the change to a circular economy, aiming to become the UK's first carbon negative, circular region. To find out more visit [Circular Yorkshire](#).

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Business Guidance: ynygrowthhub.com/how-we-can-help/coronavirus/

For more information on the work of the LEP visit businessinspiredgrowth.com

To find help for business owners visit ynygrowthhub.com

To find out more about Grow Yorkshire please visit growyorkshire.co.uk