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Date: 31 March 2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a virtual meeting of the **CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OSC** to be held on **MONDAY, 12 APRIL 2021** at **10.00 AM**.

Please note this will be a “virtual meeting” that will be streamed live on our Youtube channel at [youtube.com/NorthumberlandTV](https://www.youtube.com/NorthumberlandTV)

Yours faithfully

Daljit Lally
Chief Executive

To Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC members as follows:-

D Bawn (Chair), L Grimshaw (Vice-Chair), J Beynon, T Cessford, K Parry, M Robinson, G Roughead, Seymour, E Simpson and I Swithenbank

Any member of the press or public may view the proceedings of this virtual meeting live on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/NorthumberlandTV>. Members of the press and public may tweet, blog etc during the live broadcast as they would be able to during a regular Committee meeting. However, the only participants in the virtual meeting will be the Councillors concerned and the officers advising the Committee.



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AGENDA

PART I

It is expected that the matters included in this part of the agenda will be dealt with in public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES

(Pages 1
- 4)

Minutes of the meetings of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC held on 8 March 2021, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest) they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 4 July 2012, and are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature (as defined under paragraph 17 of the Code Conduct) they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. NB Any member needing clarification must contact Legal Services, on 01670 623324. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this agenda letter.

OVERVIEW

4. ADVANCED PROPULSION CENTRE UK

(Pages 5
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The Chairman has invited representatives from Automotive Transformation to give a presentation introducing the work of the Advanced Propulsion Centre which seeks to make the UK a centre of excellence for the research, development and production of low carbon propulsion technology. (Presentation enclosed as **Appendix A**).

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COORDINATOR

5. CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MONITORING REPORT

(Pages
31 - 40)

The Committee is asked to review and note its work over the 2019/21 council year. (Report enclosed as **Appendix B**).

6. URGENT BUSINESS

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chair, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

PART II

It is expected that matters included in this part of the Agenda will be dealt with in private. Reports referred to are enclosed for members and officers only, coloured pink and marked "Not for Publication".

7. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee is invited to consider passing the following resolution:

- (a) That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the Agenda as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act, and
- (b) That the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure for the following reasons:-

Agenda Items	Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A
8	3 - Contains information relating to business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
AND	The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the interest in disclosure because it contains confidential information which is subject to commercial Non-Disclosure Agreements and because disclosure could adversely affect the business reputation or confidence in the person/organisation, and could adversely affect commercial revenue.
9	3 - Contains information relating to business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
AND	The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the interest in disclosure because it contains confidential information disclosure of which could adversely affect the business reputation or confidence in the person/organisation, and could adversely affect commercial revenue.

8. MINUTES

Confidential minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC held on 8 March 2021, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

REPORT OF RECOMMENDATION TO CABINET

9. BORDERLANDS INCLUSIVE GROWTH DEAL

At the meeting of the Committee on 8 February 2021, the OSC considered the above report prior to its determination by Cabinet on the following day. This briefing note reports on how the Cabinet dealt with an additional recommendation made by the Committee. (Briefing note enclosed for information only as **Appendix C**).

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST AT THIS MEETING, PLEASE:

- Declare it and give details of its nature before the matter is discussion or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- Complete this sheet and pass it to the Democratic Services Officer.

Name (please print):
Meeting:
Date:
Item to which your interest relates:
Nature of Registerable Personal Interest i.e either disclosable pecuniary interest (as defined by Annex 2 to Code of Conduct or other interest (as defined by Annex 3 to Code of Conduct) (please give details):
Nature of Non-registerable Personal Interest (please give details):
Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?

1. Registerable Personal Interests – You may have a Registerable Personal Interest if the issue being discussed in the meeting:

a) relates to any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (as defined by Annex 1 to the Code of Conduct); or

b) any other interest (as defined by Annex 2 to the Code of Conduct)

The following interests are Disclosable Pecuniary Interests if they are an interest of either you or your spouse or civil partner:

(1) Employment, Office, Companies, Profession or vocation; (2) Sponsorship; (3) Contracts with the Council; (4) Land in the County; (5) Licences in the County; (6) Corporate Tenancies with the Council; or (7) Securities - interests in Companies trading with the Council.

The following are other Registerable Personal Interests:

(1) any body of which you are a member (or in a position of general control or management) to which you are appointed or nominated by the Council; (2) any body which (i) exercises functions of a public nature or (ii) has charitable purposes or (iii) one of whose principal purpose includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member (or in a position of general control or management); or (3) any person from whom you have received within the previous three years a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of more than £50 which is attributable to your position as an elected or co-opted member of the Council.

2. Non-registerable personal interests - You may have a non-registerable personal interest when you attend a meeting of the Council or Cabinet, or one of their committees or sub-committees, and you are, or ought reasonably to be, aware that a decision in relation to an item of business which is to be transacted might reasonably be regarded as affecting your well being or financial position, or the well being or financial position of a person described below to a greater extent than most inhabitants of the area affected by the decision.

The persons referred to above are: (a) a member of your family; (b) any person with whom you have a close association; or (c) in relation to persons described in (a) and (b), their employer, any firm in which they are a partner, or company of which they are a director or shareholder.

3. Non-participation in Council Business

When you attend a meeting of the Council or Cabinet, or one of their committees or sub-committees, and you are aware that the criteria set out below are satisfied in relation to any matter to be considered, or being considered at that meeting, you must : (a) Declare that fact to the meeting; (b) Not participate (or further participate) in any discussion of the matter at the meeting; (c) Not participate in any vote (or further vote) taken on the matter at the meeting; and (d) Leave the room whilst the matter is being discussed.

The criteria for the purposes of the above paragraph are that: (a) You have a registerable or non-registerable personal interest in the matter which is such that a member of the public knowing the relevant facts would reasonably think it so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest; **and either** (b) the matter will affect the financial position of yourself or one of the persons or bodies referred to above or in any of your register entries; **or** (c) the matter concerns a request for any permission, licence, consent or registration sought by yourself or any of the persons referred to above or in any of your register entries.

This guidance is not a complete statement of the rules on declaration of interests which are contained in the Members' Code of Conduct. If in any doubt, please consult the Monitoring Officer or relevant Democratic Services Officer before the meeting.

Agenda Item 2

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

At a remote meeting of the **Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held on Monday, 8 March 2021 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Councillor D Bawn
(Chair in the Chair)

COUNCILLORS

Beynon, J.
Cessford, T.
Grimshaw, L.
Parry, K.
Robinson, M.

Roughead, G.
Seymour, C.
Simpson, E.
Swithenbank, I.C.F.

ALSO PRESENT

Bridgett, S.C.
Dickinson, S.
Dungworth, S.

Oliver, N.
Sanderson, G.
Wearmouth, R.

OFFICERS

Angus, K.

Bridges, A.
Hadfield, K.

Lally, D.
Masson, N.
McLoughlin, J.

Nicholson, S.
Roll, J.

Smith, H.

Executive Director of HR and OD
and Deputy Chief Executive
Head of Communications
Democratic and Electoral Services
Manager
Chief Executive
Deputy Monitoring Officer
Executive Director, Commercial,
Regeneration and Economy
Scrutiny Coordinator
Head of Democratic and Electoral
Services
Regeneration Programmes and
External Funding Manager

94. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC held on 5 February 2021 and 8 February 2021, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

95. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Robinson disclosed an interest in respect of items 8 and 9 on the agenda.

96. FORWARD PLAN OF CABINET DECISIONS

RESOLVED that the latest Forward Plan of key decisions be noted (Schedule attached to the signed minutes as **Appendix A**).

97. REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COORDINATOR

Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme and Monitoring Report

RESOLVED that the work programme for the 2019/21 council year be noted (Report attached to the signed minutes as **Appendix B**).

98. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

- (a) That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act, and
- (b) That the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure for the following reasons:-

Agenda Item Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A

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that information).

AND The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure because disclosure could adversely affect the business reputation or confidence in the person/organisation, and could adversely affect commercial revenue.

Councillors Robinson and Wearmouth left the meeting. The Chair advised that he would take item 9 on the agenda first.

CALL-IN

99. CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S151 OFFICER

Financial Support to Advance Northumberland

The Democratic Services Manager had received a call in of the decision taken by the Cabinet on 23 February 2021 in respect of the above report. Call in notice attached to the signed minutes as **Appendix D**, coloured pink and marked Not for Publication).

Councillor Dickinson explained the reasons for the call in. He was supported in his presentation by Councillors Grimshaw and Dungworth.

Councillor Sanderson, Leader of the Council, responded to the points raised and clarified the position regarding funding which would be confirmed by the Cabinet the following day.

Councillor Grimshaw proposed, seconded by Councillor Parry, that the call in be accepted. On this being put to the vote, there voted FOR: 4; AGAINST:4. The Chair then exercised his casting vote AGAINST the motion.

The Chair then proposed, seconded by Councillor Beynon, that the call in be rejected. On this being put to the vote, there voted FOR: 4; AGAINST:4. The Chair then exercised his casting vote FOR the motion.

Councillor Roughead did not take part in the vote as his connection to the meeting had been lost during the debate.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the call in be rejected.

Councillor Wearmouth returned to the meeting. The members involved in the call in then left the meeting.

SCRUTINY OF CABINET REPORT

100. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMY

Northumberland Energy Park Phase3 Site at East Sleekburn – Delegated Arrangements for Purchase and Onward Resale

The report updated Cabinet on the ongoing work being undertaken to enable the Council to make a decision on whether it wished to proceed with the purchase of the Northumberland Energy Park Phase 3 (NEP3) site from RWE (Report attached to the signed minutes as **Appendix C**, coloured pink and marked Not for Publication).

Councillor Wearmouth provided members with some background to the report, and the Executive Director of Commercial, Regeneration and Economy detailed the main points of the report for members. The preference in the report was for Option one and the recommendations in the report covered all eventualities.

Members raised a number of points and sought clarification regarding issues arising from the report.

The Chair summarised the view of the Committee that the recommendations be accepted as written, with a strong favour for Option one and if it became clear that this could not be achieved, then a further Cabinet meeting be called to consider other options.

RESOLVED that the Committee advise the Cabinet that it supports the recommendations in the report, subject to the clarification above.

Chair _____

Date _____

Automotive Transformation

A UK Opportunity & Imperative

Ian Constance – Chief Executive Officer

Julian Hetherington - Director, Automotive Transformation

Introduction to the APC

Ian Constance- Chief Executive Officer

The current situation...

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The UK has a significant automotive supply chain which needs to continue to pivot into greener technology if we are to maintain and grow skilled jobs in the UK



Meeting the UK's 2050 commitments will require continued effort to reduce the emissions of the UK transport sector

Today, transport offers the most significant opportunity to reduce UK emissions



transport as a whole accounts for 28% of UK GHG emissions



almost double the amount produced by UK homes

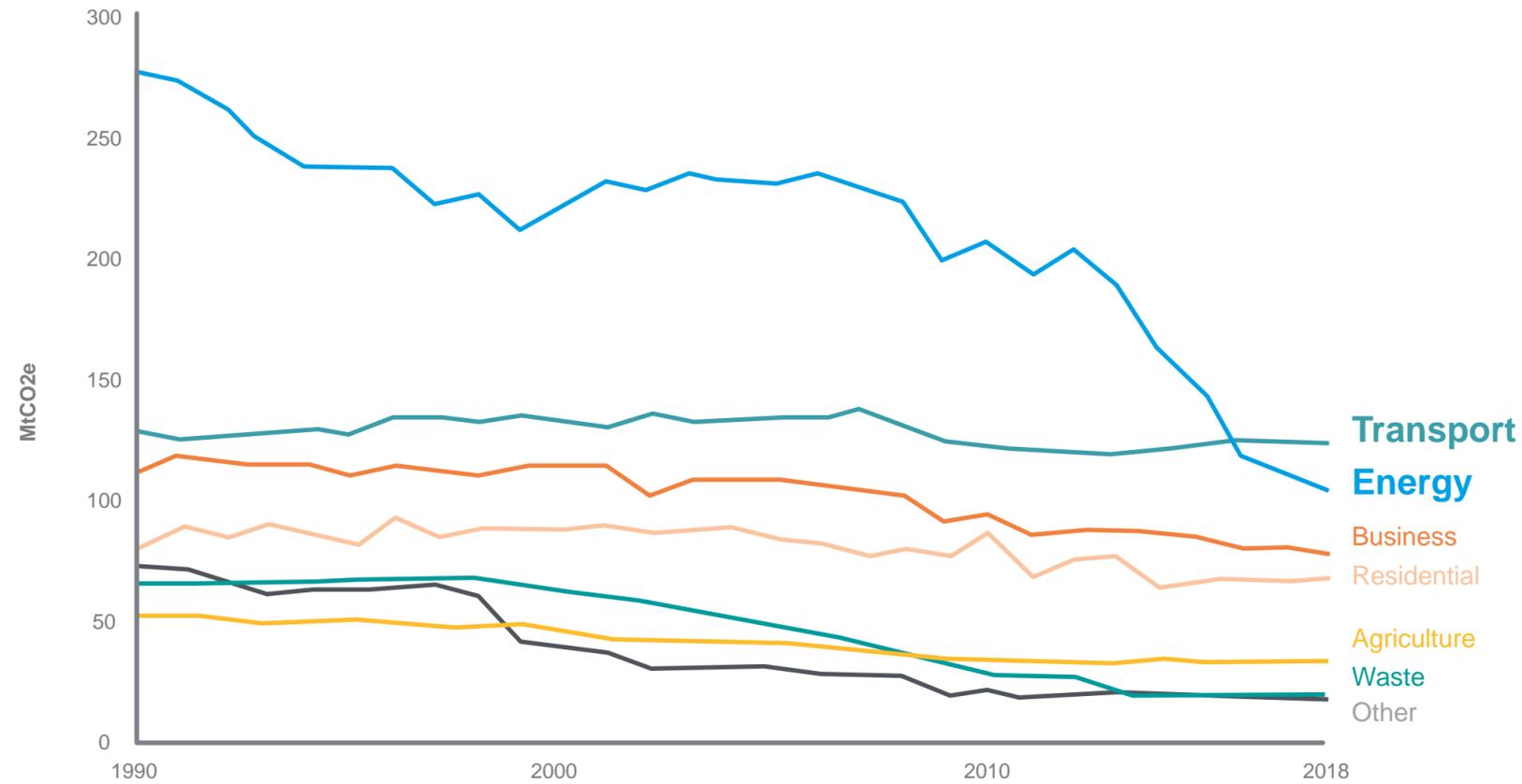


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The vehicle development cycle in the next 10 years will affect our emissions output for a nearly a quarter of a century

We need to act to keep up

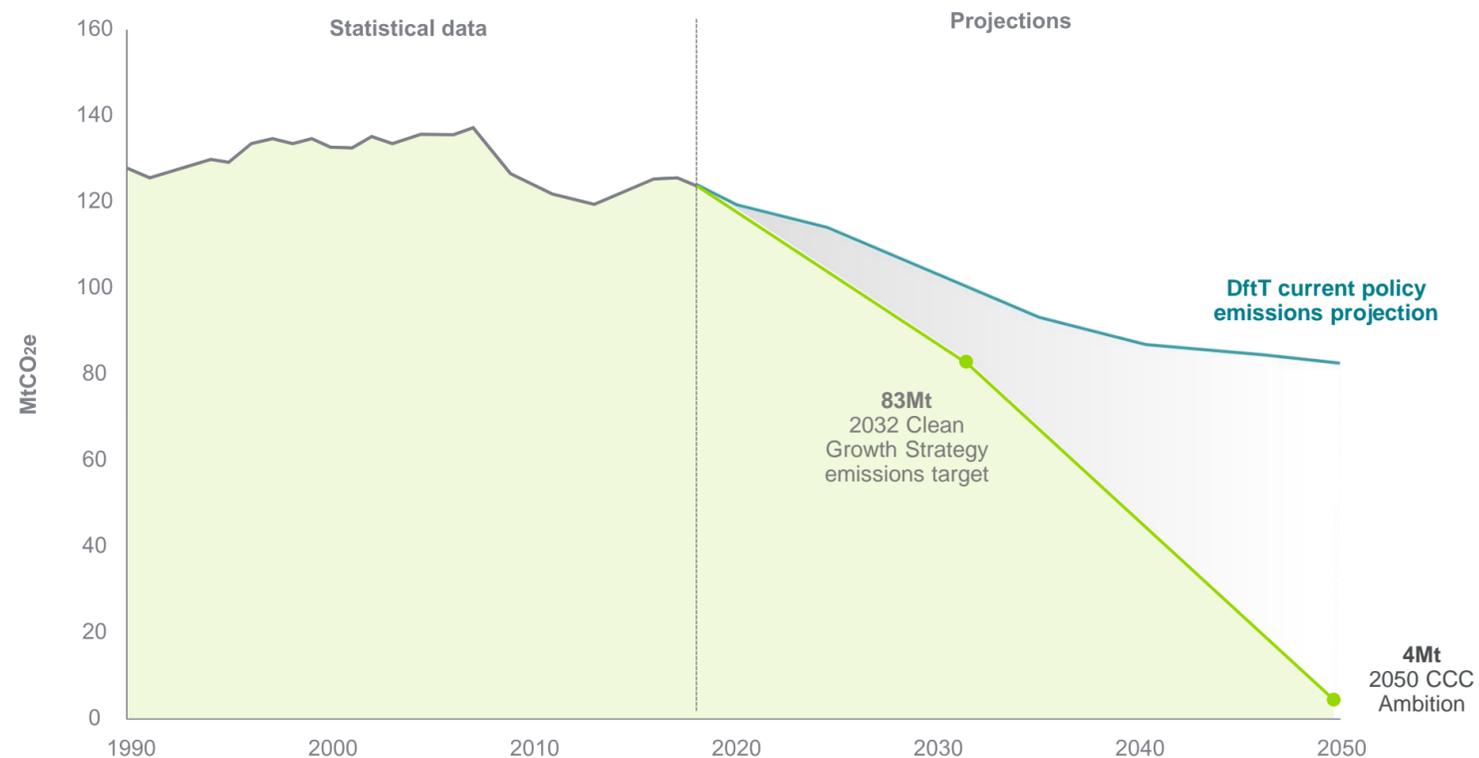
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Over the last 30 years transport has lagged behind in reducing CO2 emissions compared to energy production

The work supported through Blyth on offshore wind has helped the energy sector significantly

The pace of change required to achieve net zero is huge



If we are to achieve net zero we need to support the transition to low carbon automotive technology

SINCE 2013 THE APC HAS PLAYED A UNIQUE ROLE



Offering expertise and cutting edge knowledge

With industry experience over many years



Identifying where investment will be most effective

Mapping the future development opportunities in low carbon technologies



Creating a national network to leverage University expertise

6 Technology Spokes giving industry access to leading University facilities and academics



Building project consortia

To accelerate the development of the next generation of low carbon technologies



Ensuring match-funding support is well spent

Using a comprehensive and competitive process to identify the strongest prospects



Supporting key low carbon initiatives

Accelerating additional development in battery and autonomous vehicle technology



DELIVERING SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT



110+
low carbon
projects

290+
project partners

40,000+
Jobs created /
safeguarded

225 million+
tonnes of
CO₂ savings

1 million+
vehicles use
APC-funded technology



Automotive Transformation Fund

Julian Hetherington- Automotive
Transformation Director

Automotive is a strategically important industry in the UK



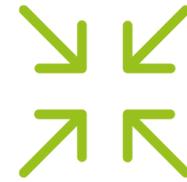
People

59,000+

Engineering and
manufacturing apprentices

823,000+

People employed in the UK
automotive industry



UK exports

1.2m

Vehicles made in the UK

80%

Of cars made in the UK
are exported

160

Export destination
countries

~1.2m

UK-made engines exported
each year



Manufacturers

£3.75 billion

Spent annually on research
and development

8 Major premium and sports car manufacturers

6 Mainstream car manufacturers

4 Commercial vehicle manufacturers

8 Bus and coach manufacturers

60+ Specialist vehicle manufacturers

9 Engine manufacturers



Automotive Transformation Fund

Launched in July 2020

- ▶ Secure the transformation to electrification of the UK automotive sector at pace
- ▶ Capital investment support for factory equipment, land, buildings and set-up costs
- ▶ Support for economic & technical compatibility feasibility studies leading to industrial investment
- ▶ Complements ongoing R&D project support programmes through regular APC competitions



Automotive Transformation Fund

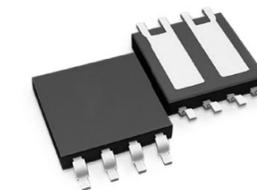
Supporting industrialisation and scale-up of:



Batteries



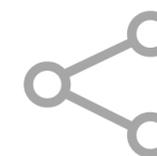
Motors &
Drives



Power Electronics



Fuel Cells



Supply Chain

How we can help – a customised package of support



Understanding the opportunity



Building partnerships and finding customers



Building your project proposal



Securing facilities and finance



Building the team



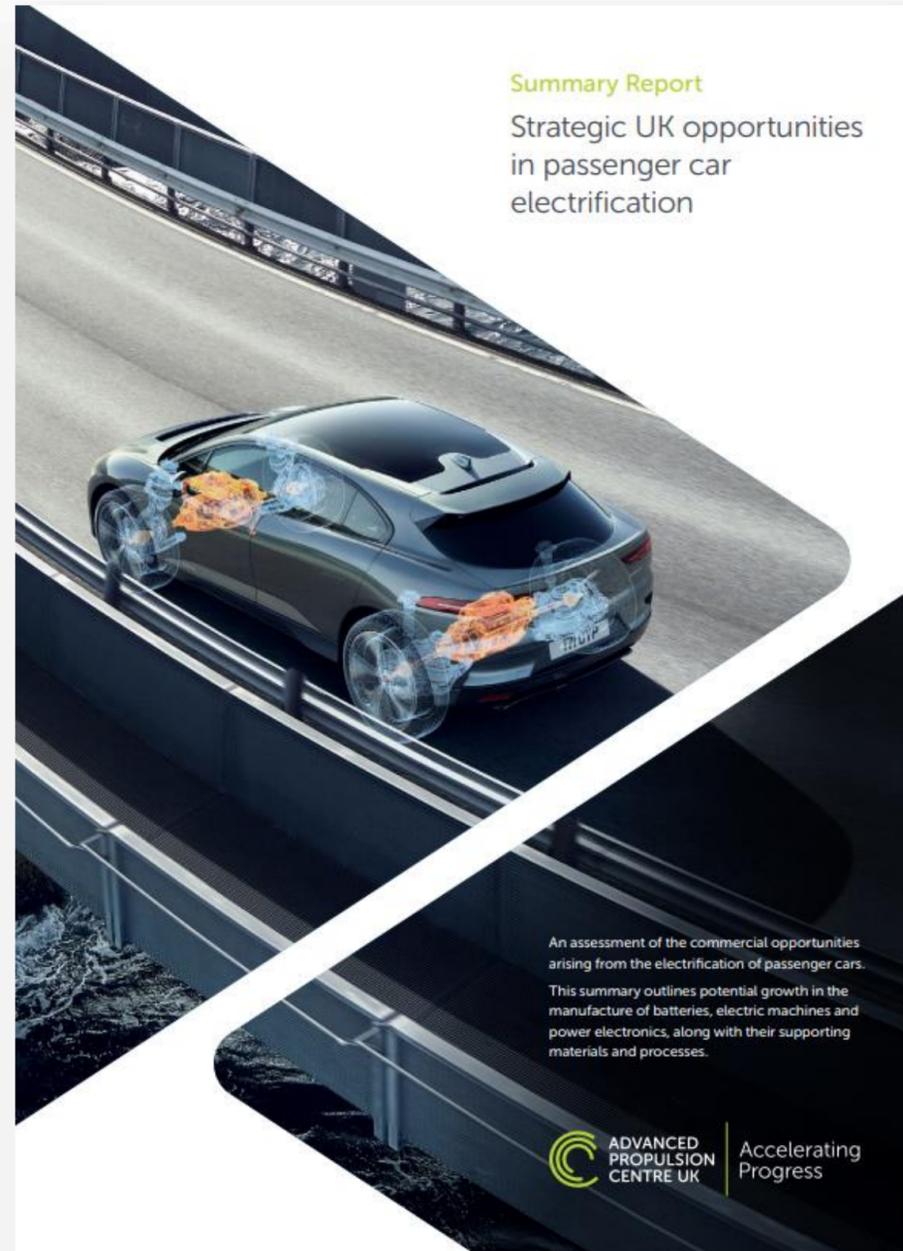
Innovating for the future



Succeeding for the long term

Why are Gigafactories important?

Passenger car report



Area
of focus

UK opportunity for
electrification of
passenger cars

Report
timeframe

5 years

Value of
opportunity

£24bn

£24 billion represents the serviceable available market across 12 opportunities considering geographic access for UK-based manufacturers

Split into three key technology areas



£2bn

Electric machines

- Magnet manufacturing
- Electrical steel
- Electrical machine assembly and testing

£12bn

Batteries



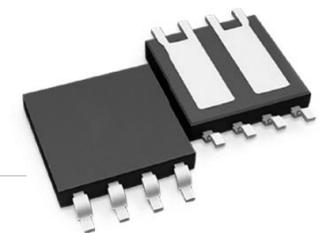
- Cathode materials refining
- Cathode manufacturing
- Anode manufacturing
- Electrolyte manufacturing
- Cell assembly
- Battery pack components



£10bn

Power electronics

- Semiconductors
- Sensors
- High-performance passive components



Automotive Sector and the UK-EU Trade & Cooperation Agreement

On December 24th the UK and the EU reached an agreement relating to trade and other matters of cooperation

“The UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement”

It set out the terms for free trade and some other areas of cooperation

- The TCA contains some specific criteria for qualification of goods as ‘originating’ for EVs and their supply chains
- Bilateral cumulation for input materials (UK-EU) is allowed, but there are no trilateral cumulation provisions



To export vehicles from the UK to the EU27 tariff-free they must contain a certain level of local content

- That content may be from the UK or the EU27
- The requirements get tougher over two transitional steps in 2024 and 2027
- Localised batteries for EVs become prescribed content



Batteries represent 30-40% of the value of an EV - more than twice the value of a conventional engine

- Engines, gearbox and driveline manufacturing employ around 160,000 people in the UK – we must replace these jobs in the EV component space

Rules of Origin summary

▶ To export BEV/PHEV vehicles to the EU tariff-free after 2026 the batteries must be produced in the UK/EU27

▶ To export BEV/PHEV vehicles tariff-free after 2023 to **achieve the local content threshold, in practical terms** the batteries must be produced in the UK/EU27

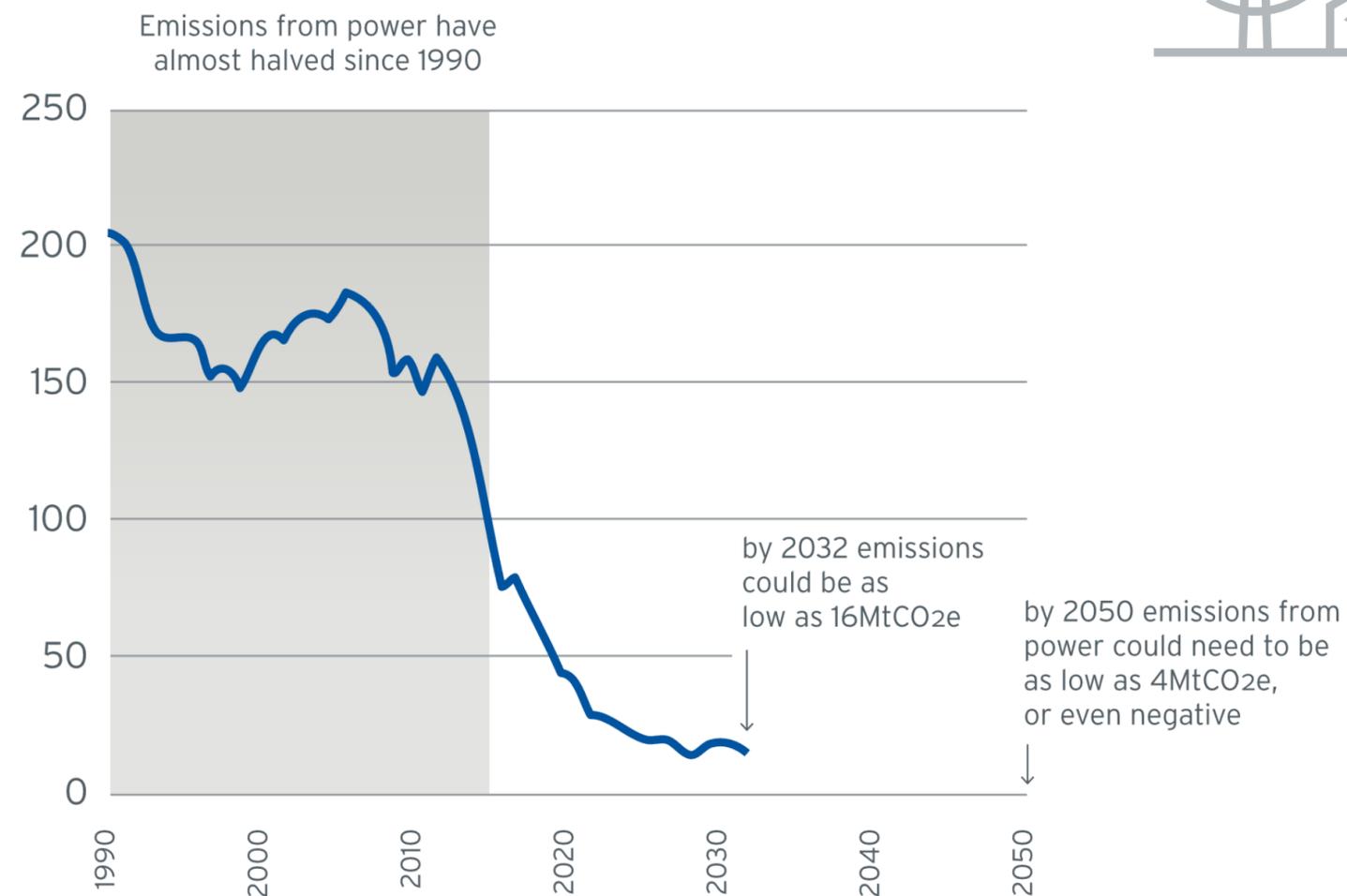
▶ The UK supply chain for battery chemicals will need to be developed

	1 st January 2021 – 31 st December 2023	1 st January 2024 – 31 st December 2026	1 st January 2027 onwards
Electric battery cells	70% maximum non-originating material allowance Or Change in tariff heading	50% maximum non-originating material allowance Or Change in tariff heading except from non-originating active cathode materials	35% maximum non-originating material allowance Or Change in tariff heading except from non-originating active cathode materials
Electric battery packs	70% maximum non-originating material allowance Or Change in tariff sub-heading Or Assembly from non-originating cells or battery modules	40% maximum non-originating material allowance Or Change in tariff heading except from non-originating active cathode materials	30% maximum non-originating material allowance Or Change in tariff heading except from non-originating active cathode materials
Electric vehicles (HEVs, PHEVs, BEVs)	60% maximum non-originating material allowance	55% maximum non-originating material allowance	45% maximum non-originating material allowance + originating battery for PHEVs and BEVs

Source: BEIS ROO Public Explainer, Jan 2021

The UK leads the G20 for long-term low carbon transition

Projected power sector emissions (MtCO₂e)



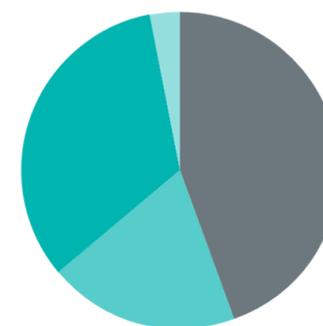
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MtCO₂e

Source: PWC Low Carbon Economy Index 2018

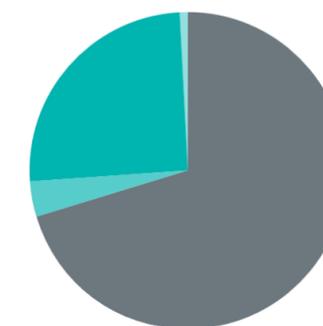
Source: UK Gov. Clean Growth Strategy

Projected power sector emissions 2019



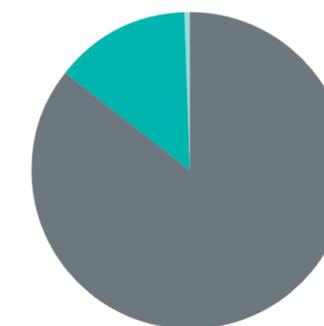
UK

- 47% Fossil
- 53% Fossil free
- 29% Renewable
- 21% Nuclear
- 3% Other



China

- 70% Fossil
- 30% Fossil free
- 25% Renewable
- 4% Nuclear
- 1% Other



Poland

- 85% Fossil
- 15% Fossil free
- 14% Renewable
- 0% Nuclear
- 1% Other

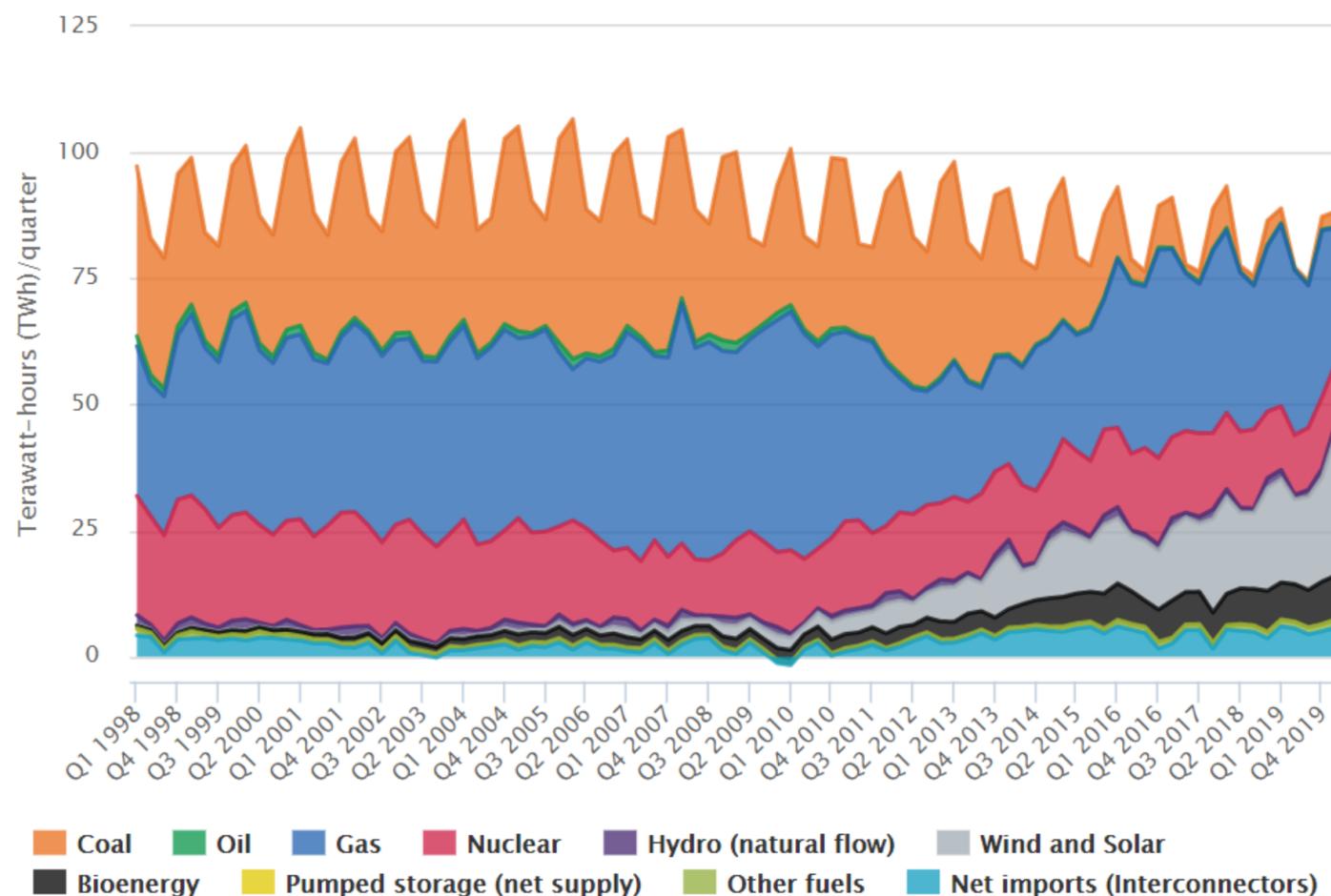
Source: Global Energy Storage and Electric Vehicles, 2019, Bernstein Research

Electricity mix and renewables

- The UK has a robust distribution grid which is rapidly decarbonising
- Blyth, for example, can offer connection capacities of up to 480MVA
- We have significant onshore and offshore wind generation capacity, and growing
- As of 2021, coal has now virtually been phased out as a means of generation (<1%)
- ~75-80% low carbon generation (March 2021)
- Interconnectors (including with Norway in 2021 to utilise pumped hydro) guarantee stable supply into an increasingly renewable grid

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Electricity generation mix by quarter and fuel source (GB)



Source: BEIS Energy trends section 5: Electricity (ET 5.1).
Information correct as of: October 2020

This chart shows quarterly totals of electricity generation by technology type for the GB National Electricity Transmission System, as well as net imports.

Cost needs to be addressed for this industry



A standard Distribution Network Operator (DNO) supply and industrial tariff sets the UK at a disadvantage



Sites such as Blyth offer the opportunity for grid-connected 'Private DNO' arrangements for high energy use industry clusters with connected renewable generation & storage

- Wind energy
- Solar PV (e.g. on large factory roof)
- Battery connected storage

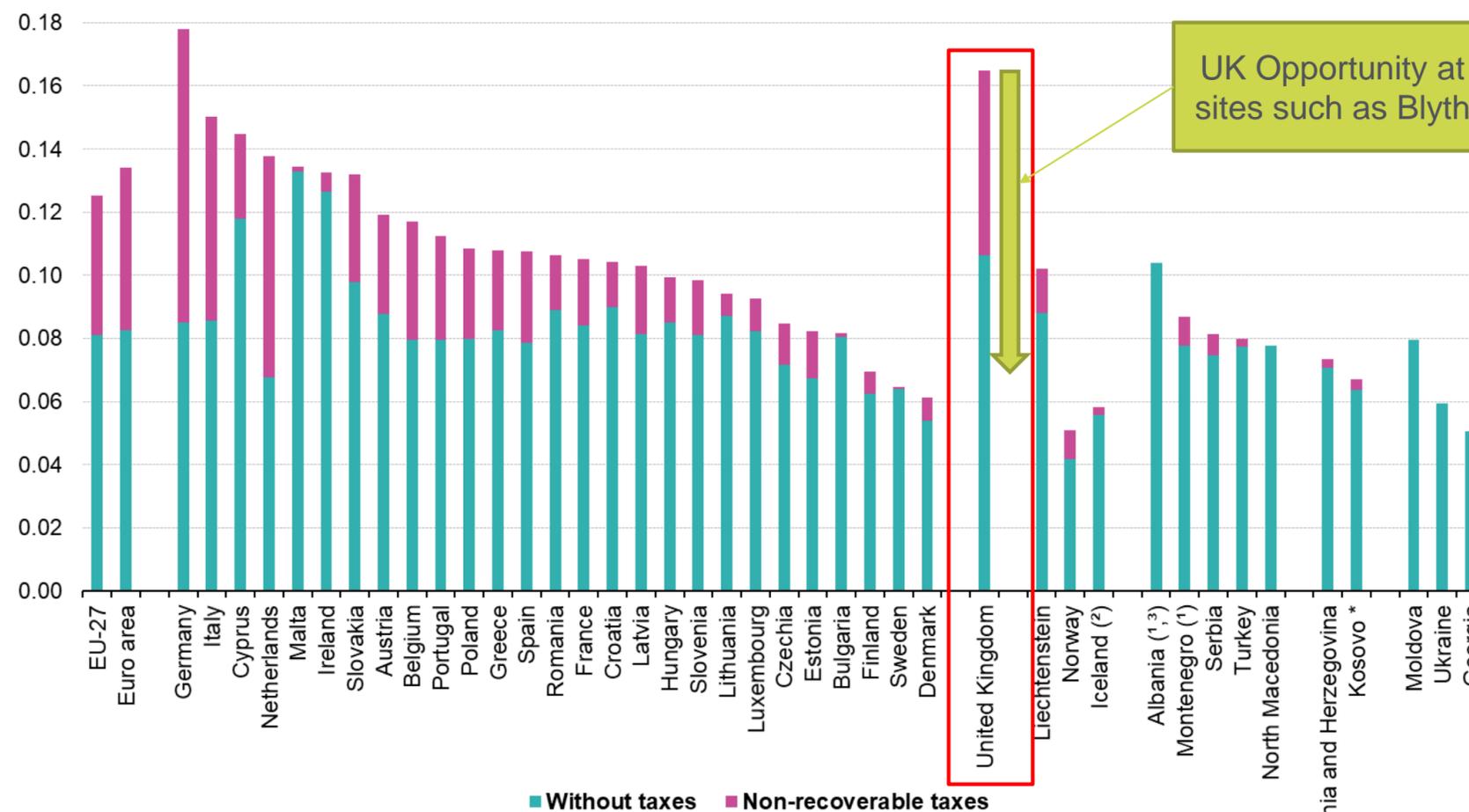


This can substantially reduce the cost of energy to more competitive levels



This is needed to avoid 'carbon leakage' – effectively exporting pollution to dirtier but cheaper countries

Electricity prices for non-household consumers, first half 2020
(EUR per kWh)



(1) 2019 Semester 1 data.

(2) 2019 Semester 2 data.

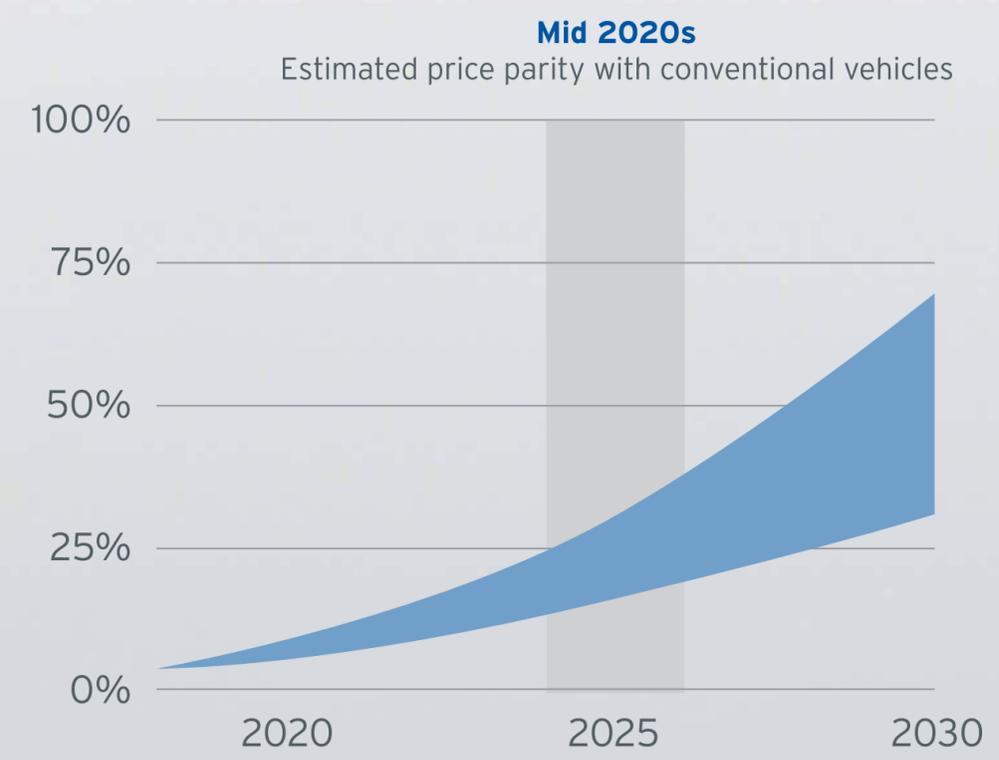
(3) estimation.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

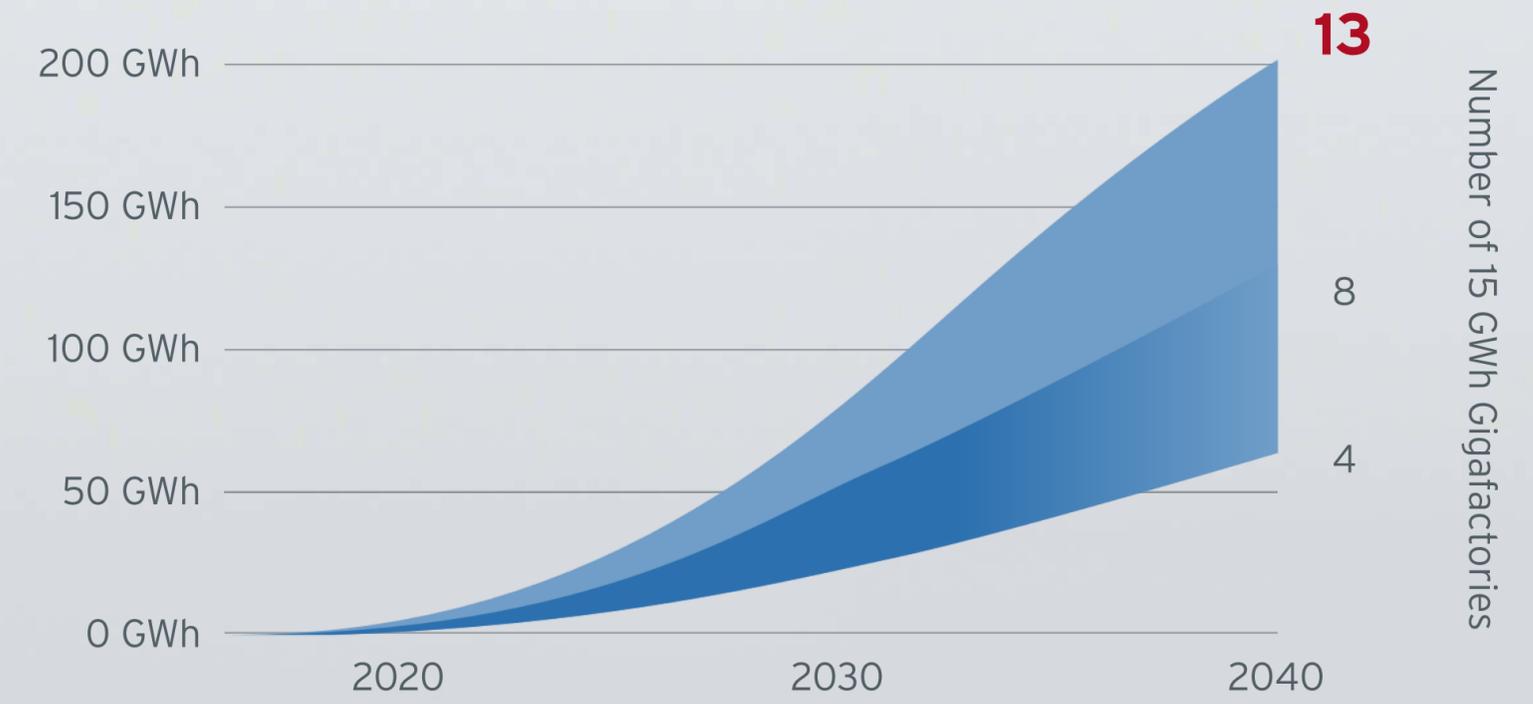
Source: Eurostat (online data codes: nrg_pc_205)

We are decarbonising and electrifying

EV demand curve from *Road to Zero*



Demand for batteries in the UK



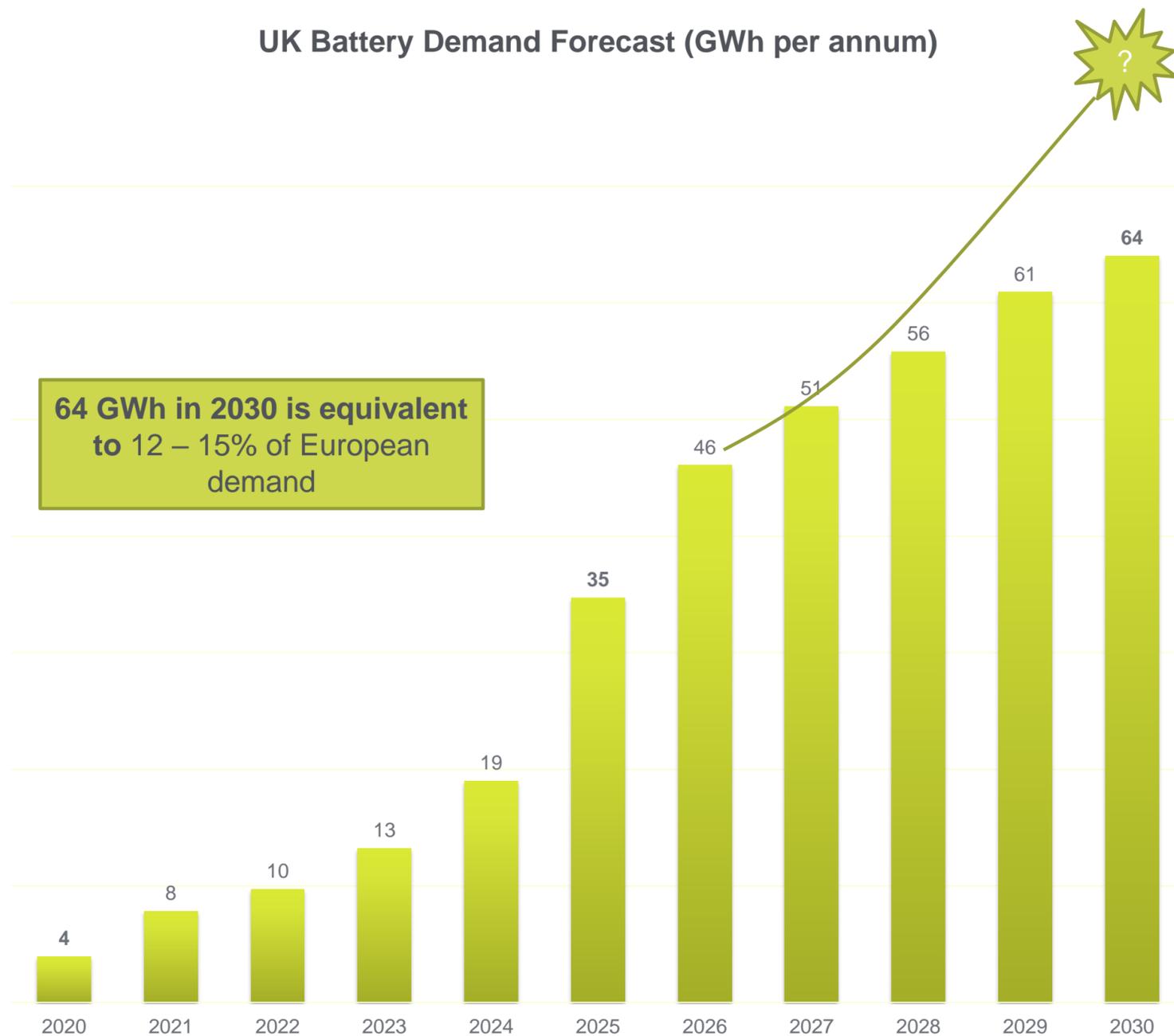
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Source: UK Electric Vehicle and Battery Production Potential to 2040, Executive Summary March 2019, The Faraday Institution. Data compiled by McKinsey Energy Insights based on IHS forecasts

UK Battery Demand Forecast

With the introduction of dedicated BEV platforms, UK car manufacturers will accelerate domestic battery demand.

UK Battery Demand Forecast (GWh per annum)



64 GWh in 2030 is equivalent to 12 – 15% of European demand

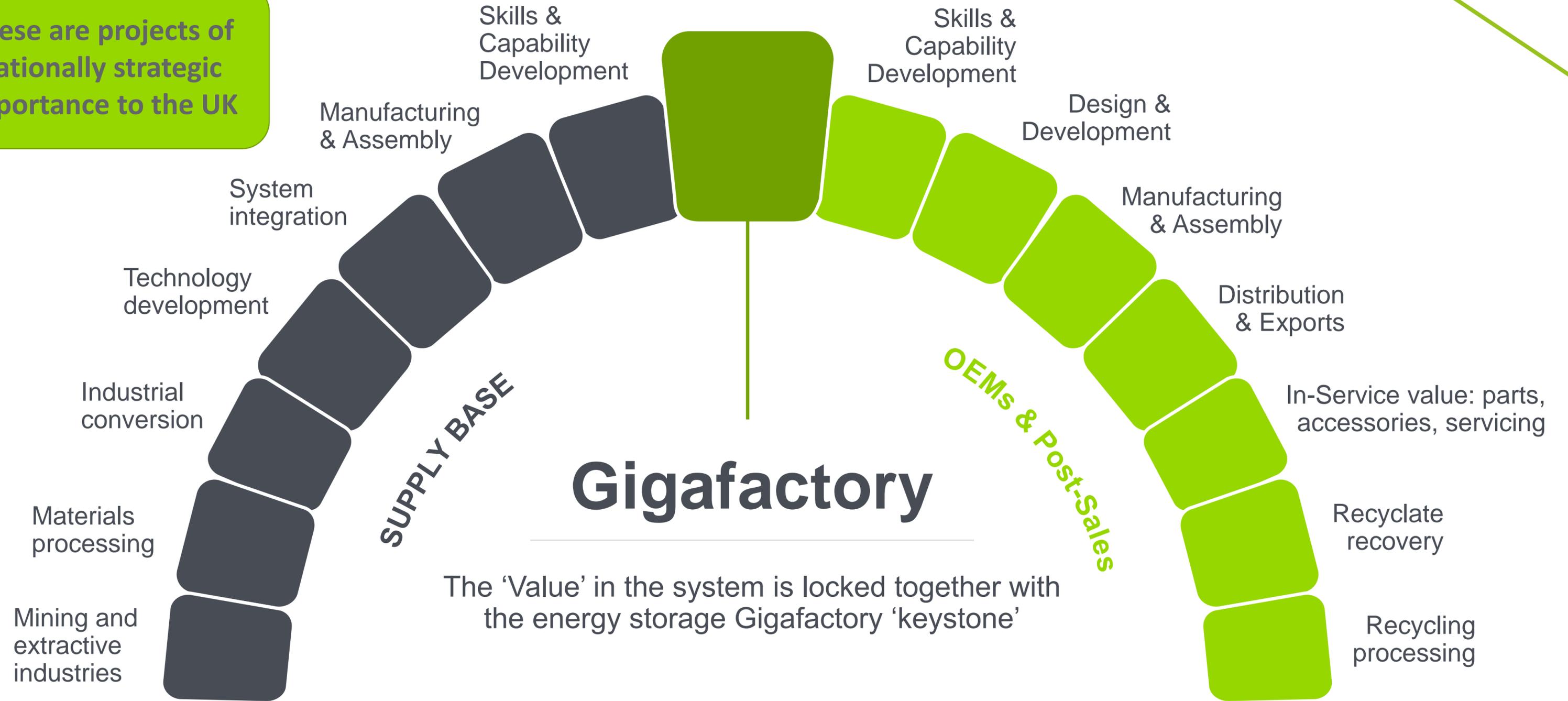
Forecasts based on analysis of OEM data & IHS vehicle production forecasts

- Due to recent significant strategy reviews by several UK-based OEMs, this analysis is 'conservative' and we expect the final analysis to indicate higher volumes from 2025
- **Expected 'most likely outcome' demand by 2030 is indicated to be closer to 80GWh for passenger car/light van automotive use**
- Static storage and off-highway sector demand sits on top of these profiles
- Bentley, Aston Martin and JLR have all made strategic decisions to accelerate electrification in advance of 2030

Gigafactory value to the UK

These are projects of nationally strategic importance to the UK

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How do we attract Gigafactory investments?

Scale and certainty of customer demand is necessary, but not sufficient.

Robust
demand

- Secure new vehicle investment by OEMs
- Support export competitiveness with future trading arrangements
- Deliver 'anchor' investors to start demand creation in the supply chain

Ease of
delivery

- Make large sites available in the right places
- Expedite/support planning and permitting
- Complementary plans to reduce long term cost inputs e.g. clean energy
- Support process R&D

Competitive
landscape

- Support competitive supply chain development in tandem
- Tip the scales in favour of the UK with investment support
- Focus on long term cost factors, e.g. energy, co-location, tax, financing, business rates etc.
- 'Do the right things in the right places' and ease trading arrangements where it makes sense

We need your
help to do this

How do companies get involved?



Register using the
funding tool on APC
website



Submit Expression of
Interest or optionally
request Feasibility
Study support



Assessment



Full application



Supported will be provided by delivery partners and government agencies through the application process

Northumberland County Council

Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monitoring Report 2019-2021

1. Terms of reference:

- (a) To maintain an overview of the Council's Annual Budget and Budgetary Management via the Medium Term Financial Plan.
- (b) To review the state of Northumberland and the County Council's activity in delivering its Corporate Plan.
- (c) To maintain an overview of the Council's performance management arrangements; highlighting areas of poor performance and monitoring recovery delivery plans.
- (d) To maintain an overview of the Management Agreements in place between the Council and Advance Northumberland (Northumberland Development Co).
- (e) To monitor, review and make recommendations about:
 - Corporate Services: Organisational Development, Health and Safety, ICT Strategy, Corporate Governance, Financial Services, Procurement Strategy, Risk Strategy, Shared and Traded Services;
 - Partnership Development Co-ordination with Local Organisations;
 - Relationships with External Bodies;
 - Regeneration and Economic Development;
 - Strategic Transport Network and Infrastructure;
 - Employability, Skills, and Removing Barriers to Work;
 - Capital Programme and Asset Management, and
 - Support to VCS Organisations and the Council's Relationship with Town and Parish Councils

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1.	10 June 2019	Devolution of the Adult Education Budget to the North of Tyne Combined Authority	RESOLVED that the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supports the recommendations in the report.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 11 June 2019.
2.	10 June 2019	Annual Update Report for Workforce	RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; (b) an annual update of this report for every financial year be presented to the Committee; (c) the whistleblowing data that is contained in the body of the report and the ongoing work to promote a safe environment for staff to raise concerns through various mechanisms across the Council, be noted, and (d) the continued use of Safecall across the Council as a mechanism for staff to raise whistleblowing concerns accordingly, be supported.	The Committee will receive this report annually.
3.	8 July 2019	Debt Recovery Update	RESOLVED that the report be noted and answers to members' further queries be provided after the meeting.	The Committee will continue to receive 6 monthly updates. A presentation on enforcement action be given to the Committee at the time of the next update.
4.	8 July 2019	Blyth Relief Road	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that the committee supports the recommendations in the report.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 9 July 2019.

5.	8 July 2019	Advance Northumberland Limited	RESOLVED that Cabinet be: (a) advised that the committee supports the recommendations in the report; and (b) requested to agree to a review process taking place within a reasonable timescale.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 9 July 2019.
6.	8 July 2019	Northumberland Lottery	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that the committee supports the recommendations in the report, including a preference for calling it the 'Northumberland Lottery'.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 6 August 2019.
7.	11 November 2019	Budget 2020-21 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2020-2023	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that the committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 12 November 2019.
8.	11 November 2019	Governance for the Borderlands Partnership	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that the committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 12 November 2019.
Page 34	9 December 2019	Northumberland Climate Change Action Plan 2020-21	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this committee supports the recommendations as outlined in the report.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 10 December 2019. The relevant OSC would receive regular updates on the implementation of the action plan.
	10.	9 December 2019	Debt Recovery Update	RESOLVED that (1) the report be noted; and (2) requests made for additional updates be followed up after the meeting.
11.	10 February 2020	Budget 2020-21 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2020-22	RESOLVED that Cabinet be asked to note the issues raised by this committee.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 11 February 2020.
12.	10 February 2020	The Northumberland Line - Rail Network	RESOLVED that the recommendations to Cabinet be supported.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 11 February 2020.

		Enhancements Pipeline Progress		
13.	10 February 2020	Proposed Incorporation - Group Holding Company for Northumberland County Council	RESOLVED that the recommendations to Cabinet be supported.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 11 February 2020.
14.	9 March 2020	Debt Recovery Arrangements – Support to Customers with Financial Difficulties	RESOLVED that (a) the contents of the report be noted; and (b) answers be organised to the issues raised by committee members.	The Committee requested additional information on a number of issues arising from the report. Responses to those questions would be included in the next Debt Recovery Update.
15.	9 March 2020	Debt Recovery - Enforcement	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	The Committee requested additional information on a number of issues arising from the report. Responses to those questions would be included in the next Debt Recovery Update.
16.	13 July 2020	Covid-19 - Northumberland County Council Response	RESOLVED that the reports be noted and the issues identified by members be included in the work programme.	The issues raised will be considered by Chairmen's Group for inclusion on the work programmes of the relevant OSC.
17.	13 July 2020	Covid-19 - Planning for Recovery in Northumberland	RESOLVED that the reports be noted and the issues identified by members be included in the work programme.	The issues raised will be considered by Chairmen's Group for inclusion on the work programmes of the relevant OSC. Further updates will be presented to Cabinet and the OSCs as appropriate.
18.	13 July 2020	Annual Update Report for Workforce 2019/20	RESOLVED that:- (a) the contents of the report be noted; (b) an annual update of the report be received for every financial year; (c) the data contained in the whistleblowing report and the ongoing work to promote a safe environment for staff to raise concerns through various mechanisms across the Council be noted;	A further update be presented to the Committee later in the year on the issues raised by the Committee.

			(d) the continued use of Safecall across the Council as a mechanism for staff to raise concerns accordingly be supported; and (e) the issues identified by members for further action be followed up.	
19.	13 July 2020	Debt Recovery Update	RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted and the issues identified by members for further action be followed up.	A further update be presented to the Committee later in the year on the issues raised by the Committee.
20.	12 October 2020	Northumberland Climate Change Briefing	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this committee supports the recommendations as outlined in the report.	The Cabinet were advised of the Committee's comments when it dealt with this report on 13 October 2020. The Committee will continue to receive updates on this issue as appropriate.
21.	12 October 2020	Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal Investment Programme	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this committee supports the recommendations as outlined in the report.	The Cabinet were advised of the Committee's comments when it dealt with this report on 13 October 2020. The Committee be provided with a briefing in the New Year setting out the background to Borderlands and the process going forward.
22.	12 October 2020	Approval of the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2021-22	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this committee supports the recommendations as outlined in the report.	The Cabinet were advised of the Committee's comments when it dealt with this report on 13 October 2020.
23.	12 October 2020	Capital Programme 2022-21 – Position at the end of July 2020	RESOLVED that the progress made to date regarding the delivery of the capital programme be noted by members.	The Committee will continue to monitor this issue as required.
24.	12 October 2020	Enterprise Zone – Northumberland Energy Park East Sleekburn (NEP1)	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this committee supports the recommendations as outlined in the report.	The Cabinet were advised of the Committee's comments when it dealt with this report on 13 October 2020.

25.	9 November 2020	Budget 2021-22 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2021-2024 MTFP and Budget	RESOLVED that (1) Cabinet be advised that this committee supports the recommendations as outlined in the report; and (2) the committee be provided with details of income generation streams over the last three years.	The Cabinet were advised of the Committee's comments when it dealt with this report on 13 October 2020. A report on income generation will be presented to the Committee in January 2021.
26.	9 November 2020	Covid-19: Response and Recovery Update	RESOLVED that (1) that the impact of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic on the work of the Council and the Council's ongoing response and recovery initiatives since June be noted. (2) the Scrutiny Co-ordinator to liaise with the Executive Director of Regeneration, Commercial and Economy about inviting the Director of Economic Growth at the North of Tyne and the Chief Executive at the NELEP to January's meeting to contribute to the report on Northumberland Economic Recovery from COVID.	The Committee will continue to receive updates on the Council's response to Covid 19 as appropriate. Henry Kippin, Director of Economic Growth at North of Tyne and Helen Golightly, Chief Exec at the NELEP have agreed to attend the meeting in January 2021 to discuss the regional response to Covid 19 in respect of the Economic Recovery.
27.	7 December 2020	Dignity at Work Update	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	No further action required.
28.	7 December 2020	Mental Wellbeing Impact on Employees of the Council and Support Provided	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	No further action required.
29.	7 December 2020	Debt Recovery Update	RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.	The Committee will continue to receive six monthly updates.
30.	7 December 2020	New Berwick Theatre	RESOLVED that the Committee advise Cabinet that it supports the recommendations contained in the report.	The Cabinet were advised of the Committee's comments when it dealt with this report on 8 December 2020.
31.	11 January 2021	Covid 19: Economic Recovery in Northumberland	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	The Committee will continue to receive updates as required.

32.	11 January 2021	Income Generation	RESOLVED that: (1) Members note the report. (2) The estimated compensation of £2.045 million that the Council estimates it will receive for 2020-21 from the government's compensation scheme for lost sales, fees and charges be noted.	No further action required.
33.	11 January 2021	Bedlington Town Centre Redevelopment	RESOLVED to: advise the Cabinet that the Committee supports the recommendations contained in the report.	The Cabinet were advised of the Committee's comments when it dealt with this report on 12 January 2021.
34.	5 February 2021	Northumberland Climate Change Action Plan 2021-23	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendations contained in the report.	The Cabinet were advised of the Committee's comments when it dealt with this report on 9 February 2021.
35.	5 February 2021	Borderlands Inclusive Fund Plan	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendations contained in the report, subject to the additional recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> as tourism is a vital industry in the Borderland Growth area, a mechanism to enable the sector to contribute to the Partnership Board be identified. 	The Cabinet were advised of the Committee's comments when it dealt with this report on 9 February 2021.
36.	5 February 2021	Advance Northumberland	RESOLVED that (a) the position regarding the proposed reporting of Advance Northumberland to members be noted, and (b) the presentation by Councillor Wearmouth be noted.	The Committee will continue to monitor the operation of Advance Northumberland.
37.	8 February 2021	Budget 2021-22 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2021-24	RESOLVED that Cabinet be asked to note the issues raised by the Committee.	The Cabinet were advised of the Committee's comments when it dealt with this report on 9 February 2021.
38.	8 March 2021	Call In: Financial Support to Advance Northumberland	RESOLVED that the call in be rejected.	No further action is required.

39.	8 March 2021	Northumberland Energy Park Phase 3 Site at East Sleekburn – Delegated Arrangements for Purchase and Onward Sale	RESOLVED that the Committee advise the Cabinet that it supports the recommendations in the report, subject to the clarification above.	The Cabinet were advised of the Committee's comments when it dealt with this report on 9 March 2021.
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