

## **A Blueprint for Accelerating Local Climate Action**

The Blueprint Coalition is an influential, politically neutral group of local government professionals, researchers and environmental organisations.

We work together to highlight the importance of place-based action in delivering the UK's climate targets, and to call for the national policies we need to unlock local progress.

From our professional experience – from working on the ground with local communities, to undertaking research and policy development – we all believe that councils are uniquely well-placed to drive carbon emissions reductions and develop climate resilient services.

As parties start to look ahead to the next General Election, we are therefore calling on every political party to commit to empowering local authorities to tackle climate change, by:

- Recognising the need for a place-based approach, underpinned by adequate funding and support
- Committing to a genuine partnership with local authority leaders through a more effective Local Net Zero Forum
- Committing to reform and devolve funding streams, and increase flexibility, to enable local authorities to act at the scale and pace required
- Promising that all future devolution deals will include ambitious plans for place-based actions to reduce carbon emissions

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Our **Manifesto Asks** also asking national policymakers to take the action we need across key policy areas and sectors:

- **Invest in low carbon and climate resilient infrastructure** (including public transport, renewable energy, on-shore wind, and Local Area Energy Plans)
- **Support skilling and retraining to accelerate the move to a net zero economy** (through measures such as retrofit training, an action plan for net zero skills, and increased Adult Education Budgets)
- **Upgrade our existing homes to ensure they are fit for the future and ensure new housing is zero carbon** (through a national retrofit programme of £60bn over 10 years; a fiscal and regulatory framework that encourages retrofit; and a net-zero aligned planning system)
- **Make it easy for people to walk, cycle, or work remotely** (increased funding, including £2bn per annum for cycling infrastructure – prioritised in areas of greatest need)
- **Accelerate tree planting, peatland restoration, green spaces and other green infrastructure** (including strengthened planning policies for nature protection; targeted green infrastructure investment in deprived areas; and capacity-building for local authorities to develop and deliver excellent Local Nature Recovery Strategies).

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