

Action ID	Theme	Recommendation	Action	Responsibility	When	Progress report (red for delays)	Progress RAG
0501	Theme 5: Energy	<p>Local Area Energy Planning (LAEP)</p> <p>To develop a county-wide approach to Local Area Energy Planning (LAEP) which baselines current activities and capacity across the county, and develops a cost-effective process that effectively engages the District Network Operator (DNO), Community Energy organisations and other public and private sector stakeholders.</p>	<p>To actively undertake baselining the county, developing a shared approach, and engaging key stakeholders as necessary to underpin whichever eventual approach to the development of a full LAEP.</p> <p>To contribute to the successful deliver of the SWNZH project to carry out stages 1-3 of the LAEP process.</p>	CLG	initial stages by November 2025	<p>Initial stages of the work being progressed through a collaboration between the SWNZH and Gloucestershire County Council. Dependant on final product and recommendations (due November) resources will then be sought for further work.</p> <p>Collaboration with NESO, NGED, SSEN and input to the new Regional Energy Strategic Plans is ongoing. Presentation to CLG of final early stage products will be November 2025.</p>	

0502	Theme 5: Energy	A countywide Community Energy Network To develop a county-wide Community Energy Network that harnesses the potential of Community Energy organisations, community groups and residents to directly invest in, support and benefit from local renewable energy generation, working with the South West Net Zero Hub to take this forward.	Develop a fuller understanding of community interest in and capacity for investing and participating in renewable energy projects. Identify support and guidance for those communities. Establish the Community Energy Network, and work with the SWNZH pilot on community energy support, being implemented by Community Energy South, will be first steps in progressing this sub-theme.	Theme lead, Coordinators, LAs	Within 2024	Good progress, Forum active and engaging with Regen and NGED on a draft planning guide for community energy projects. Local groups collaborating to develop funding bids and project development. Further engagement with SWNZH and neighbouring counties opening up Gloucestershire groups to wider collaboration and funding opportunities.	
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0503	Theme 5: Energy <p>Low Carbon Heat/ Heat Networks</p> <p>To explore how CLG can support common approaches to the promotion of renewable heat and the development of heat networks across the county.</p>	<p>The Energy theme will build on Cheltenham's experience to explore the potential for heat networks in other locations, both urban and rural. It will seek to share experience in building capacity to carry out the necessary feasibility, design and procurement work to progress renewable heating across the public estate. It will also continue discussions with SWNZH on accessing their assistance on heat network development, which is an area in which they have expertise and experience. The Energy theme will also explore the potential for common approaches to promoting/ supporting residential and commercial renewable heat, in collaboration with the Retrofit theme. Both themes will link in with existing initiatives to further develop the skills base and capacity for delivering renewable heat in the County.</p>	<p>Theme lead, Countywide Climate Change Coordinators</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Cheltenham Borough Council has continued to work on potential heat network development in Cheltenham, supported via short term funding (until the end March 2025) from the Heat Network Delivery Unit (HNDU). Officers working with a range of partners to develop the expression of interest to the HNDU round 15 for continuation works – closing date 12th September.</p>	
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0504	Theme 5: Energy	Deployment of Renewable Electricity <p>To explore how CLG can support its members in collaborating, coordinating and sharing best practice on what councils are doing, alongside identifying levers and opportunities to encourage deployment opportunities for renewable electricity generation: On their own buildings and estates or on regeneration projects; Through schemes for residents and businesses; and Via large scale deployment (e.g. wind, solar or other technologies).</p>	<p>Share experiences of embedding a low carbon/net zero approach in the early stages of such projects, as well as preparing for additional measures and seeking additional funding (e.g. through the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme). Identify opportunities to partner with entities promoting large scale uptake of renewables and providing discounted residential energy schemes (e.g. MakeMyHouseGreen/Cotswold Home Solar). Work collaboratively with renewables developers to identify opportunities to deliver significant amounts of renewable electricity to Gloucestershire. Explore the potential for embedding a 'presumption in favour of renewable energy' for new development and retrofit of existing buildings.</p>	Climate Leadership Officer Group (CLOG), Theme lead, all partners	Ongoing	ongoing work between districts to share best practice. Engagement with SWNZH on support for feasibility work for Council owned estates. Separate engagement with local developers, including via the LAEP work to understand deployment opportunities within the county. Further work under planning theme to consider existing work on renewable energy studies for local plans and to consider the potential for supportive Local Plan policies in favour of renewable energy deployment.	
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