

Heat Networks Investment Project Look Back - The North of England



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A look back on HNIP – what did we achieve?	Amy Fry, Triple Point
Gateshead District Energy Scheme	Jim Gillon, Gateshead Council
Leeds PIPES	George Munson, Leeds City Council
Mersey Heat (Liverpool)	Jo Longdon, Ener-Vate
Live Q&A	Samantha Shea, Gemserv
Closing Remarks	Amy Fry, Triple Point

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What was HNIP?

The Heat Networks Investment Project (HNIP) was a major Government project which has helped invest up to £320m of capital funding into heat network projects across England and Wales. The scheme has now been succeeded by the Green Heat Network Fund (GHNF).

The aim of HNIP was to create the conditions for a **self-sustaining heat network market** that contributes to the decarbonisation of the UK energy system at the lowest cost to the economy by 2050 by:

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- Increasing the volume of strategic, optimised and low-carbon heat networks built through provision of central Government funding which will draw in significant additional investment;
- Improving the quality of heat networks that meet local infrastructure and consumer needs; and
- Building the capability of project sponsors and the supply chain to develop heat networks of the right type and quality.

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- HNIP was launched prior to the UK's commitment to net zero, since then the political imperative has changed and the ambition to decarbonise even greater
- C£270 million was deployed to eligible projects under HNIP main scheme*
- Total CAPEX of schemes with HNIP support exceeds £700m across public and private sector projects
- More than 75,000 residential connections to be made

*subject to conditions being met





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HEAT CONTRACT TEMPLATES: "SALES, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SET (SOMS)"



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Gateshead District Energy Scheme Jim Gillon, Gateshead Council







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HNIP projects and beyond in Gateshead

Jim Gillon

Service Director, Energy and Design, Gateshead Council

CEO, Gateshead Energy Company

and have been

Gateshead Council

Current network



GEC Customer Buildings

Town Centre	Quays	East Extension	Leisure Centre Cluster	Baltic Quarter	
Civic Centre	Gateshead College Shearlegs Rd Gateshead Leisure Centre		Gateshead Leisure Centre	Baltimore House	
Warwick Court (80 homes)	The Glasshouse Park Rd Gateshead Lib		Gateshead Library	PROTO	
Park, Peareth and Priory Courts (120 homes)	The Baltic	Freight Depot (270 homes)	Gibside School	RIGA	
Regent's Court (159 homes)	GB Lubricants	Gateshead Stadium	Shipley Art Galley	Multi-Storey Car Park	
St Josephs RC Primary School	Future – Sage International Conference Centre	Gateshead Academy of Sport	Sunderland Talmudical College	Baltic Solar Park	
Future – Australia Flats (200 homes)	Future – Quays Hotel	Stadium Solar Park	Prince Consort Road	Northern Design Centre	
Future - Exemplar Neighbourhood (393 homes)	Future – Sage Arena	Old Fold Estate (16 homes pilot – 550 homes future)			

HNIP 1 – Minewater Heat Pump (£5.9m)

Gateshead Council www.gateshead.gov.uk

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Heat sources....

2No x 150m deep abstraction 1No x 40m deep reinjection Stable 15degC source Max flow = 140 l/s

2x3MW ammonia heat pump 80/65 degC operation COP = 2.9

Gateshead Council

6MW Minewater Heat Pump

How the minewater heat pump works

Gateshead ... a "Living Lab" for mine energy

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HNIP customer 1 – Freight Depot...

HNIP Customer 2 – The Sage

300 bed hotel (0.9MW heat, 1.25MVA power) - 2026 Sage International Conference Centre (3.1MW heat, 3MVA – 2026) Sage Arena (13,000 seats, 2.9MW heat, 3MVA power – 2028)

Integration into regeneration

Gateshead Council

Baltic Solar Park – 2.7MW (PSDS)

2023 – reducing network carbon emissions

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug
% renewables - power	4%	9%	17%	31%	46%	50%	42%	42%
% renewables - heat	3%	3%	7%	8%	16%	20%	7%	0%

Monthly carbon factors, 2022 and 2023

HNIP 2 - low-rise social housing (£2.85m)

Optimising Heat Networks – Danish Style!

Shared spurs... to 2 or 4 homes

Steel mains, with flexi-plastic spurs

External HIUs - SAV prototype...

Maybe even shared HIUs..??

... Beyond HNIP

- Capacity allowing more expansion
- QE Hospital scheme
 - 5MW load
 - 17 GWH/yr
- £20m PSDS 3c
 submitted
- Interconnector?

... East Gateshead Heat Network – in prep

ZERO GATESHEAD CARBON Fast Followers – Net Zero Innovation for Heat networks

£300k, over 2years

Three strands

- DH-ready communities
- DH-ready supply chains
- Legal / financial to increase scale

Ambition

- Create £250m, 5yr programme
- Increase jobs, reduce install costs, bring communities with us

Thank you – and contacts...

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Leeds **PIPES:** A citywide heat network

Contents

- What is Leeds PIPES?
 - Why did Leeds invest?
 - Overview of phases 1-3
- Lessons learnt
- Future growth

Political driver: using spare heat to keep vulnerable people warm

- Fuel poverty
- Economic growth
- Air quality
- CO₂ reductions
- Circular economy

Lessons Learned?!

- Council can lead DH but essential to have a strong partner
- Critical to prepare: LDO, planning policy, senior support, customer engagement, funding applications...
- Procurement stage is powerful:
 - Secure a long-term O&M contract to create incentive to optimise
 - Include social value targets: can generate local jobs, training, added value

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- Construction phase is *hard*, have a good team, be prepared to compromise and get senior support
- Land! The single biggest risk.

Customers

- Healthcare
- Offices
- Education
- Government
- Housing
- Developers

Lessons four years on

- DH from EfW (or waste industrial heat) is cheap and decoupled from utility shocks
- Developers and building owners now value carbon extremely highly
- Government policy is consistent in supporting DH to develop
- Zoning provides a potential game changing opportunity
- LA does not have to lead could offer concession/JV
- DH has created a very positive story: we have built, and they have come!
 Would we do it again?

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Phase 4 and beyond...

Southbank

HNDU funding > GHNF funding

East and West clusters of demand Glass factory heat source

Indicative Zoning Extent

Leeds

- Mandatable building heat loads = 650 (GWh/yr) 45% of total
- Estimated Network length = 175km
- Estimated capex = £650m
- Total zone demand = 1,439 (GWh/yr)

Mersey Heat (Liverpool) Jo Longdon, Ener-Vate

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Mersey Heat The story so far

Jo Longdon Commercial Director Ener-Vate Consultancy

The Scheme

Hersey Heat is a dedicated ESCO set up by Peel NRE to provide heating and hot water to Peel Water's development 'Liverpool Waters' and other existing or planned buildings in the surrounding Liverpool area.

PMersey Heat district heat network will provide low carbon heat and hot water to more than 9,000 homes and 4 million sq ft of commercial space at Liverpool Waters and other nearby buildings

Liverpool Waters, CGI showing Central Docks neighbourhood

Scheme Overview

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The award

HNIP 1

- £1.3 million
- Enabling early extension of the network across 2 challenging road crossings and linking of 2 disconnected Phases of the network (1A & 1B)

HNIP 2

- £6.26 million
- Early installation of our first 3MW WSHP and extension of the network south to serve Phase 1C

HNIP 1: Progress

Installation of the DN400 spine network through Harcourt (Phase 1B) future proofing the scheme

Construction of the Regent Road and Great Howard Street crossings ahead of a 5-year embargo

I.3km of pre-insulated pipework procured for the Link pipe connecting phases 1A & 1B. Construction works to commence February 2024

HNIP 2: Progress

Extensive intrusive & non-intrusive Site Investigation completed across the network

Planning permission secured for full network and Energy Centre

Energy Centre and WSHP construction commenced – Heat on November 2024

Phase 1C extension designed to Riba
 Stage 3

Positive engagement with potential Phase 1C customers

Wider Benefits

Future proofing of the scheme

Early installation of the main spine network, oversizing of the pipework and low carbon heat source ready for connection **4,200** tonnes of carbon saved per annum at full build

40+ apprentices through our Design Build Operate and Maintain (DBOM) partner Vital Energi

Opportunities for wider heat network zone expansion

Liverpool Waters Construction Hub onsite

Created by the city of Liverpool college, the hub aims to bridge the gap between training and employment in the construction industry. Further waste heat opportunities within the vicinity to decarbonise the network further

Lessons learnt

Ground Risk

Engagement

Time...

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IN ASSOCIATION WITH VITAL ENERGI

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