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SLES and the Energy Crisis

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Smart Local Energy Systems, Market Design, and the Energy Crisis

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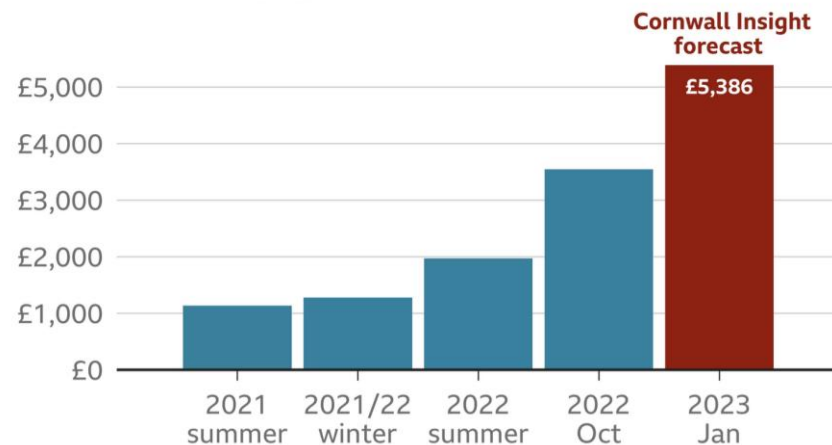
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Energy Crisis

- Renewables supply 40% of demand
- Despite this gas prices dictate energy and balancing costs (up 48% year on year)
- Need action:
 1. Short term: reduce gas usage & support vulnerable customers
 2. Medium term: market reforms & technology change

Annual bill for a typical household on a price capped dual-fuel tariff paying by direct debit



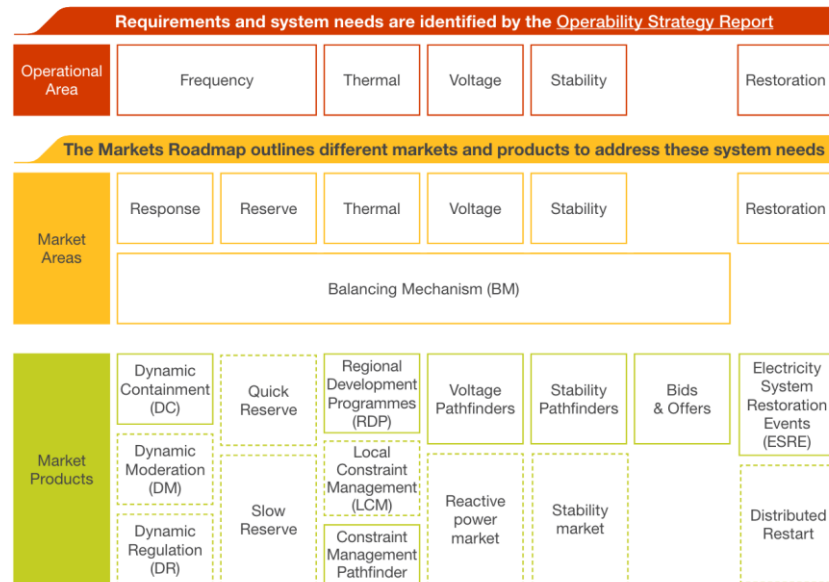
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Electricity Market Design

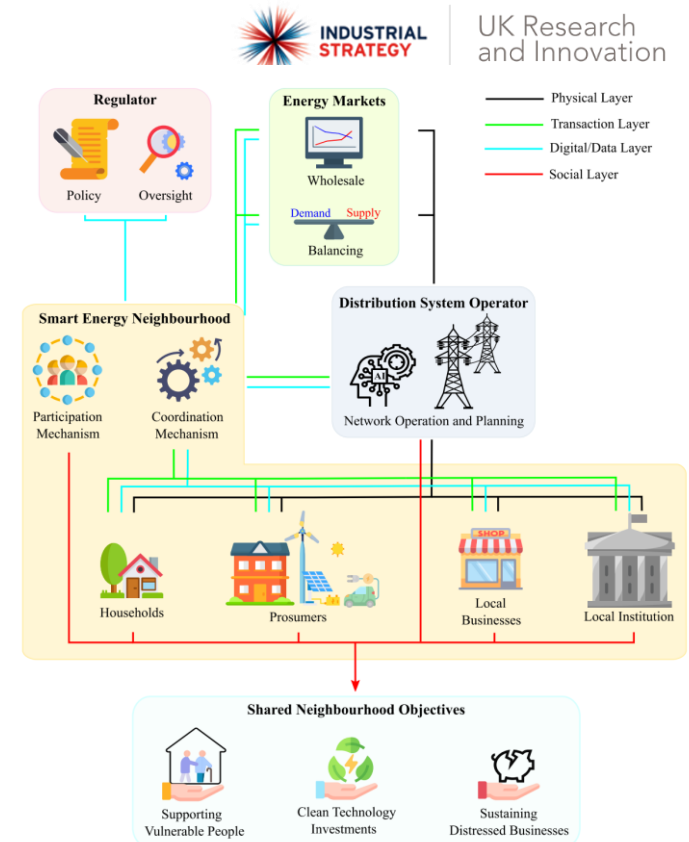
- Need for design due to inherently networked operation
- Design offers trade-offs (or win-wins) between policy objectives
- Energy trilemma is a starting point:
 - Clean, reliable, affordable energy
- Additional objectives for the energy crisis:
 - Minimum provision for wellbeing
 - Energy independence for security
 - Supporting inclusive growth



National Grid ESO, Markets Roadmap, 2022

Market Design for Smart Local Energy Systems

- Coordination mechanisms:
 - Coordinating local generation/flexibility
 - Integrating flexibility into network operation and planning
 - Integrating local generation/flexibility into upstream markets
- Cooperation mechanisms:
 - Support for vulnerable people and distressed businesses
 - Community investment models



Savelli, Morstyn, "Better Together: Harnessing Social Relationships in Smart Energy Communities", *ERSS*, 2022

Regional Case Study: Scottish Borders

Scottish Borders

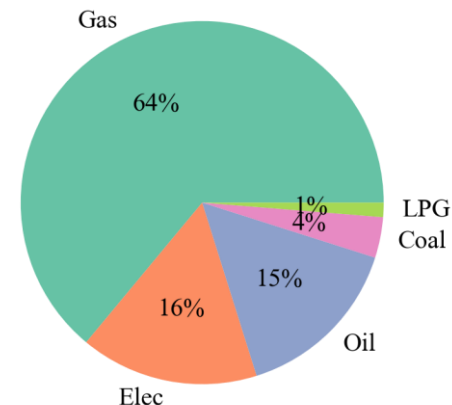
- Population: 115k
- Fuel poverty rate of 29.3%

Heat-pumps replacing non-gas heating:

- Reduce fuel poverty rate to 21.8%
- Flexibility market can reduce network costs associated with this by £4.1m (14%)

Flexibility market for EVs in 2030:

- Reduces network upgrade costs by £26m (13.7%)
- Increased hosting capacity for wind by 72 MW (22.6%) and solar by 84 MW (22%)



Heating technology mix in the Scottish Borders.

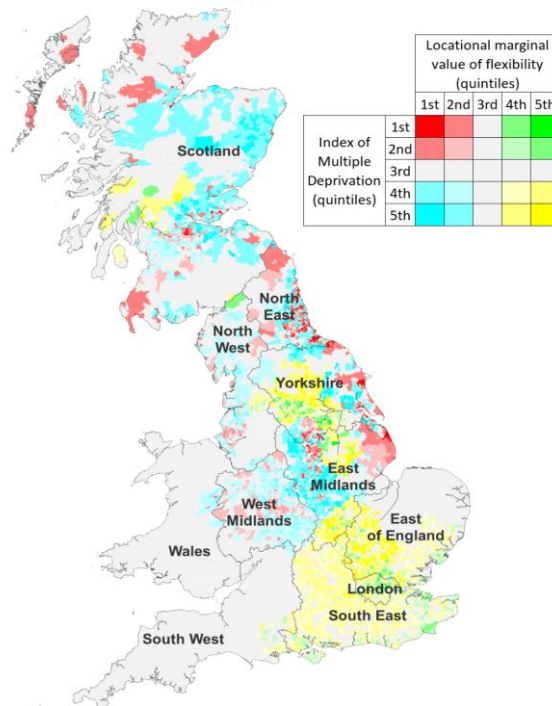
Zhou, Low, Lyden, Essayeh, Sun, Friedrich, Morstyn, "Assessment Of Options For A Smart, Resilient And Low-carbon Multi-vector Energy System In The Scottish Borders", 2022

Value of Energy Flexibility in Deprived Areas



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- Looked at the locational value of flexibility across Great Britain
- Green Areas (e.g. London, Yorkshire):
 - High value of flexibility
 - High levels of deprivation
 - Strong potential for SLEs to create value and share benefits
- Red Areas (e.g. East Midlands, North East England):
 - Low value of flexibility
 - High levels of deprivation
 - SLEs may be less valuable, entrenching existing inequality



Relationship between multiple deprivation index and the value of flexibility in GB.

Savelli, Morstyn, 2022

Conclusions



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- Winter crisis requires reducing gas usage and support for vulnerable customers
- Medium term opportunity for SLEs to reduce gas dependence, support vulnerable customers and foster clean growth
- Key market reform challenges:
 1. Properly valuing distributed flexibility
 2. Simplifying market integration for local flexibility
 3. Linking local and national operation and planning

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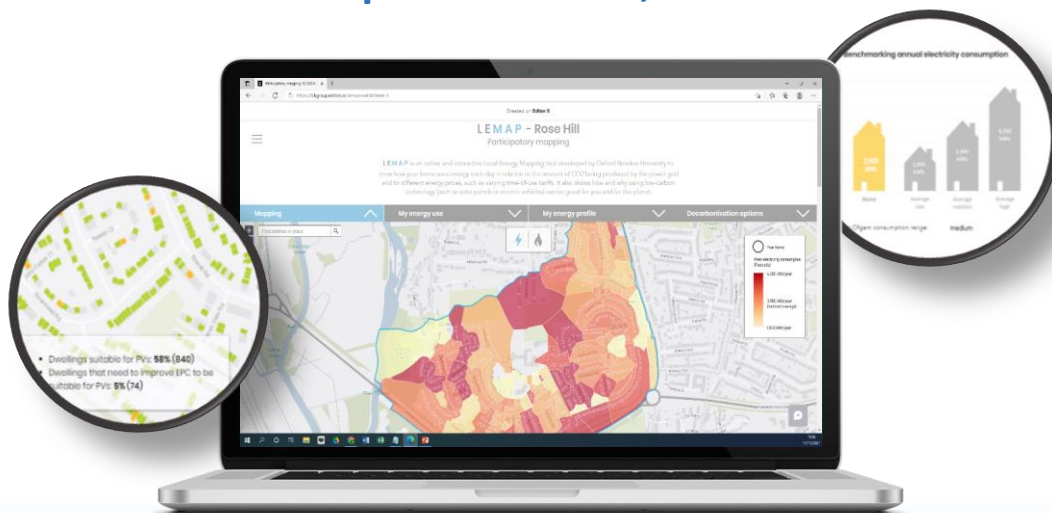
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How should we entice and/or engage users to become adopters of SLES?

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Context

- User engagement is vital for the acceptance of such initiatives. However only 30% of smart local energy initiatives in the UK provided any evidence of user engagement.
- Geospatial energy mapping tools are emerging as essential tools for planning local energy initiatives given their ability to provide rapid and accurate spatial intelligence.
- Most of the current mapping tools are technical, and have low engagement levels with the target community.
- We need tools that are
 - *more socially interactive, inclusive and place-based.*
 - Offer visual engagement using mapping.
- Tools with two-way interaction could help to engage communities who can offer local interpretation of data underpinning these tools.



User Influence Tools

Why do we need smart energy tools for engaging users in Smart Local Energy Systems?

User participation in smart local energy systems is essential for their long-term success. This is supported by the 'consumer pull' approach to energy innovation promoted by the Prospering from the energy revolution (PERE) programme. However, the majority of energy users rarely engage in energy markets due to the current market set up and regulatory constraints, not real need to change and a general lack of understanding. Energy feedback initiatives traditionally offer one direction of engagement that provide information to energy users. More interactive two-way engagement, potentially with a community dimension, is likely to be more effective.



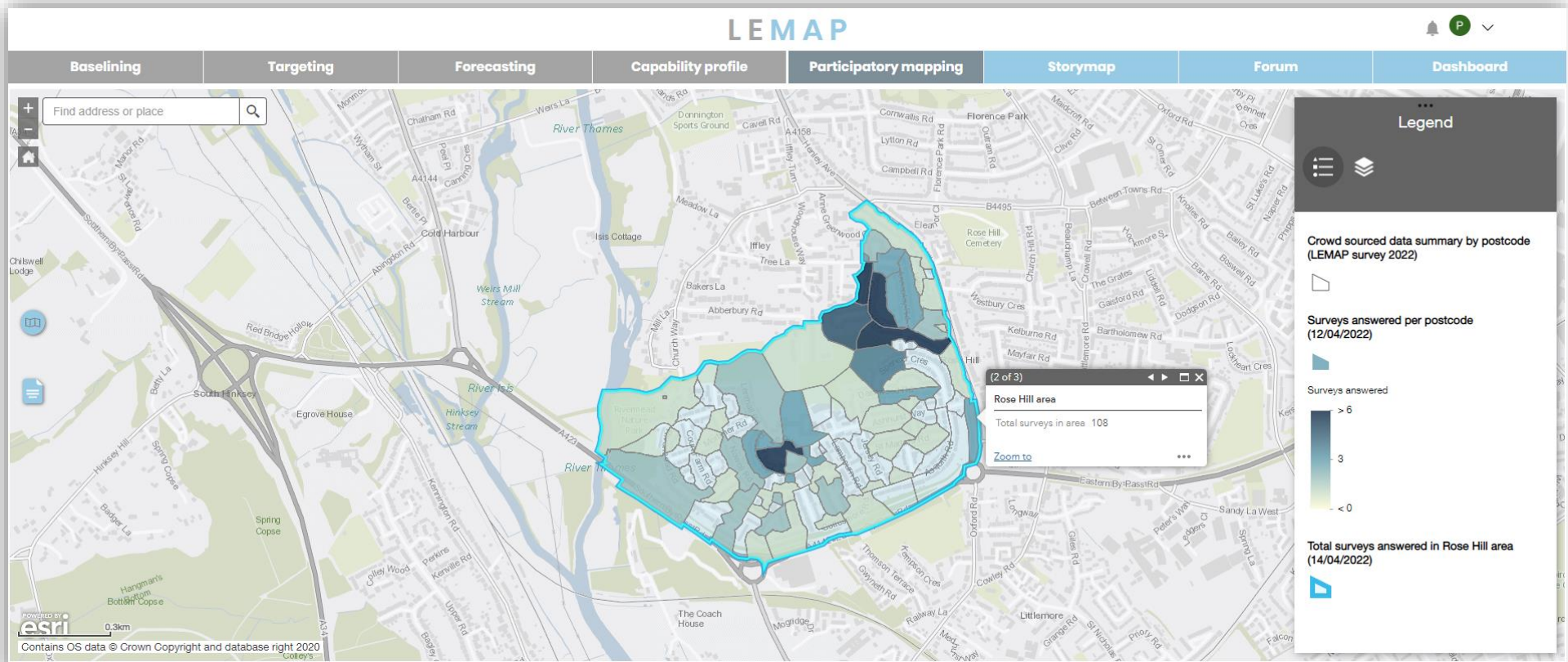
Clear presentation of local energy flows and interactions - including electricity, heat and transport - can be used to engage users. This is particularly true if two-way conversations take place to enable negotiation, and help users to understand how their activities and use of resources influence energy use in a more joined-up way. This will help users to manage, directly or through delegation, consumption, production and storage of energy, contributing to network and grid balancing at the same time as gaining value for themselves and their communities. Communication takes place most effectively through a combination of personal and technological interactions: person-person, person-technology, technology-technology.

Overview of LEMAP

- LEMAP is an online property-level spatial mapping tool for visualising local area energy flows for planning smart local energy initiatives to meet the net-zero targets.
- Developed as part of EnergyREV Plus project (User influence tools).
- Uses a range of datasets that are:
 - **Publicly** available
 - **Privately** available
 - **Crowd-sourced**
- LEMAP has been applied to local areas in Oxfordshire that are aiming to become smart energy neighbourhoods as part of Project LEO.
- One application is Rose Hill neighbourhood (1500 dwellings, secondary substation) in Oxford, as part of its aspiration to become a zero-carbon estate.



LEMAP has been organised around four technical and four engagement elements:



LEMAP co-production journey

Version 1

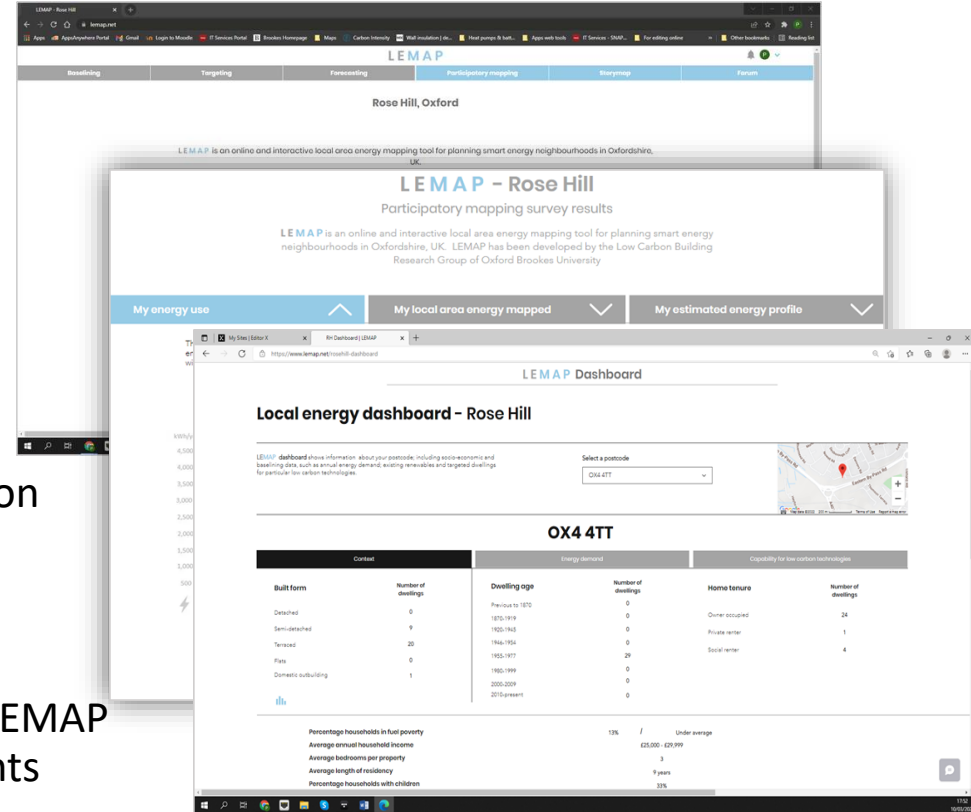
- January 2021
- User testing of technical elements

Version 2

- Autumn 2021
- Refinements based on user feedback
- Testing of engagement elements
- LEMAP Participatory Survey distribution

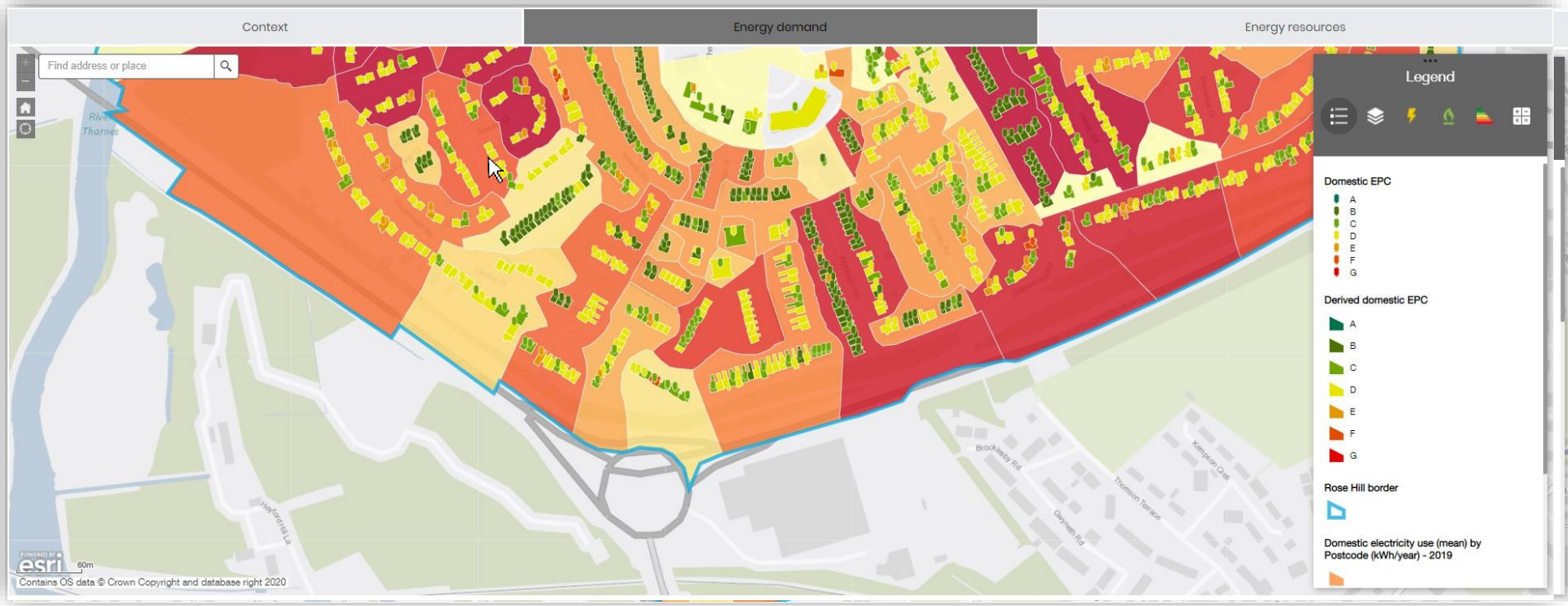
Version 3

- May 2022
- Crowd-sourced data incorporated in LEMAP
- 4 technical and 4 engagement elements



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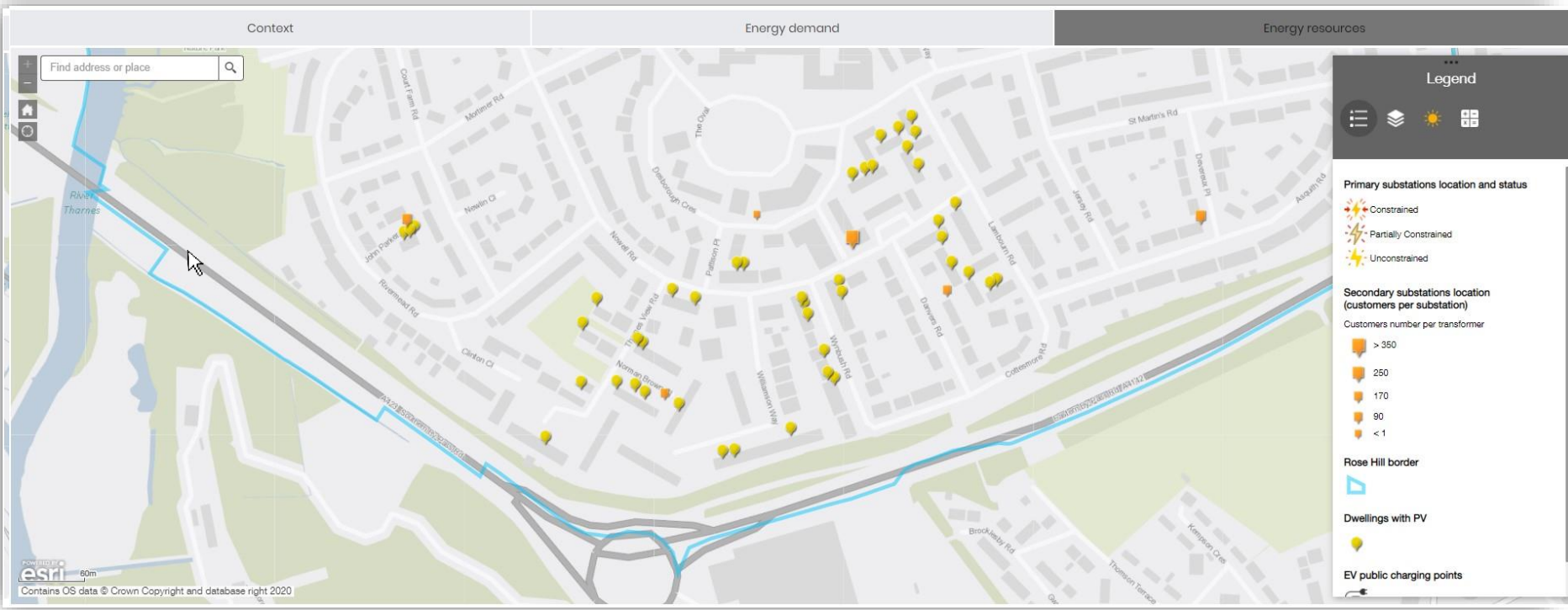
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Energy demand map

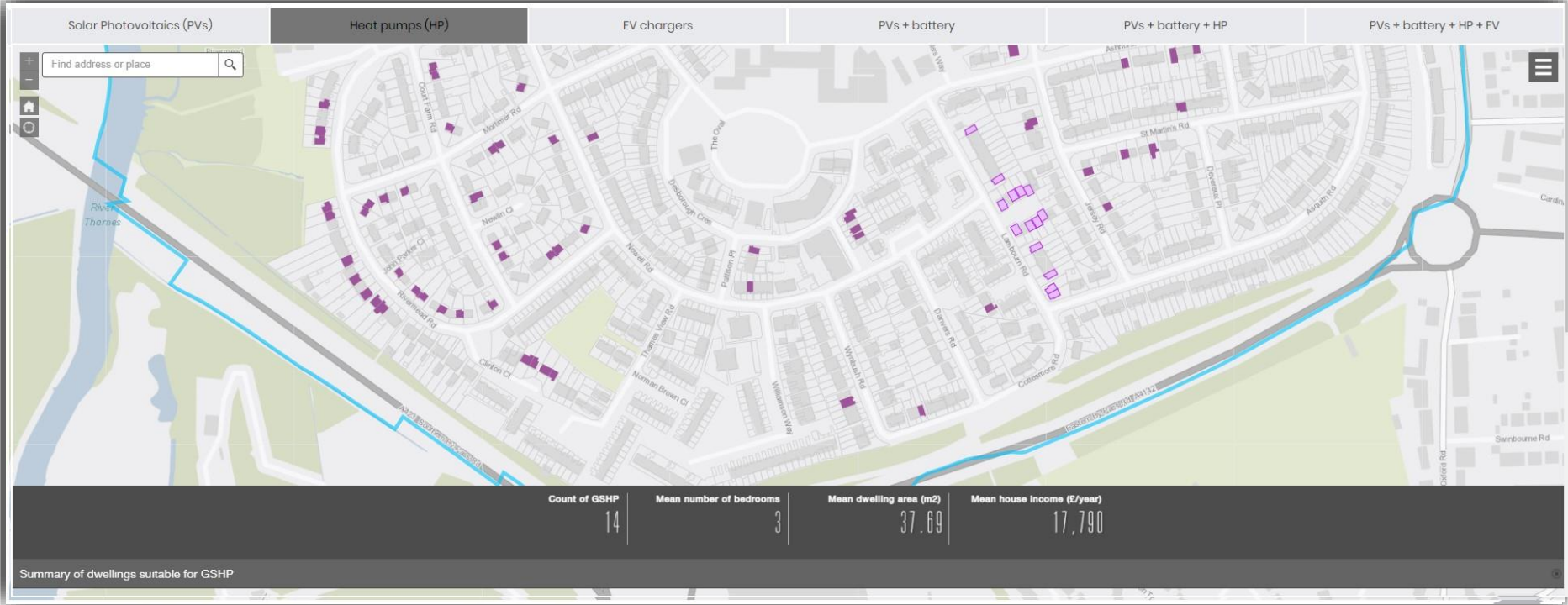
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Energy resources map

Targeting



Forecasting

Solar photovoltaics (PVs)

Heat pumps (HP)

EV chargers

PVs + battery

PVs + battery + HP

PVs + battery + HP + EV

Legend

Energy Profiles

Select a postcode to visualise its energy profile:

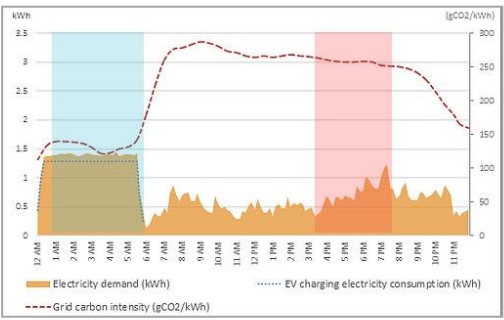
Time-of-use tariff

low tariff

high tariff

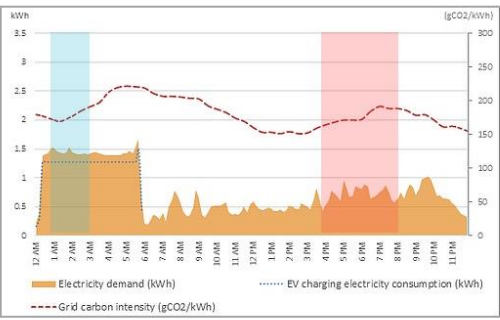
EV chargers Postcode: OX4 4SN Dwellings suitable: 19

Daily mean electricity profile heating season



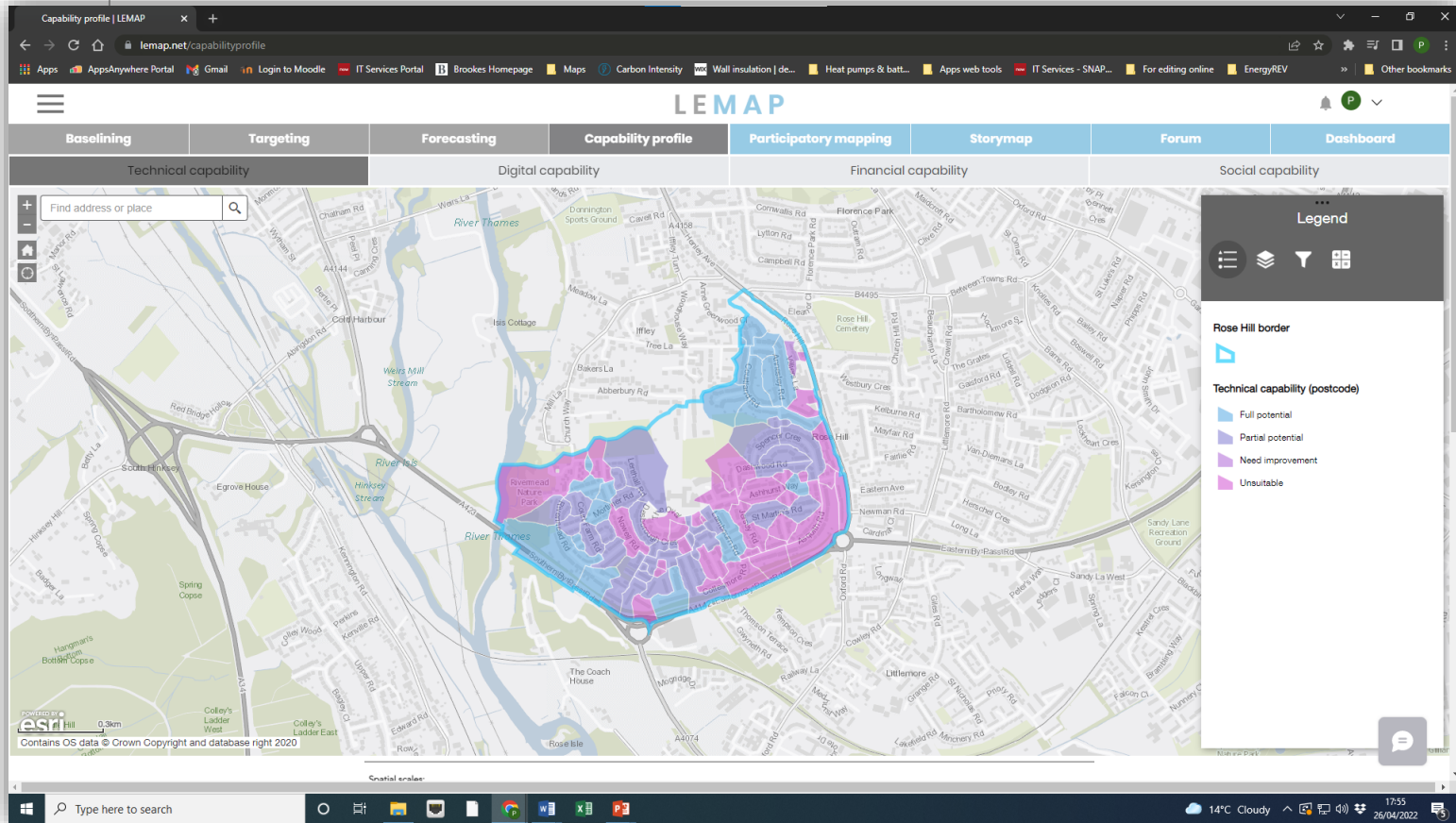
Total net electricity demand: 360.97 kWh/day
 Mean net electricity demand: 18.78 kWh/day

Daily mean electricity profile non-heating season

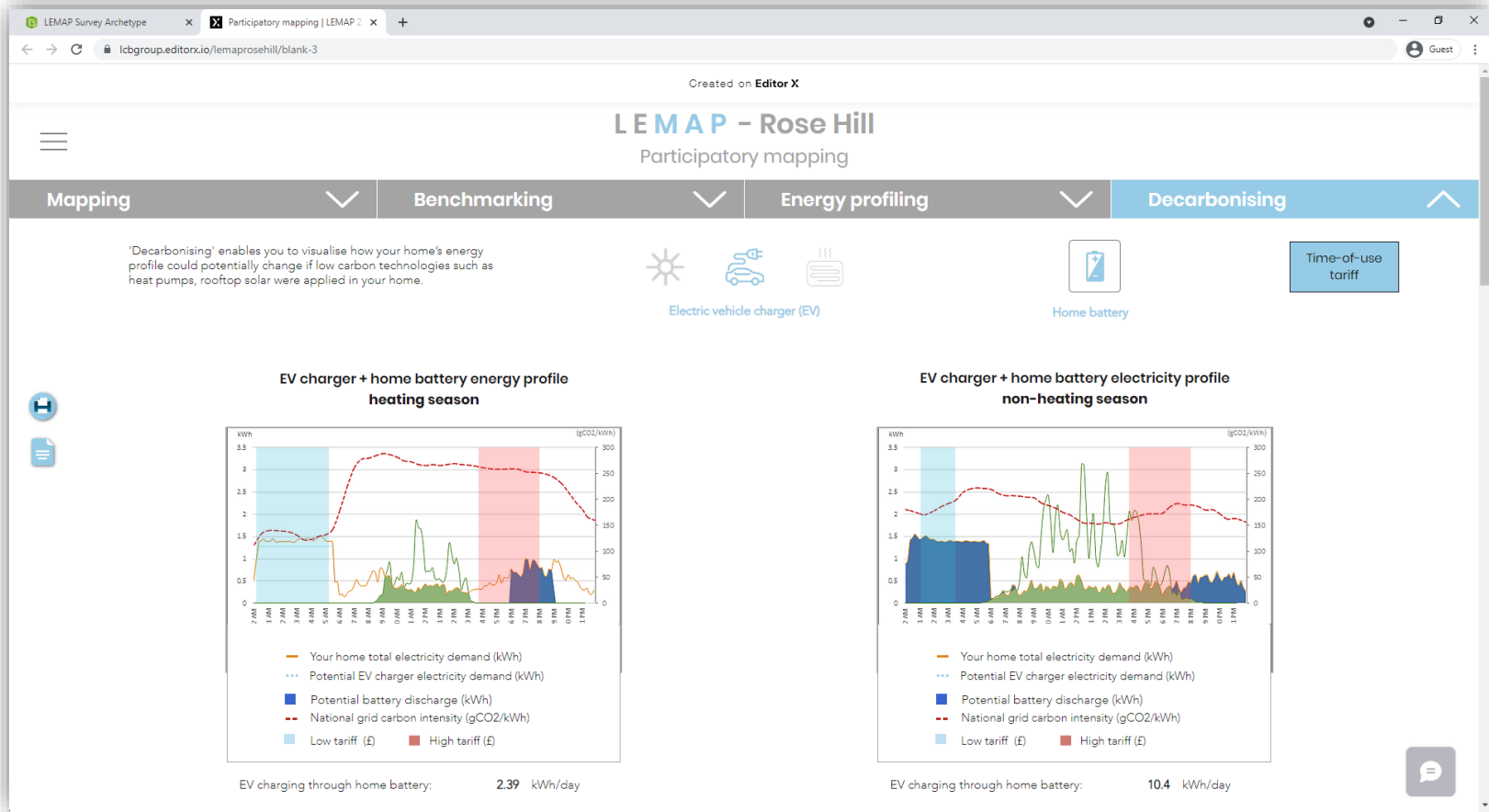


Total net electricity demand: 360.26 kWh/day
 Mean net electricity demand: 18.79 kWh/day

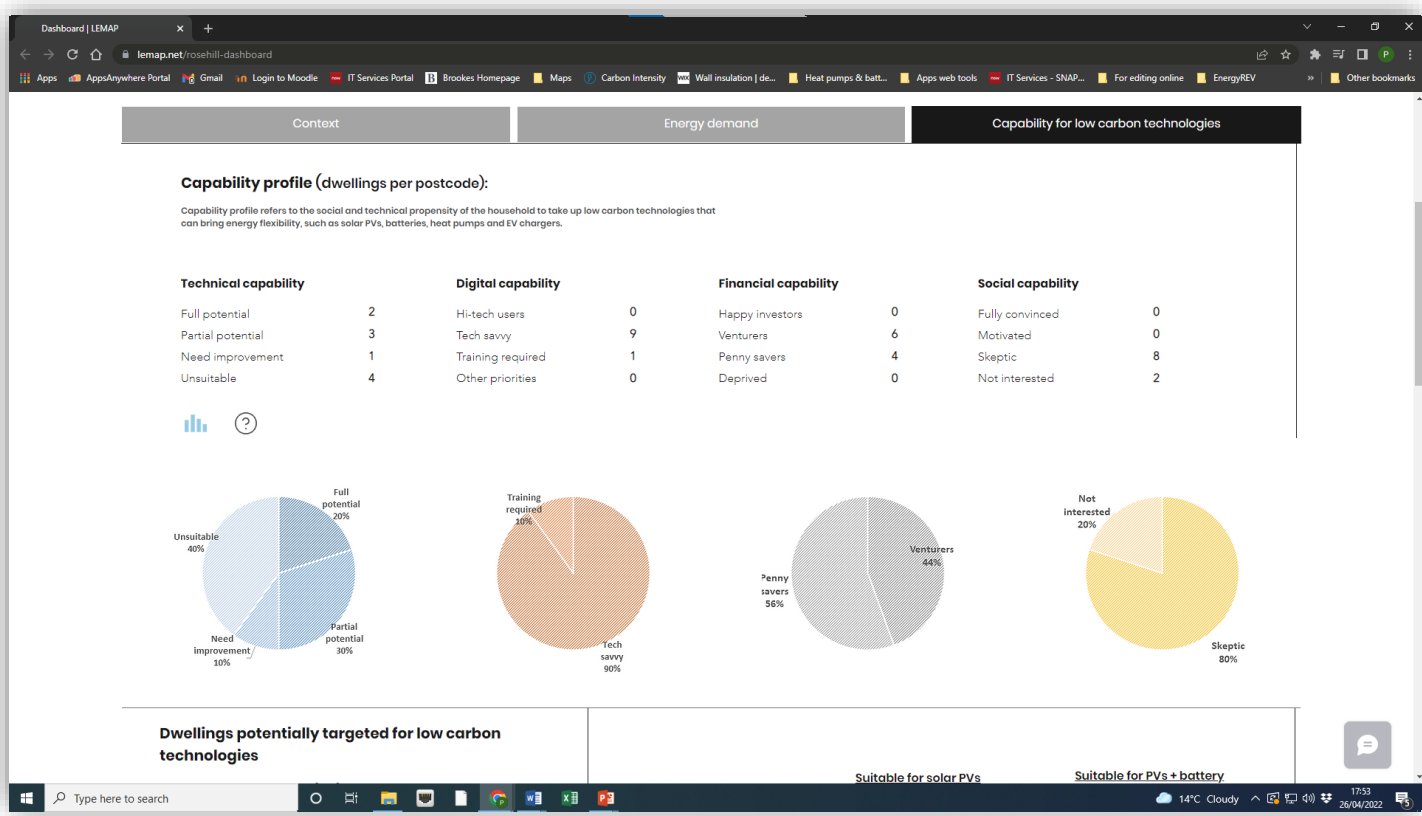
Capability profile



**This question is required to calculate your energy profile.*



Dashboard



Final thoughts

- **LEMAP** was produced in collaboration with a local community group (Rose Hill), community energy project developer (Low Carbon Hub) and local authority (Oxford City Council).
- **LEMAP** also helped in engaging with a DNO/DSO (SSEN) in overlaying network constrained areas with areas that have the potential for deploying distributed energy resources to support local grid balancing.
- The balance between technical and **engagement** aspects was found to be a novel feature
- Capability profile functionality can be used to show who is likely to adopt low carbon technologies and those who could be left behind.
- Crowd-sourcing of data was found to increase the accuracy of the tool with more local data and also help the local community group understand energy flows in their local areas to design appropriate offerings.

Thank you for your attention

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Benefits of flexibility of SLES in supporting national decarbonisation

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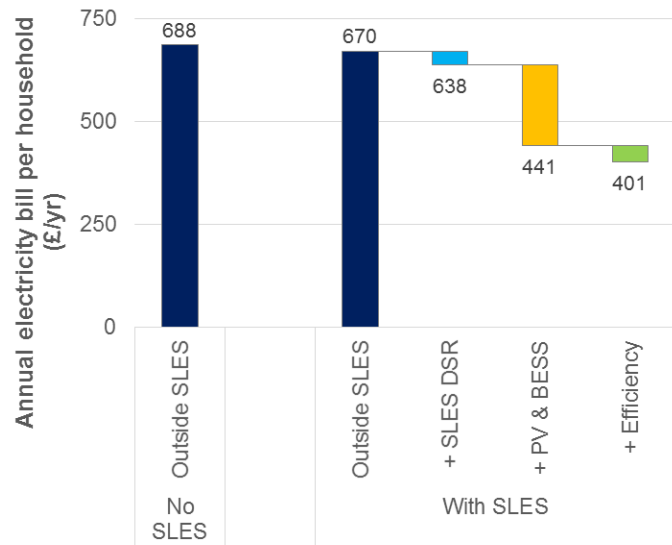
Based on EnergyREV Briefing Paper:

[“Benefits of flexibility of Smart Local Energy Systems in supporting national decarbonisation”](#)

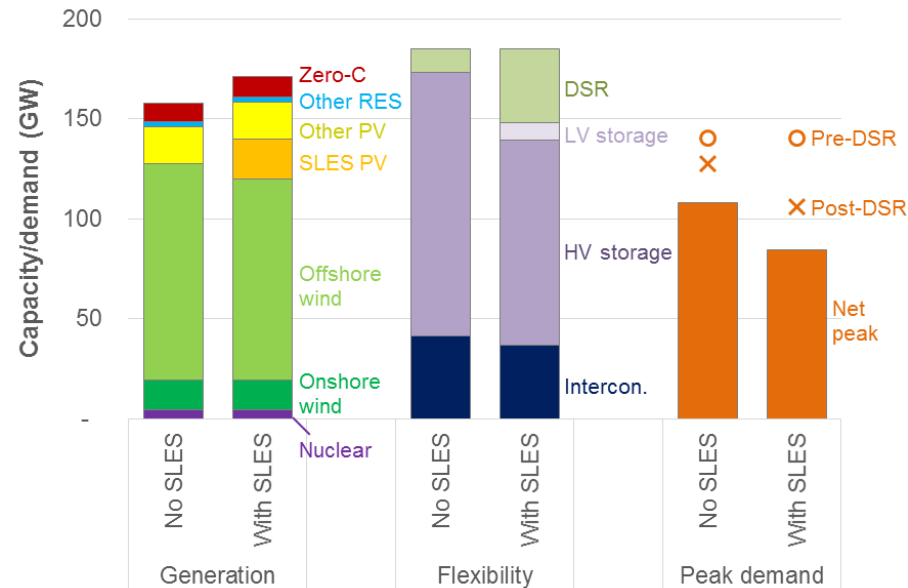
- Quantify **benefits of SLES in a net-zero electricity system** using a whole-system approach:
 - Quantify the impact of SLES on **customer bills**
 - Quantify the impact of SLES on the **whole electricity system**, including specific impacts on generation, networks and flexibility assets
 - Understand how the **system impact of SLES varies** with its uptake level, non-SLES flexibility and the variations in the portfolio of distributed energy assets
- SLES assumed to consist of portfolios of distributed energy assets:
 - Small-scale batteries
 - Demand-side response (DSR) assets in EV, heating, appliances and small commercial segments
 - Rooftop PV installations

Customers within SLES schemes are likely to see a reduction in their electricity bills compared to non-SLES customers.

- Providing DSR services reduces the cost of electricity by 7-8%
- Implementing rooftop PV could bring further 30% reduction in bills
- Energy efficiency measures would bring another 5-7% reductions
- These are gross savings (i.e. not including cost of implementing DSR, rooftop PV, batteries and energy efficiency measures)

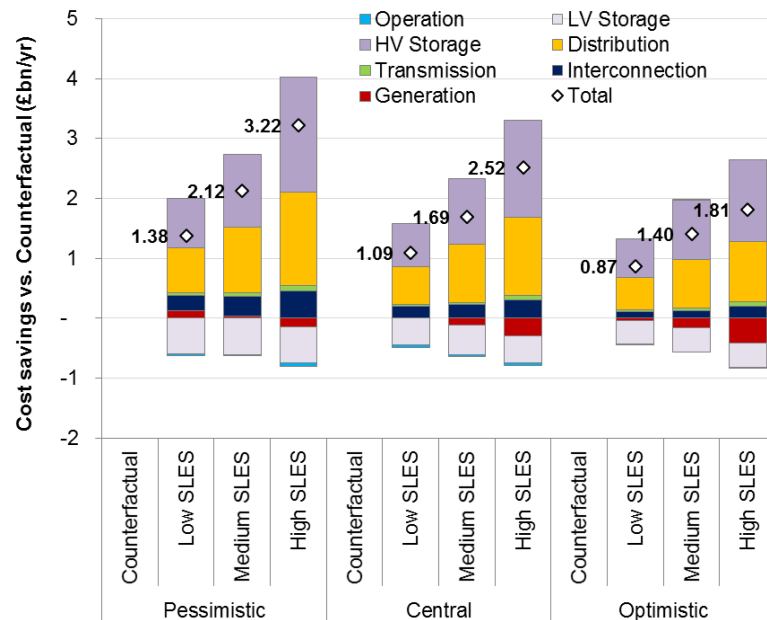


- **Impact on generation capacity:** rooftop PV in SLES displaces wind generation; SLES flexibility further reduces offshore wind capacity due to more efficient RES integration
- **Displacement of large-scale flexibility:** Extra flexibility unlocked by SLES through DSR and batteries, can displace large-scale flexibility assets such as grid-scale batteries
- **Reduction of net peak demand and network loading:** SLES flexibility will have a substantial effect on reducing the peak loading of the electricity grid, requiring less network capacity reinforcement



Deployment of SLES can deliver substantial savings in total system cost.

- In our Central case the total system cost savings from SLES were around £1.7bn/yr (4.2% of the total system cost)
- Cost savings materialise mostly through substituting grid-scale batteries with DSR and by avoiding distribution network reinforcement
- SLES benefits will depend on their deployment level but also on the volume of flexibility present in the counterfactual
- System benefits of SLES could increase further if they include energy efficiency or exclude rooftop PV



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SLES, Skills, and Levelling-Up

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Skills and Training for Smart Local Energy: Systemic Perspective

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Context of this work

Energy – the driver of all economic activity

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Clean, Localised, Democratised Energy System



Ledger

What skills do we need for clean energy transition?

How could these be delivered?

Data Collection Sources



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Bristol

City-Scale

- Over 20 projects (broad tech)
- Running for 10 years
- 38 organisations

Socially-Focused

- Lead by Council or Non Profits

-> social learning and adoption
e.g., community groups and council projects

ESO, REFLEX

Project-Scale

- 2 projects
- Running for 3 years
- 7 (ESO), 14 (Reflex) organisation

Business Focused

- Lead by For Profit Companies

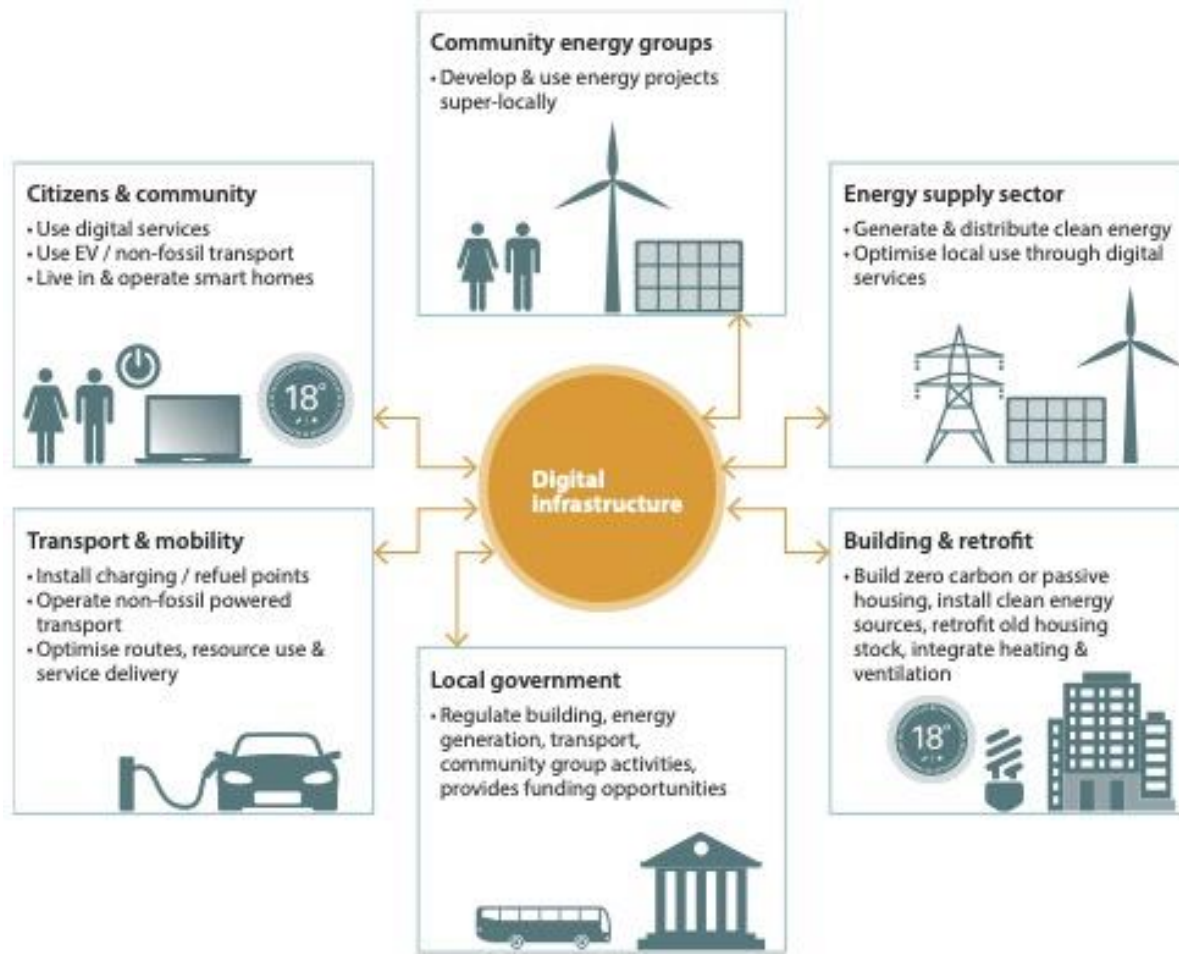
-> scaling business, e.g., ESO:

- Invinity: 5 new projects
- Pivot: 40 projects over 10 years, 3 already ongoing ...

Advisory Board, Focus Groups with Colleges

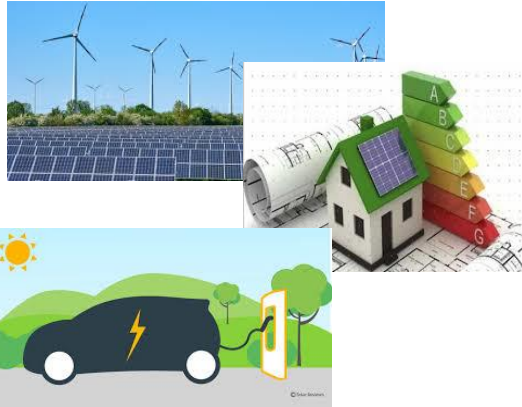
Skills for Transition in Smart Local Energy System of Systems

Net Zero – Transition of System of Systems



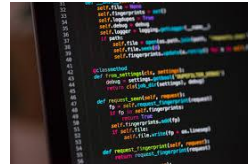
What Skills Are Needed within and Across Sectors

Skills Per Sub-System



Skills Across Sub-Systems

ICT



Distribution

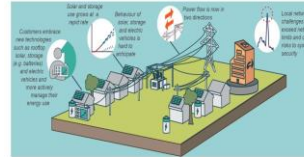


Figure 1. Australia's transforming electricity landscape

Policy & Regulation



People



Skills Per Subsystem: e.g. Energy Supply



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Engineering Skills

Software Engineering skills

Databased Systems

Data Analysis and Machine Learning

Data Security

Power Systems Engineering

Systems Engineering ...

- *Working with Community energy groups*
- *Sizing the heat pumps..*

Finance Skills

- *Develop New Business Models e.g., Based on Value of Data.*
- *Raising funds for the projects*
- *Financial modelling for the projects...*

Trades Skills

Installation skills

- *Heat Pump Installation*
- *Smart Meter Installation*
- *Gas boiler decommissioning ...*

Construction

- *Trenching for Heat Networks...*

Legal Skills

- *Contracts Preparation*
- *Handling Data under Data Protection Regulation*
- *Regulation of Heat...*

Policy Skills

- *Local Authorities SLES Delivery Skills*
- *Setting Policy on Subsidies for Renewables*
- *Local Authority for Future SLE Scenario Planning..*

Managerial Skills

Managing New Business Models

Large Scale Project Implementation Management:

- *Cross Institutional Management*
- *Setting Up Common Systems and Processes...*

Soft Skills

- *Collaboration across Teams within an Organisation*
- *Engaging Citizens into the innovation*
- *Educating public on topics of SLE ...*

Energy Skills

- *District heating*

Whole SLES Skills

Skill		Bristol	ESO	ReFLEX
Managerial Skills	Engineering and design skills			
Building Partnerships/Core Trusted Team	Data Analytics and Machine Learning	x	x	x
Procurement (materials and services)	Algorithms Design and Monitoring	x	x	x
Cross-Institutional/Technology Project Management	Data Management and security	x	x	x
Soft skills	Application Development/Programming	x	x	x
	Systems Engineering and Integration	x	x	x
	Connectivity, Networking and Telecoms	x	x	x
	Research and Simulation Skills	x	x	x
	Software Engineering	x	x	x
Energy Domain Skills	Electrical Engineering	x	x	x
	Overview of Renewables/SLE Technology			
	Specialised infrastructure design and construction	x	x	x
	Designing renewables projects and understanding localisation	x		x
Integration of key sectors into SLE delivery		x	x	x

What is Happening to Jobs and Training Needs?

Whole SLES Skills -> Skills Hybridisation in Occupations

Skill		Bristol	ESO	ReFLEX
Managerial Skills				
Building Partnerships/Core Trusted Team	Engineering and design skills			
Procurement	Data Analytics and Machine Learning	x	x	x
Cross-Industry	Algorithms Design and		x	x
	Data Management and		x	x
	Application Development		x	x
Soft	Systems Engineering and Integration	x	x	x
Educating and Engaging General Public	Connectivity, Networking and Telecoms	x	x	x
Social inclusion, ensuring equitable outcomes	Research and Simulation Skills	x	x	x
	Software Engineering	x	x	x
	Electrical Engineering	x	x	x
	Specialised infrastructure design and construction	x	x	x
	Products and understanding localisation	x		x
	to SLE delivery	x	x	x

Complexity-driven
hybridisation

Data analytics/ Data science driven
hybridisation
(and Softwerisation)

Cross-domain
hybridisation

Agile Accreditation Framework for hybridised skills



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MSc in Data Science



Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
Introduction to Data Analytics
Advanced Data Analytics
Large-Scale Data Engineering
Technology and Innovation

MSc in Management Analytics



Management and Organisation
Accounting, Finance and Strategy
Introduction to Data Analytics
Advanced Data Analytics
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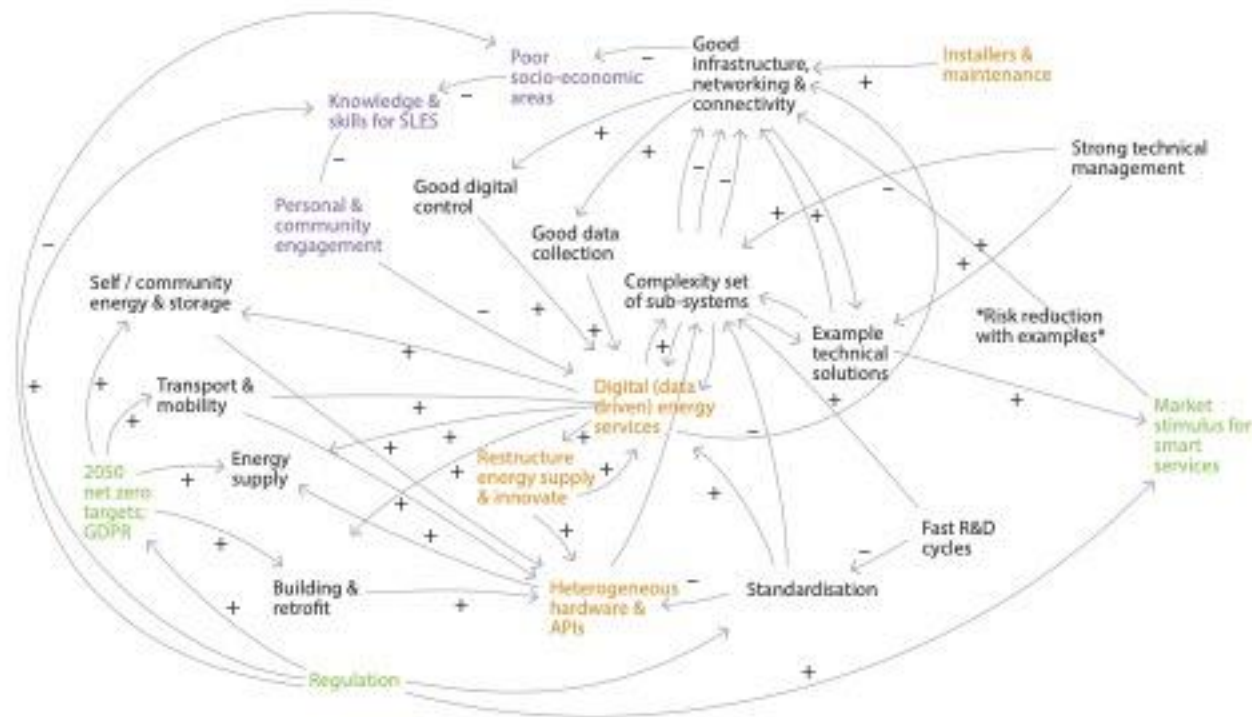
MSc in Management



Management and Organisation
Accounting, Finance and Strategy
Operations and Marketing Management
Leadership, Strategy and Change
Research Methods
Professional and Personal Development

Summary: Observations on SLE SoS Transition

1. Software-based hybridization
2. Hardware-based integration
3. Policy-based drivers
4. People-focused needs



Summary: Observations on Jobs for Net Zero



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More
Skilled



More
Digital



Less Disciplinary
Siloed



More
Collaborative

Delivered through an Agile Qualifications Framework
+
life-long-learning accreditation of newly acquired skills

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SLES, Skills and Levelling Up: business model challenges

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Outline

Research

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1. Skills for SLES in general
2. Skills for SLES and consumers

Interviews and online data collection with 29 local energy systems – mainly looking at existing business models

Workshops with developers and operators looking at business model innovations for overcoming SLES challenges

Skills for SLES

Skills needs are diverse

"We struggle to get competent and trained staff in the areas of data, telemetry, controls. The mechanicals – gas, electrics, plumbing - no problem. The small wires are the problem!" (system operator)

"Our skills development is currently more about finance and complex commercial models than about the technical aspects." (system operator)

- 'Traditional' energy engineering skills will remain important
- But 'new energy' skills – in heat pumps, electric heating systems, smart control systems – will be increasingly important
- Managing complex smart systems also presents commercial and financial challenges.

Skills for SLES and levelling up

We need smart energy maintenance engineers everywhere!

“Availability of local skilled maintenance workforce is a factor in the adoption of new technologies, for example, heat pumps.” (system operator)

- Perhaps 2/3 of contractors are based locally to local energy systems
- However, many systems use national contractors for specialist ‘new energy’ work
- This limits local employment and skills development, and can present operational challenges in emergencies



Skills for SLES and consumers

from the literature

SLES need domestic consumers to adopt new tech and new tariffs

Mastering new technology

“people who are abused by technology ... often do not know they are being abused”

(Vigurs et al 2022: 29)

Vulnerable customers

- Less able to represent their interests
- More likely to suffer detriment

(Ofgem quoted in Citizens Advice 2018)



Skills for SLES and consumers

from our research

Consumer understanding of technologies

“How customers operate their heat and cooling systems has a massive impact” (system operator)

“heat pumps are more complex than gas boilers, it’s possible to make mistakes and use double the energy you should!” (system developer)

Heat pumps most frequently singled out as a challenge

But also smart controls and Passivhaus-style heating systems

Potential negative impacts on

- Comfort and health
- Affordability and fuel poverty levels
- Progress with transition - poor word-of-mouth reputation leading to low takeup of critical technologies



Skills for SLES and consumers

from our research

Consumer understanding of tariffs

“some effort is necessary to help people understand basic billing and tariffs” (system operator)

SLES typically use ‘time of use’ tariffs that charge a different price for energy at different times.

Understanding tariff structure is important for maximising customer cost savings.

Tariff structures may be

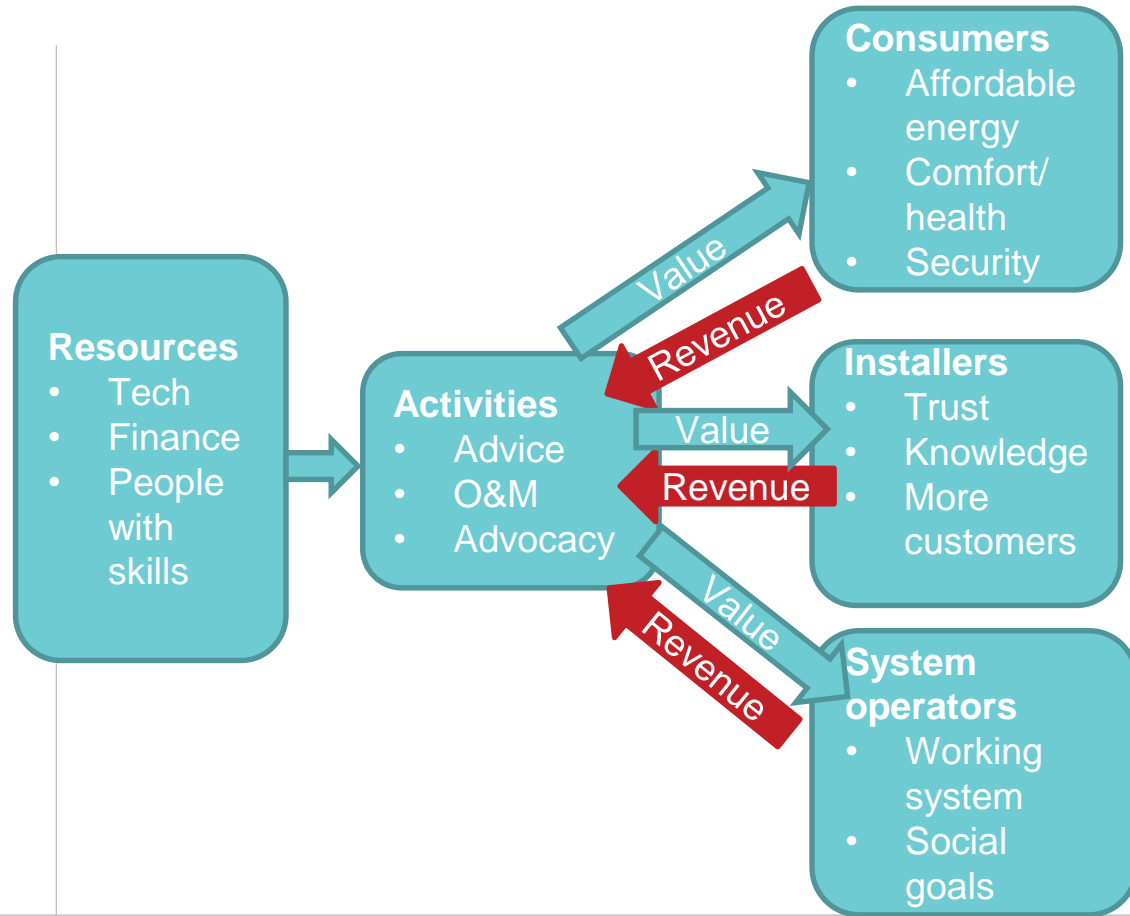
- Fixed time bands – same every day
- Variable e.g. in relation to when local renewable generation is available

Consumers can learn to use these – but will need support

Some existing local energy systems strive to make customer experience “seamless” and avoid new tariffs

Skills for SLES and consumers

Business models for consumer support





Skills for SLES and consumers

Business models for consumer support

Resources – people with skills...

- people who can explain how the system works "in plain English" to the users
- available face-to-face all over the UK
- 600k heat pump installations p.a. (target) = **6k consumer support jobs** (1 per 100 installs)?

and tech resources - smart meters

- O&M can be made more efficient using remote monitoring of system performance*
- home visits will still be needed to investigate when monitoring suggests a problem

*see also Weigert et al 2022



Skills for SLES and consumers

Business models for consumer support

Activities

Advice

- pre-installation
- type of energy tech, sizing, tech choices

O&M

- ongoing post-installation – monitoring performance

Advocacy

- holding installers, energy companies to account if necessary



Skills for SLES and consumers

Business models for consumer support

Value

Consumers

- Affordable energy – avoiding high cost from poor tech choices or operation
- Comfort / health
- Security – support in the event of problems

Installers

- Data on system performance
- Trust leading to more business
- Reputational change – double glazing!

System operators

- System ‘works’
- Social goals – vulnerable customers supported to participate

And of course wider value to low carbon transition



Skills for SLES and consumers

Business models for consumer support

Revenue

- subscriptions from consumers
- from installers linked to warranties – risk of capture?
- will these revenue models price out vulnerable consumers? – role for public funding / operator

Ownership

- social enterprise or not-for-profit – trust and value sharing?
- membership model for accountability?
- local authority role? – some local authorities looking at organising a consumer support service on similar lines



Skills for SLES and consumers

reflections and questions

Consumers' take-up and operation of new energy technologies will be critical to SLES business models.

Different consumers will have different capacity to use tech and get the best deals

Raises questions of

- 'non-energy' skills for the energy transition
- value generation and value sharing in SLES
- energy democracy, power and responsibility in the transition

...and more!

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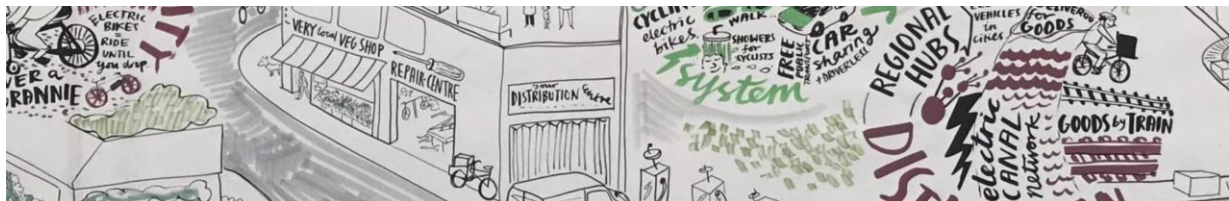
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Sustainable Towns & Cities

A toolkit for city regions and local authorities

Climate action co-benefits:

Cutting carbon and improving people's lives

Authors: Emma Jones | Cara Jenkinson | Simon Brammer | Matthew Ahluwalia | Frieda Wignall | Kate Williamson

Toolkit chapters



1. CONTEXT



2. CITIZEN &
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3. HEALTH



4. ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITY, GREEN
JOBS AND SKILLS



5. RESILIENCE AND
ADAPTATION



6. EQUITY AND SOCIAL
COHESION



7. GLOSSARY

Council action on green jobs



Road to zero carbon: council action on green jobs and skills

A report by Shared Intelligence
For Friends of the Earth and Ashden



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Where local government can have impact: Our recommendations

1. Geography matters:
Identify the most effective geographic area for action to deliver green jobs and skills outcomes.

2. A diverse green workforce:
Increase green job opportunities for people from diverse backgrounds using the levers available to local government.

3. Develop and publish an evidence base using a clear chosen definition of green jobs and skills.

4. Strengthen green skills and knowledge across the council so that all the council departments can play a role in boosting green jobs and skills.

5. Work across local anchor organisations including local government, education, trade unions and business to stimulate demand for green jobs and skills.

6. Use the evidence base and dialogue to take advantage of funding opportunities, build confidence in the market and deliver advocacy to ensure core investment priority messages are heard by central government.

Challenges and opportunities

Challenges

- Lack of long-term government policy
- Big gap = skilled craft workers particularly for retrofit/construction
- Apprenticeship standards and other qualifications – slow to change
- Lack of trained instructors at FE colleges
- SMEs lack resource to get trained...
- Hard for SME's to take on apprentices

Opportunities

- Shared prosperity funding
- Government funding for retrofit
- Using social value properly in procurement
- Additional funding for colleges
- Employer partnerships to boost college capacity
- Regional skills academies
- Green skills bootcamps

Best practice



Ground-breaking
Net Zero Training
Hub launched

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New skills for a greener future - Aston Group teams up with Waltham Forest College to install their first Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger

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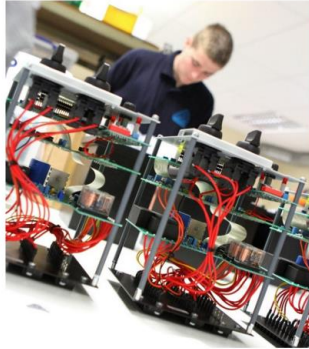
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About BEAMA

BEAMA is the leading UK Trade Association for **manufacturers and providers of energy infrastructure and systems.**



Worth £13 billion

Employing 90,000

With exports worth £5 billion

Representing the supply chain of products and components for the UK energy system

<https://www.beama.org.uk/industry-support/net-zero/growing-the-supply-chain-for-net-zero.html>



Growing the supply chain for Net Zero

- Scale of infrastructure deployment to meet Carbon Budget 6 is unprecedented for electricity networks and end use technologies
- 85% of BEAMA members surveyed expect to scale up by 20%-100% (some answered 10x)
- Investment needs to come much earlier than previously anticipated: significantly earlier than 2035
- Demand on the supply chain will be global
- If we get the market conditions right, we can create new jobs in the UK
- No.1 barrier to inward investment & growth is availability of skills and people

**Manufacturers agree they can make investment required to achieve this in UK
... but not under the current market conditions.**

Backdrop

- Existing supply shortages
- Changing trading relationships
- Energy crisis
- Industrial decarbonization



BEAMA launches UK Electricity Products Supply Chain Council

- Crucial period of investment
- Mounting supply shortages and an energy crisis
- New council will report directly to BEIS and DIT
- Membership from across the energy supply chain
- To track and address current capacity challenges for supply of critical minerals and materials, future capacity building, inward investment, skills and jobs

Scale of electrification

Electricity demand could grow by 70% by 2050 – electrification of heat, transport, hydrogen production

Millions of heat pumps coupled with thermal storage by the early 2030s – 20 million heat pumps by 2050

300,000km of additional distribution cable installation and an increase of grid bulk substations by up to 50% by 2050

Connection upgrades required for many domestic properties



SLES, Skills, and Levelling-Up

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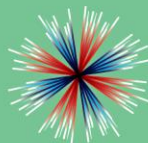
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Proposition – Affordable, sustainable energy more achievable with integrated local systems



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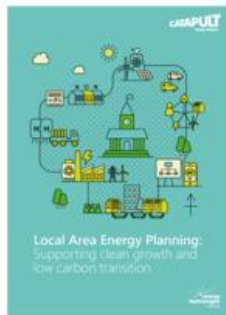
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‘To enable a *cost effective* low carbon transition, more *advanced* local area energy *planning* is needed to ensure the *right solutions* are implemented in the right place, at the right time’

Whole system services from local systems

- Heat, power, transport, storage
- Facilitate transformation
- Manage costs

6Ds

- More **decentralised** technologies
- **Digital** infrastructure for systems’ integration, efficiencies and **demand** flexibility
- **Diverse** businesses
- More participative **democratic** control



Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme
Local Heat & Energy Efficiency Strategies and
District Heating Regulation

Ross Lovernidge
Head of Industry & Heat
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Socio-economic assessment: SLES = 'more than energy'

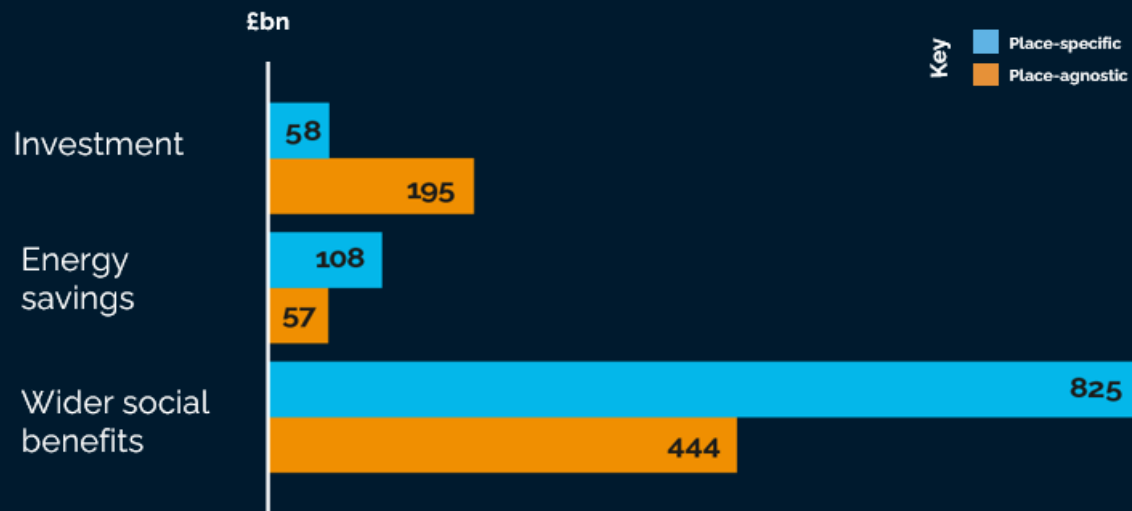


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Adopting a place-specific approach could generate more than double the benefit and at significantly lower cost



Place-based approaches could save **£137bn** in investment cost and generate an additional **£431bn** in energy savings and wider social benefits

Source: IUK with PWC, Otley Energy and University of Leeds, 2022 *Accelerating Net Zero Delivery: Unlocking the Benefits of Climate Action in UK City Regions*

Diversity of local energy

Technologies

Heat networks, microgrids, solar, wind, heat pumps, AD, biomass & gas boilers, EV chargers, BMS, fuel cells

Customers and scale

Less than 10 to over 5000;
domestic, industrial and commercial

System operators

Energy businesses, LAs, farmers, industrial estates, housing providers, universities, community interest companies

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Investment potential from technical support for Local Authorities

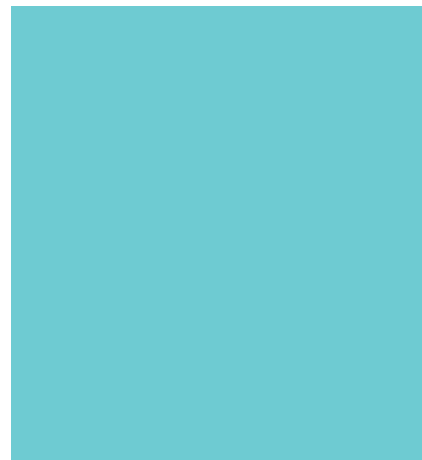
€23 million UK grants from EU ELENA
Prog - invested in people, skills, expertise

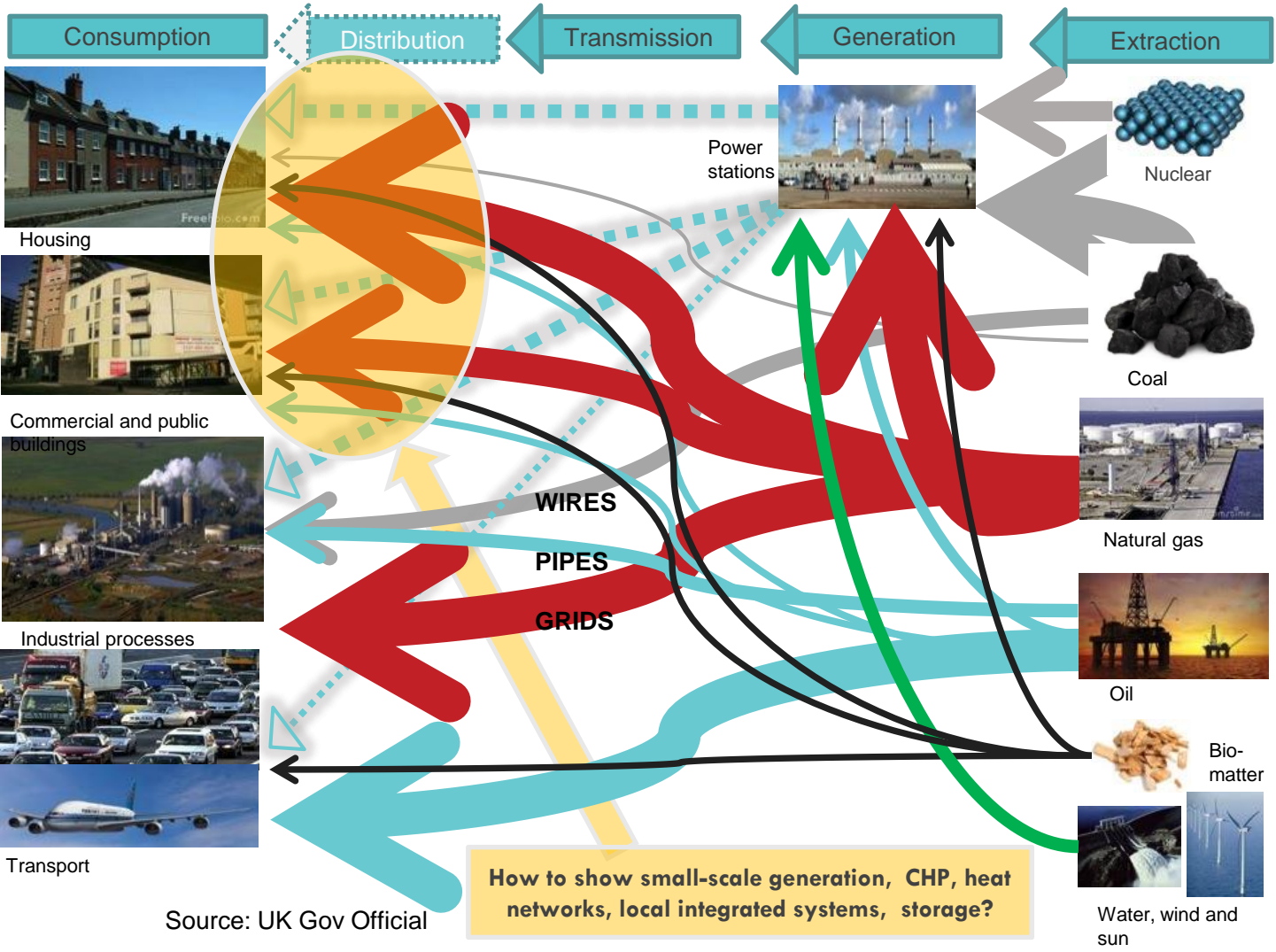


Every €1 led to about €37 investment

A very prudent investment

Delivering €859 million in low carbon
investment at local scale





Where are we now? UK Government Mixed Messages



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ofgem Making a positive difference
for energy consumers

Transitioning to a net zero
energy system

Smart Systems and Flexibility Plan 2021

UK Net Zero Strategy

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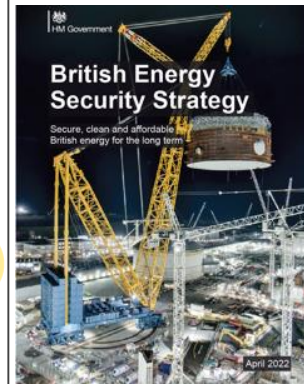
82% of UK emissions
within scope of
influence of local
authorities

Enabling smart local energy solutions

Why this area is important

Decarbonisation of our buildings, transport systems and energy system will require lots of action at a regional and local level. Generation and storage are becoming increasingly decentralised, with solar and batteries being deployed in individual buildings and by local communities. Heat and transport decarbonisation, in particular, needs to be delivered in a way that meets local needs and with the involvement of local decision makers. Decarbonisation will require strong co-ordination across electricity, heat, hydrogen, transport and buildings. That means local actors can be strong drivers of change, enabling coordinated planning and engagement with markets, and supporting cleaner, cheaper and more efficient energy whilst providing a significant contribution towards local economic strategy.

Smart local energy systems are local-based initiatives which bring together a range of energy issues, typically including heat, power and transport, to reduce emissions in an integrated way, while also promoting local jobs and businesses. Local Authorities have a key role to delivering these systems by combining energy into their wider statutory work on housing, transport, waste and planning, making delivery more cost-effective and preparing for a net zero future. The



BUT BESS 2022 NO
ref to Local Energy
Systems

Where are we now? – Enterprise and Uncertainty



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In principle commitment to integrated local energy for whole systems value
BUT



In practice

- Project sponsors “awash with feasibility studies”
- GB centralised market – BESS 2022 continuity
- Gas grid?
- Local energy planning?
- Future Energy System scenarios – mainly electric future ‘one consumer choice’ at a time?

Multi-dimensional value of locally-integrated systems not yet translated into case for users

Will **heat** regulation, zoning and (in England) mandated DHN connection make a difference?

What Needs to Happen for SLES to Thrive?

Support customers in a shift to local energy services

Now - Lack of customer awareness, understanding and trust in local energy technologies, services and tariffs

- obstacle to SLES transition

Changes needed

Resources: local staff – jobs potential

Services: advice on options and continuing support

- micro-technologies to heat networks
- quality assurance
- consumer protection and advocacy

Ownership: independent organisations and trust

Energy service tariffs and payments

- warranties, subscriptions, guarantees

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A policy mandate for net zero carbon localities

- Coordination across scales of government - reducing uncertainties and costs across sectors

Institutionalise local energy planning and implementation - statutory powers and resources to secure long term investment

- Combines ad hoc projects into local programmes
- Increases scale of investment through diversity and affordability of finance

Invest in local authority energy skills and expertise

- Funds for technical assistance and development capital
- Backed with regional and national coordination and support functions

Recognising local expertise in low carbon heat, building retrofit and transport

- Hardest areas for central governments

Evaluate *all* local and regional public expenditure using net zero principles

- Metrics to normalise governance for net zero across local authority finance, development planning and services

Regulatory Framework for SLES to Thrive - the 'missing middle'



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A route to regulating
for locally
integrated systems?

Coordination across
Local governments,
DNOs/DSOs,
customers

Shared data access

Engaging investors

Building on Initiatives
such as SLES Investor
Panel

And on IUK/Green Finance
Institute - financial instruments
and capital for LA net zero

Longer term institutional framework

Local decision
support -
building on ESC
Net Zero Go

Intermediaries
such as English
Net Zero Hubs
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Technical
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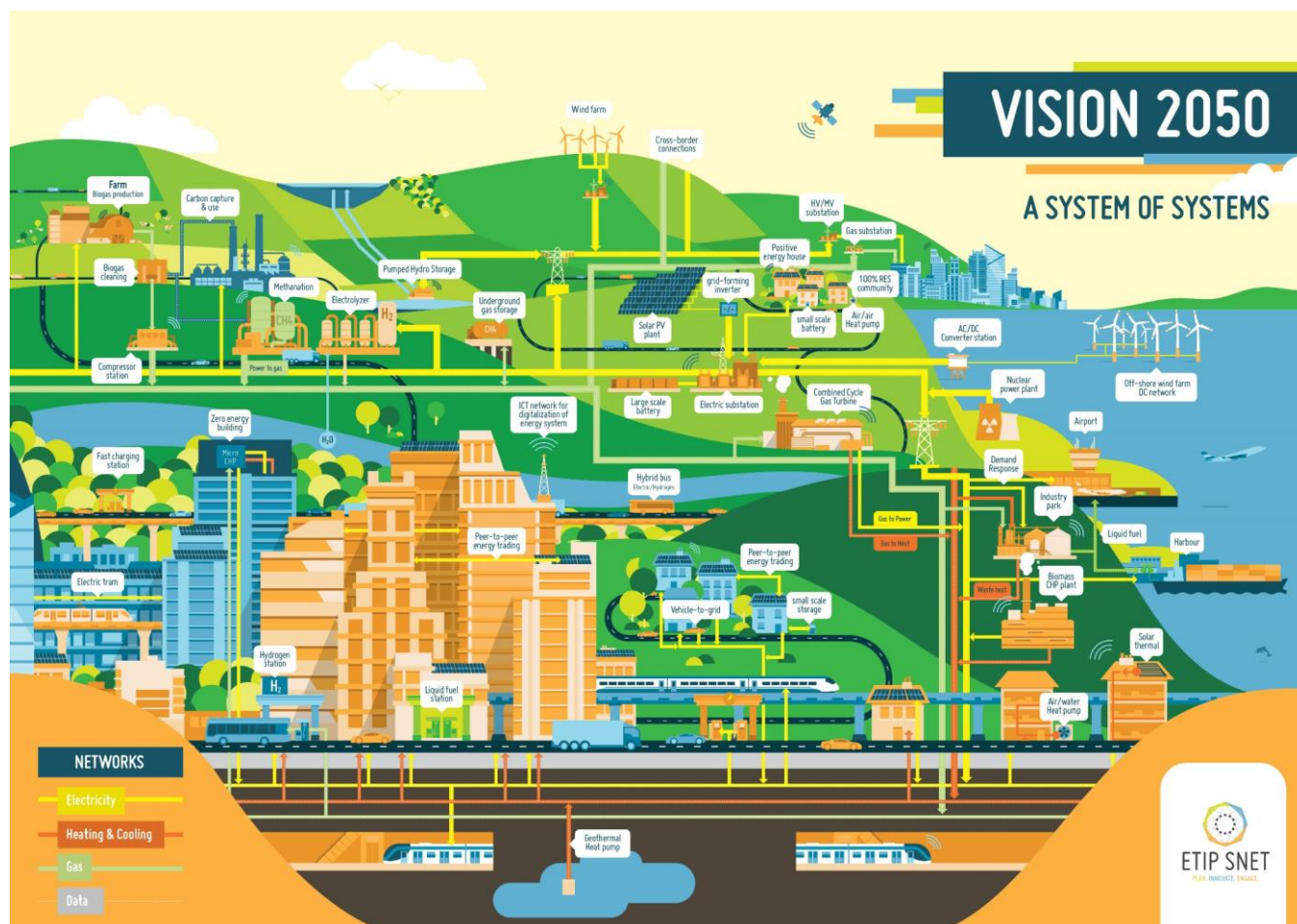


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European Technology & Innovation Platforms (ETIP)

Smart Networks for Energy Transition (SNET)



Day 1 Comments...

- Matt Hannon:
 - “Dumb and inflexible” Energy System
 - Operate “smarter” and more flexibly – we can’t do this
- Thomas Morstyn:
 - Local flexibility → “bespoke and difficult”
 - Comparison with smart grids: NOT *smart* **vs** *not smart*, but moving towards “*smarter*”
- Jeremy Yapp:
 - Smart “readiness”
- Local Zero:
 - Centralised vs. decentralised
 - Intelligent infrastructure

Scaling Up and Rolling Out → Flexible, Scalable and Reusable Systems



Standards – Products – Services – Regulation - Skills

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CoPED – Catalogue of Projects on Energy Data

Alison Halford and Colin Stephens



CoPED

The Catalogue of Projects on Energy Data (CoPED)

A digital tool to support innovation and collaboration in the energy sector

<https://coped.coventry.ac.uk>

A data portal that captures energy projects metadata using a series of visualisation features to support innovation and aid the delivery of the UK Energy Digitalisation strategy.

Connecting energy actors within industry, policy, and research to promote, engage, and respond to the 'energy digitalisation' conversation.

- For the research community, visualisation tools provide options and perform queries that give more granular insights into proposed and existing projects that have been funded by research councils.
- Industry can access the visualisation and querying tools of the portal to identify potential and existing investable, scalable models for energy services/systems.
- Policymakers and local governmental departments can map the uptake and development of renewable technologies projects, providing an evidence base for strategic deployment.



GIS mapping of local energy businesses in the UK

Jan Webb



OPEN

An Open-Source Python Platform for Developing Smart Local Energy System Applications

Thomas Morstyn and Chaimaa Essayeh

Overview

- What
 - ✓ open source Python software platform
 - ✓ model, control and simulate distribution systems with embedded DERs
- Why
 - ✓ Lack of adequate tools supporting SLES research and development
 - ✓ Lack of extensibility and interoperability
 - ✓ Lack of advanced modelling and control techniques

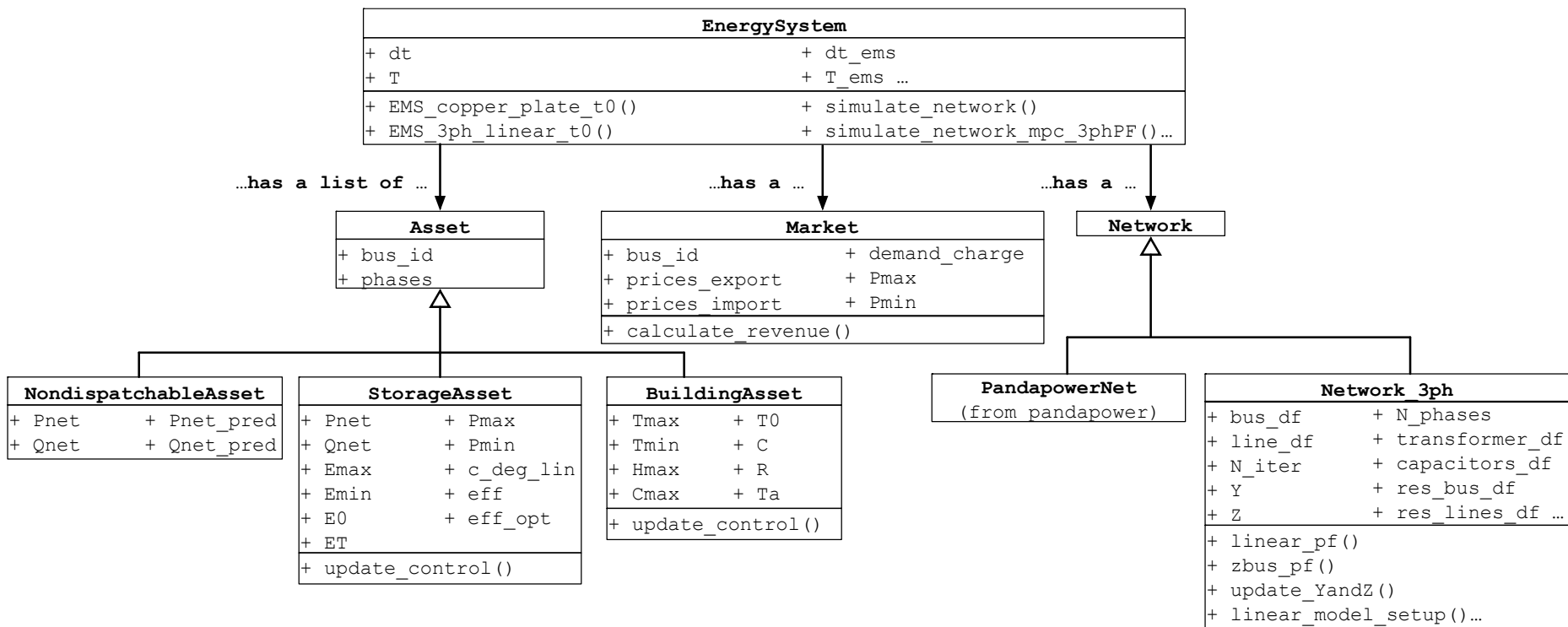
- Key Features:

- ✓Provide modularity, code-reuse and extensibility
- ✓Allow for collaboration and replication between laboratories
- ✓Speed up the translation of new methods to industry application

- Object-oriented structure

- ✓ Standardises interfaces between components (e.g. resources, networks & markets) and tools (modelling, control & simulation)
- ✓ Users can expand OPEN's libraries of networks, market arrangements, datasets and energy resource models
- ✓ Easy integration with third-party packages

Object-Oriented Structure



Future directions

- Broader market arrangements:
 - ✓ Local Energy Markets
 - ✓ Local Flexibility Markets
 - ✓ Interaction between the different markets
- Larger Scale simulations:
 - ✓ Implementation of high performance computing to support large-scale simulations

- Development of GUI:
 - ✓ User-friendly interface





Local Area Energy Mapping (LEMAP)

Rajat Gupta

Overview of LEMAP

- LEMAP is an online property-level spatial mapping tool for visualising local area energy flows for planning smart local energy initiatives to meet the net-zero targets.
- Developed as part of EnergyREV Plus project (User influence tools).
- Uses a range of datasets that are:
 - **Publicly** available
 - **Privately** available
 - **Crowd-sourced**
- LEMAP has been applied to local areas in Oxfordshire that are aiming to become smart energy neighbourhoods as part of Project LEO.
- One application is Rose Hill neighbourhood (1500 dwellings, secondary substation) in Oxford, as part of its aspiration to become a zero-carbon estate.

LEMAP has been organised around four **technical** and four **engagement** elements:

Baselining



Local area energy flows in relation to socio-economic and dwelling characteristics.

Targeting



Identify which dwellings are suitable to deploy different low carbon technologies (LCTs).

Forecasting



Energy demand profiles at postcode level for LCT scenarios.

Capability profile



Shows which areas are likely to adopt LCTs based on their capability assessment.

4 engagement elements
(for end-users)

LEMAP has been organised around four **technical** and four **engagement** elements:

Participatory
mapping

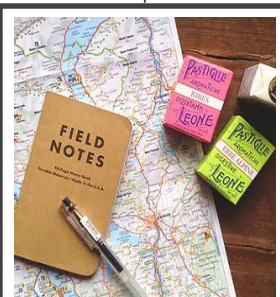
Storymap

Dashboard

Forum



Allows residents to visualise their energy profile, compare against the neighbourhood and see how the profile changes with deployment of LCTs.



Summarises the local energy flows of the case study local area.



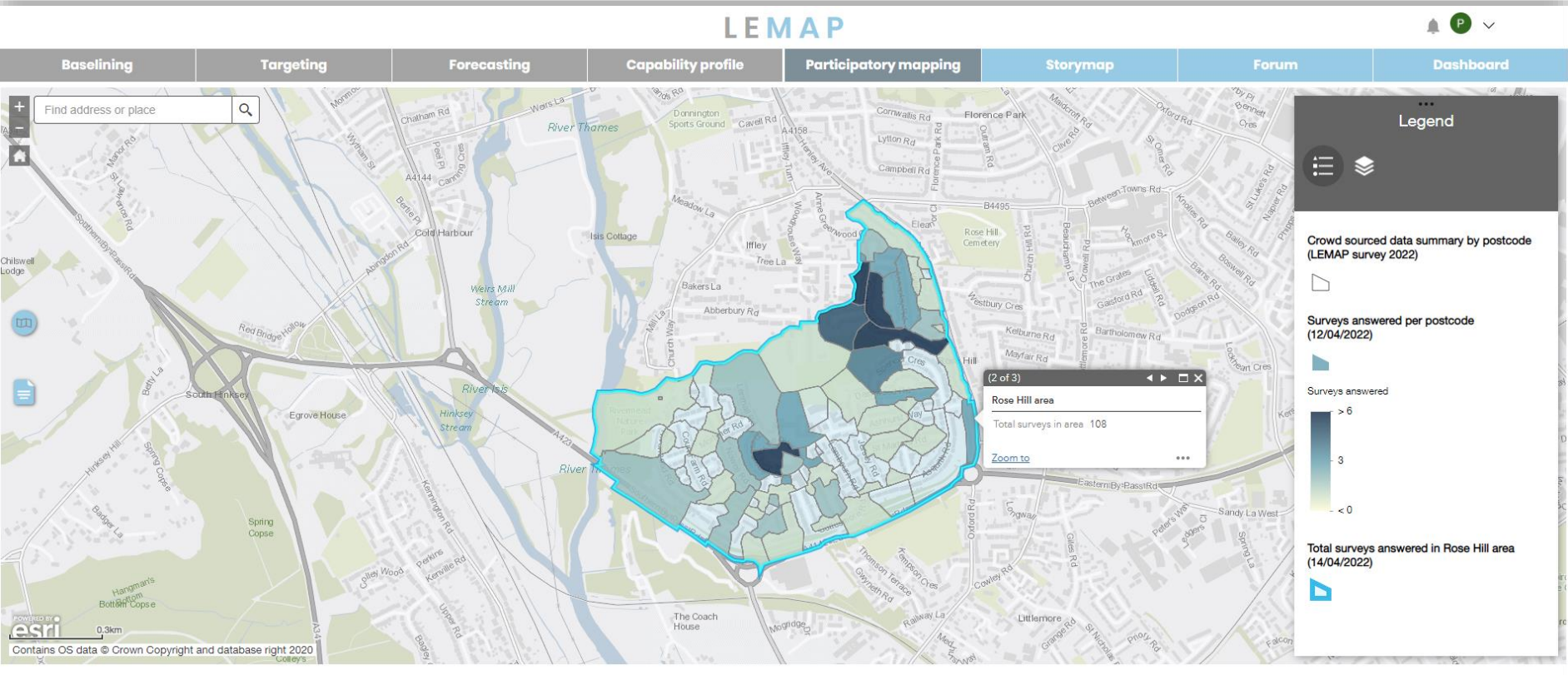
Shows local area energy information by postcode.



Encourage communication between users of LEMAP and project stakeholders.

4 technical
elements
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LEMAP has been organised around four **technical** and four **engagement** elements:





Interactive Theory of Change

Mike Fell and David Shipworth

The Interactive EnergyREV Theory of Change

Showing necessary conditions for selected outcomes from smart local energy systems

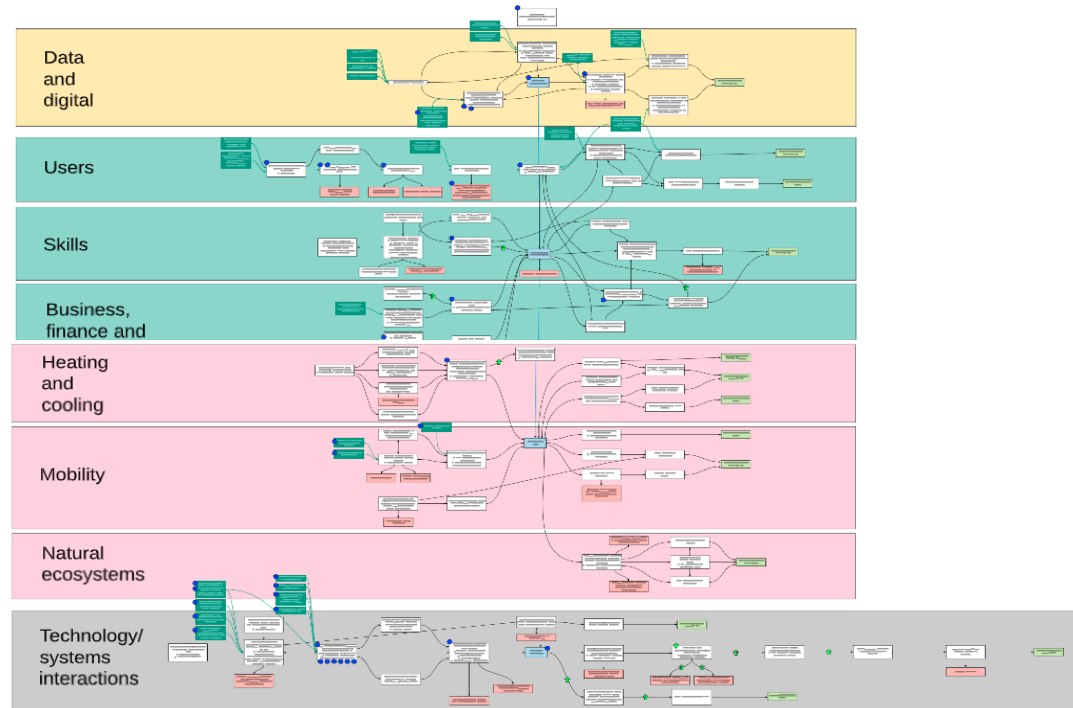
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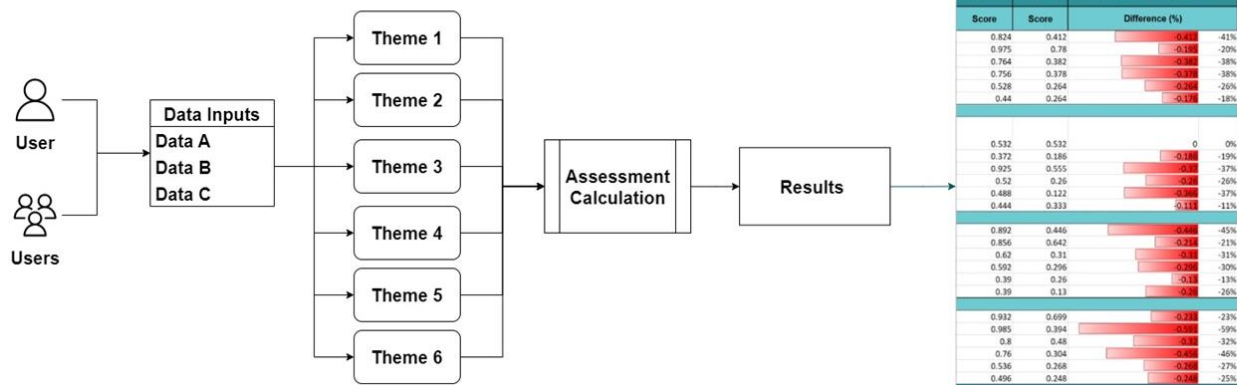




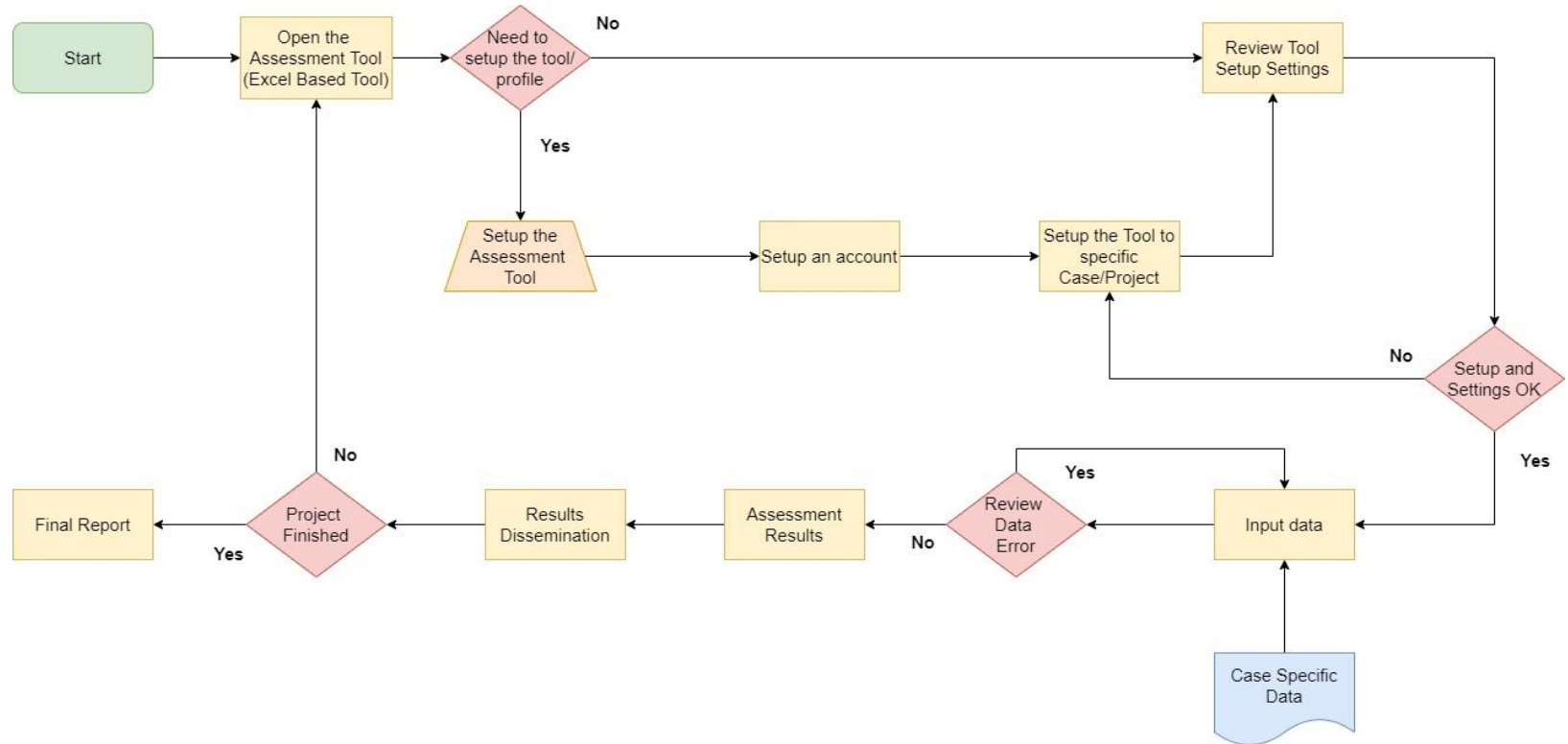
Smart Local Energy System Multi-Criteria Assessment Tool

Bjarnhedinn Gudlaugsson, Christina Francis, Camilla Thomson and David Ingram

Application of the Tool



Flowchart –Users Flow



Expected Value Adding Factor(s) to projects

Project Stakeholders will be able to:

Identify the potential barriers concerning their project that are limiting and impacting the development of SLES.

To compare current status to past or future status to gain a better insight into the SLES-project progress.

Overall expect value-adding factors:

Improved decision-making and policy design to enable wider adoption of SLES.

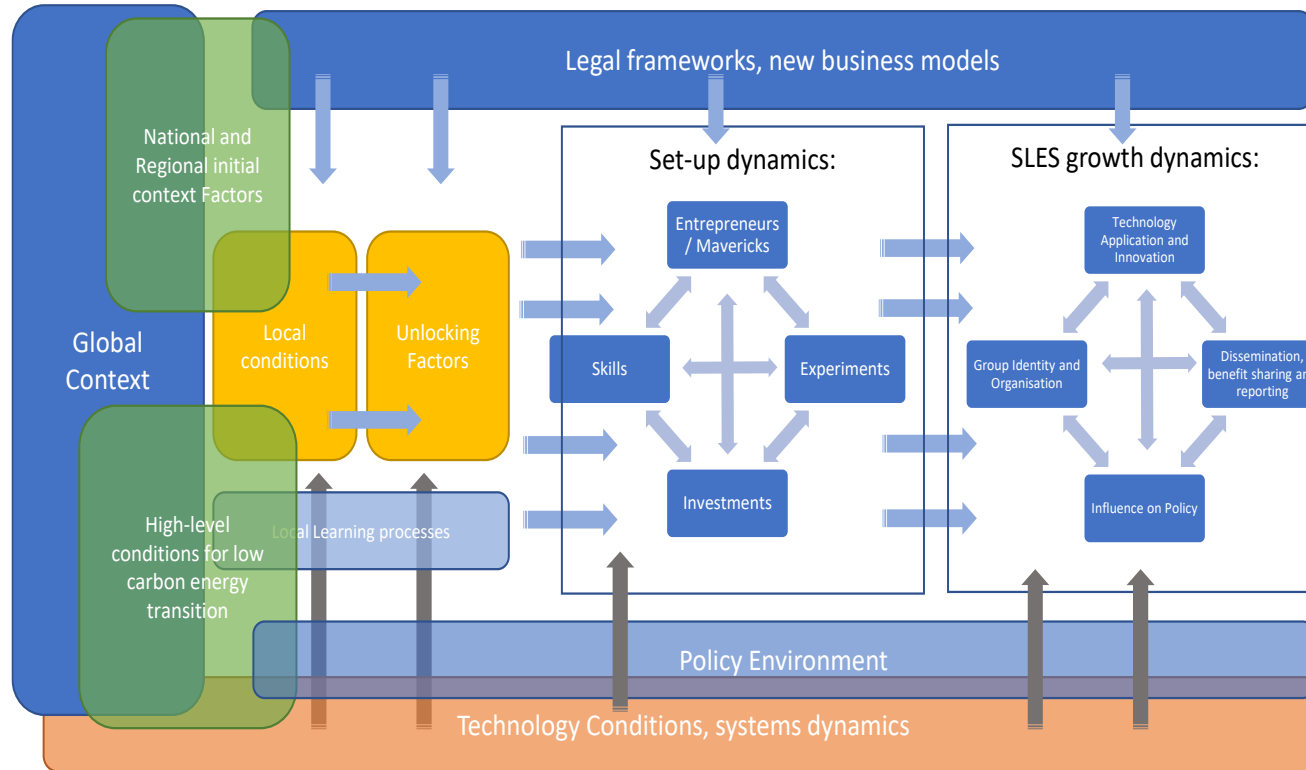
Data and information generation that can be used to assess the SLES project in relation to the objective and aims of the project, e.g. the PFER programme.



SLES Pathway Tool

Damie Emmanuel-Yusuf and Walter Wehrmeyer

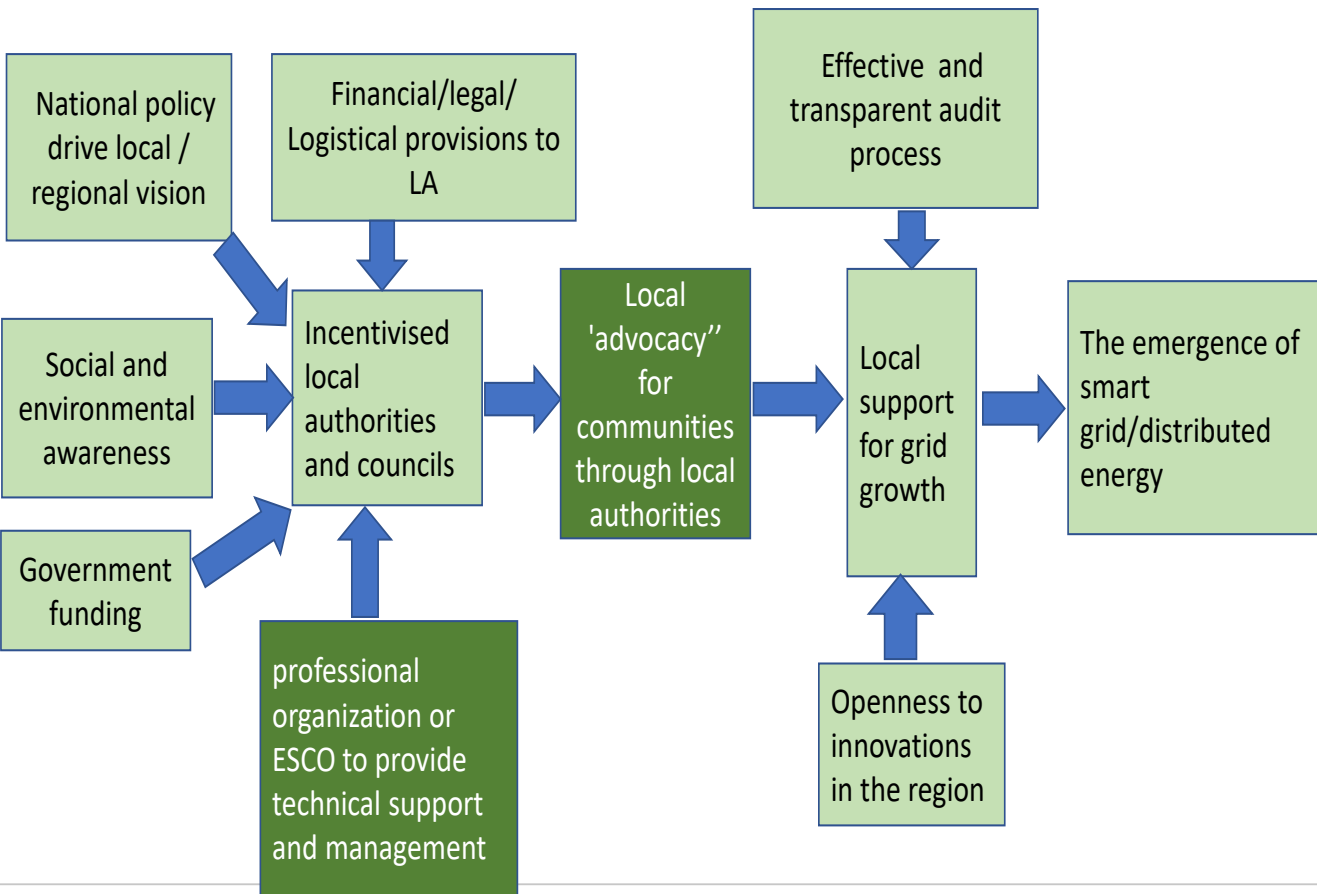
The Transition Map and Pathways



■ 2 dominant SLES set up pathways: 'Local Authority' and the 'Case study' pathways.

■ 2 dominant upscaling pathways: 'Economic Competitiveness' and 'Grid Technology' pathways.

SLES Pathway tool (Local Authority Pathway)



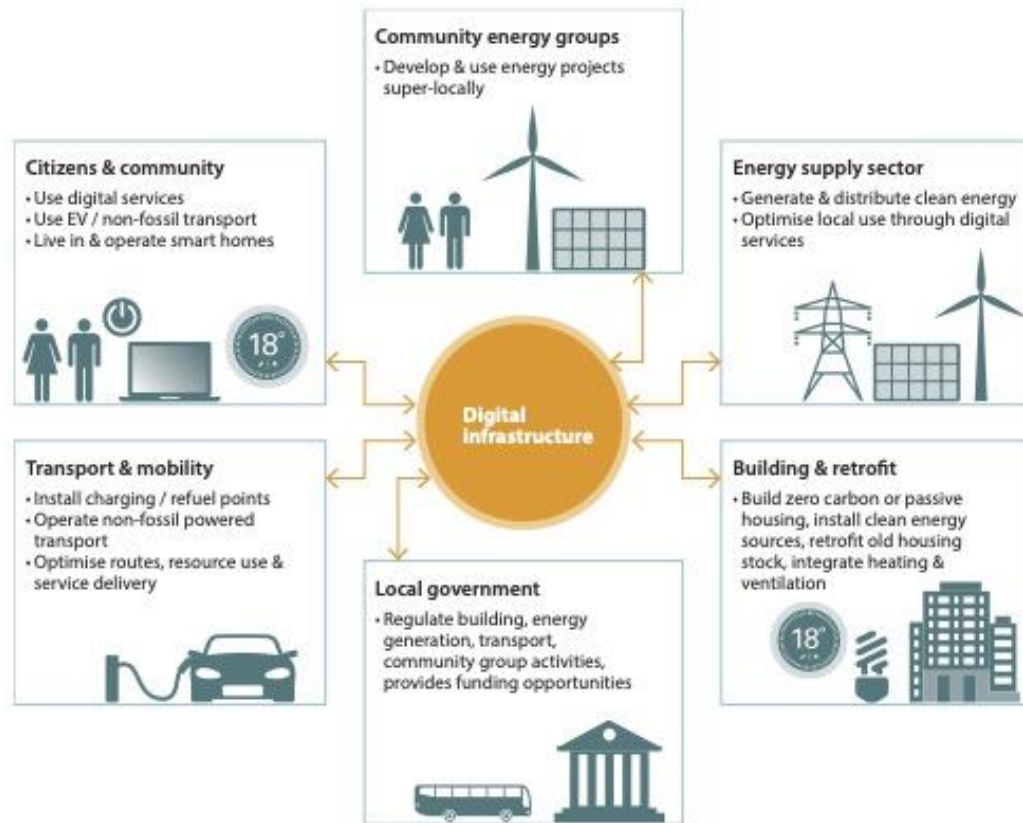
- Identifies underlying barriers and drivers of each step in the pathway.
- Highlights succinct actions to overcoming the barriers and facilitating the drivers based on key context factors.
- Evidence is gathered from various sources: EnergyREV research, SLES practitioner interviews, case studies and expert workshops.



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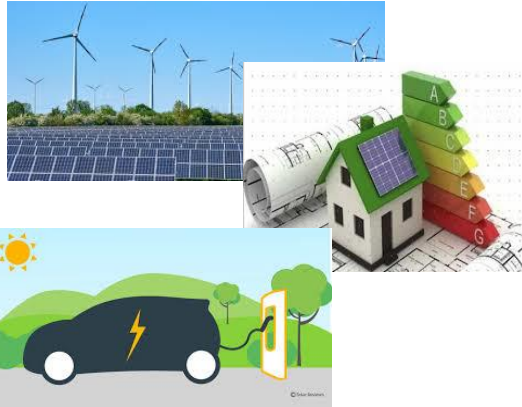
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Net Zero Transition: System of Systems



What Skills Are Needed within and Across Sectors

Skills Per Sub-System



Skills Across Sub-Systems

ICT



Distribution



Figure 1. Australia's transforming electricity landscape

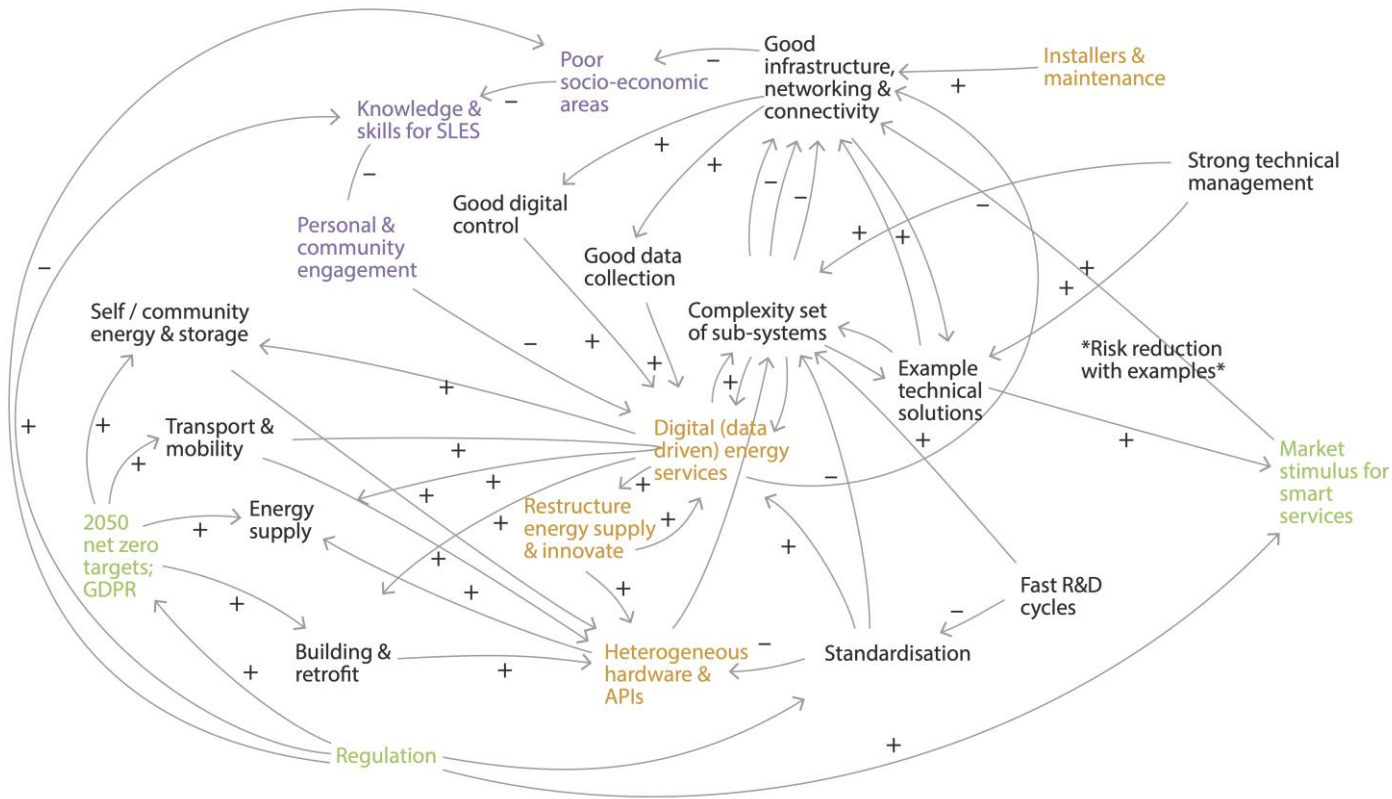
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