

Supporting Local climate emergency declarations Green Alliance and UK100

A partnership briefing

Green Alliance and UK100 have agreed a partnership to support Local Authorities across England that have declared a climate emergency. Local councils and groups across the country have formally declared their intent to act with utmost urgency to tackle the climate crisis but they do not necessarily have the technical, fiscal, policy or political support needed to achieve their bold objectives.

The project, supported by the Friends Provident Foundation and European Climate Foundation over the next 12 months will address this challenge directly. The project will specifically identify the policies and powers that local authorities need to rapidly decarbonise their economies.

Aim: To support Local Authorities across England that have declared a climate emergency with research and shared advocacy for ambitious national and local action.

Objective: To collaborate with Local Authority officers to research the policies and powers needed to take forward ambition action needed to tackle the climate emergency and launch in July at a Local Leaders Climate Emergency Summit ahead of the UN Climate Change Conference, November 2020.

Both organisations agree on a set of objectives and tasks as identified in the following list:

1. Green Alliance and UK100 will identify 3-4 Local Authorities to work together with over the next 12 months based on a mutually agreed set of criteria.
2. Green Alliance will develop research on clean energy, transport and building sector related policies to identify current policies that are being taken forward, what is missing and what support from UK Government is needed
3. UK100 will develop research on associated powers for local authorities
4. Both organisations will also collaborate on an agreed timetable of project delivery, political engagement, advocacy and impact over the next 12 months.
5. UK100 will engage its Local Authority membership, while Green Alliance will utilise its expertise in policy analysis and engagement with Westminster, national civil society leaders and businesses.
6. Both organisations will collaborate in involving relevant stakeholders in organising a national summit and conference in July 2020 to launch their respective research results to the ultimate benefit of councillors, officials and portfolio holders at the local level.

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UK100 is a network of highly ambitious local government leaders, who have [pledged](#) to secure the future for their communities by shifting to 100% clean energy by 2050

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