

NGN & NPg LAEP Charter

This charter sets out the joint commitments that we, Northern Gas Networks (NGN) and Northern Powergrid (NPg), make in respect of helping our local communities plan for the transition to net zero.

Local Area Energy Plans (LAEPs) can have a crucial role to play in helping communities plot a deliverable roadmap to net zero. We recognise that the development of these plans should be led by Local Government,ⁱ in consultation with their communities. Both as infrastructure owners and anchor institutions, we have a responsibility to enable the development of these plans. In turn, local plans can help us plan our investments in our infrastructure, confident that these support local ambitions.

This charter sets out four enduring principles for how we will support Local Government to develop LAEPs, alongside specific commitments for the coming year. We anticipate that many of these commitments will be enduring, but will review the Charter with partners on an annual basis ensure our commitments continue to reflect local needs.

Principle 1: We will support a single conversation, in which Local Government does not need to navigate between the networks.

Commitment for 21/22: We will host a minimum of two joint LAEP workshop events each year, for all Local Authorities in our combined area and meet on a regular basis to share insight from bilateral engagement.

Principle 2: We recognise and respect that LAEPs must be founded on a full consideration of the different pathways to net zero.

Commitment for 21/22: We will provide expert advice to local projects that seek to explore and plan for a range of pathways (for example the Hull & East Riding Carbon Pathway) project and use the outcomes to inform our own planning.

Principle 3: We will seek to openly share our data, developing joint data sets that support a whole systems approach.

Commitment for 21/22: We will develop a joint plan for how to most effectively share data that will support LAEPs, in consultation with our Local Government Partners.

Principle 4: We will seek to identify, in partnership with Government and our regulator, Ofgem, opportunities to co-fund LAEPs.

Commitment for 21/22: We will work closely with Ofgem and central government, to identify funding for LAEPs and engage with our Local Government Partners on how these funds could be best used to support local plans.

ⁱ We use Local Government to mean all sub national government including Councils of all tiers, mayoral and non-mayoral combined authorities, and Local Enterprise Partnerships.