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UK's only local authority climate network comments as next phase of Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme launches

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Welcoming the next phase of the UK Government's [Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme](#), which opened on Tuesday, 2 August, Polly Billington, Chief Executive of UK100, says:

"The cheapest energy is the energy we don't use, so it's great to see that more public buildings will be insulated and supported to be more energy efficient. Amidst an energy price and cost-of-living crisis, this is essential. The Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme will help local authorities and cash-strapped hospitals save significant sums of money and accelerate action on Local Net Zero."

"But this vital scheme only highlights the absurdity of the Government's decision to [scrap £1bn plans](#) to help households across the country insulate their draughty homes. The simplest and most cost-effective long-term measures to reduce energy prices for some of the poorest households are seemingly being passed up at every opportunity."

"We need to fix the roof while the sun is shining and before a freezing cold winter forces people to decide between heating and eating on a scale Britain has not seen before."

"As the Green Home Grant has proven, local authorities are best-placed to lead an energy efficiency revolution. And they're ready to lead but they need support. Any money for insulation and low carbon heating is welcome, but far more is needed, and we need to see it targeted at the people hit hardest by the energy price crisis."

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UK100 is a network of the most ambitious local leaders working towards Net Zero as soon as possible but no later than 2045. We help them collaborate to take decisive action in their communities.

Our members represent more than 37 million people in towns, cities and counties across the UK.

We facilitate knowledge-sharing between members, partnership-building and leadership mentoring. And support them to harness their collective power to affect vital national change.

Warm homes, affordable energy, clean air, and healthy landscapes make thriving communities.

And UK100 members have pledged to deliver a Net Zero future that delivers for people and planet.

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