

Join us:

Be the local solution to
the net zero challenge

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Working together to overcome the challenge of our time

Introduction by UK100 Chief Executive Christopher Hammond

Climate politics and climate action in the UK is at a critical juncture. The UK is falling behind on its net zero targets, with only a third of the emissions reductions needed to meet the 2030 target covered by credible plans. We have a new Government committed to ambitious climate action, but structural changes and poor policy implementation is feeding a misinformation backlash that threatens progress.

With 80% of the UK's carbon emissions falling within the influence of local authorities, we believe the best solution to delivering net zero nationally, is to look locally. The very existence of UK100 is testament to the ambition of local government to rise to this challenge and opportunity. Our members know that a place-based, just transition, led by those who know their communities best, is most likely to succeed. That's why I am immensely proud of the progress made, however, with 2030

targets fast approaching, the focus on delivery grows stronger.

Against a backdrop of global uncertainty, UK100 will defend the need for climate action and support its delivery across the UK. Through our membership, we will provide opportunities for innovation, knowledge sharing, networking, and convene members to contribute to our influential research and advocacy campaigns.

By tapping into the collective insights of our network, we will continue to push for the powers all councils need to deliver their targets. In 2025, this will be more important than ever and we invite you to join us on this journey."



Christopher Hammond

Introduction to UK100

WHY UK100

UK100 is the UK's only cross-party network of local leaders and their councils committed to ambitious net zero targets ahead of the Government's national target.

Member councils gain access to three programmes of support to aid them on this journey. Our membership programme encourages knowledge sharing and collaboration through a programme of events, training and direct support.

Our research and insights work provides members with opportunities to capture local experience and feed into the development of research and delivery toolkits, alongside sector experts. These insights are then used to advocate for the critical role of local leadership in delivering net zero. Collectively, this work fosters dialogue nationally and regionally, and helps to advocate for a just transition across our local communities. In doing so we showcase the determination, capacity and capability of local government in achieving net zero.

HISTORY OF UK100

UK100 was founded in 2016 by Polly Billington (now the MP for East Thanet) to unite ambitious local authorities in the UK to tackle the climate crisis collectively. The idea for the network first emerged when days before the UN Climate Conference in Paris, COP21, dozens of UK council leaders came together and pledged to shift to 100% clean energy by 2050. With this, the first UK100 pledge, from which our name is derived, was born.

Since then UK100 has established itself as the leading cross-party network supporting local climate action, through; sharing best practices, encouraging ambitious action, and advocating for greater powers and financing to achieve net zero. Since our creation, 300 local authorities have declared climate emergencies and the UK parliament passed legislation to bring all greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050.

With an updated net zero pledge in 2021, UK100 now has 116 members and has become a leading voice for local climate action, advocating for greater powers across local government to unlock change.



Goals for the future

UK100 is a member-driven organisation and has always sought input from, and to represent, its members in our advocacy and research work. In 2024, over 50 members contributed to our [‘Local Net Zero 2.0: The Moment to Deliver’](#) report which presents an overview of the powers local authorities need to drive the energy transition and housing transformation required for net zero. The key recommendations from this report are a blueprint for devolution:

1 Local government reform led by local leaders: Transform the settlement with local authorities, including multi-year place-based funding and a statutory climate duty with appropriate resources, clear powers and accountability mechanisms.

2 Joined-up climate devolution: Ensure climate action and devolution are integrated priorities across all government departments, with clear frameworks for coordination between national and local delivery.

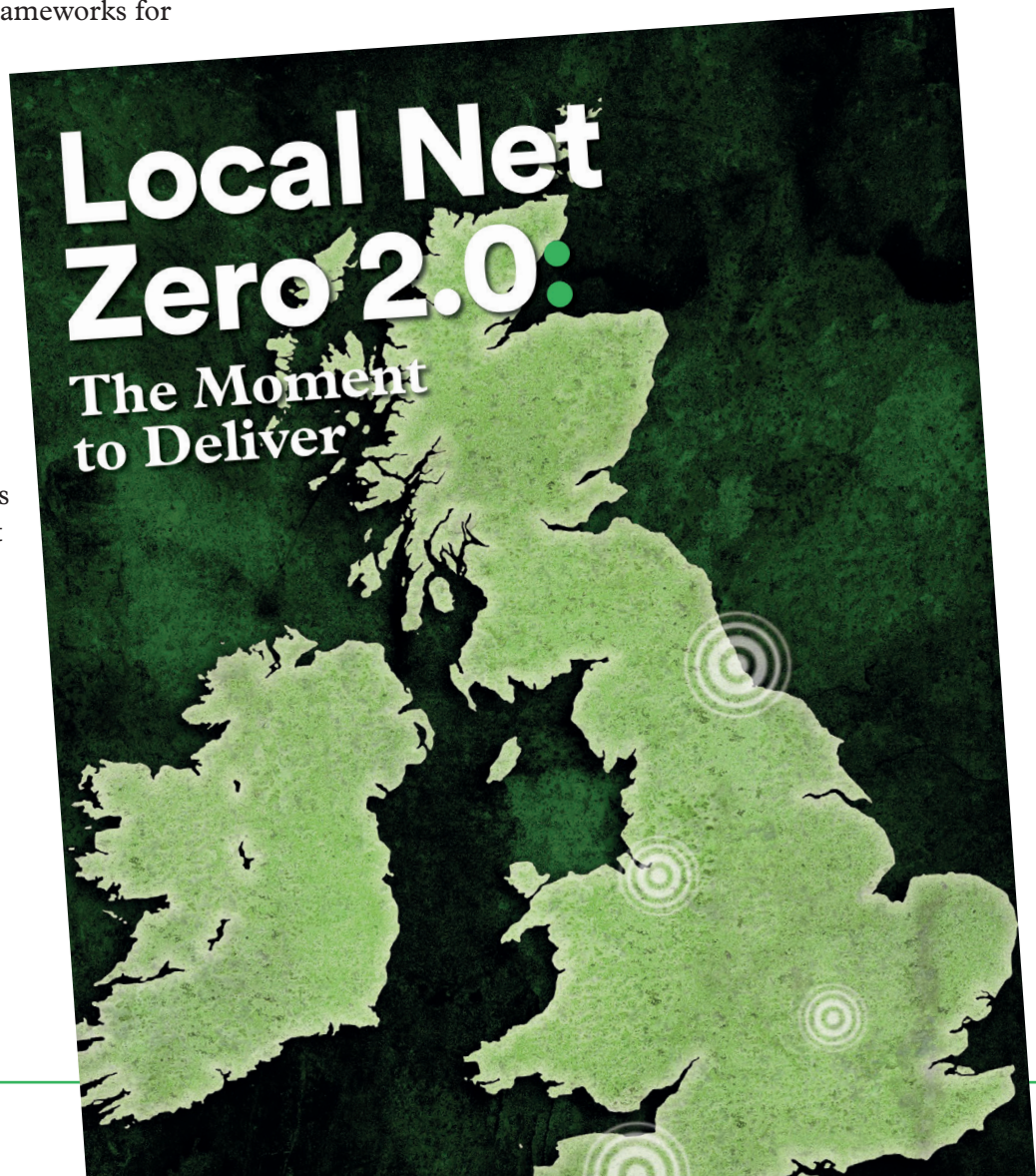
3 Transform local planning and buildings: Reform planning policy and building standards to prioritise net zero, while reforming social housing retrofit funding to enable truly place based solutions and catalyse wider market transformation and skills development.

4 Local leadership in clean energy infrastructure:

Empower local authorities to lead the clean energy transition through strategic energy planning powers including LAEPs, ensure funding for municipal and community energy, meaningful community engagement, and removal of barriers to renewable energy and grid expansion.

5 A new partnership on skills: Work to ensure that Skills England will prioritise the development of net zero construction and retrofit skills, working with local authorities to unlock delivery and green growth.

We will be working with our members across 2025 to explore further opportunities to weave transport- and nature-based powers and funding into our devolution advocacy and practical tools for our members.



Our Support Package

1. We empower bold climate leaders

WHAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES NEED

Members want to know what to prioritise on their climate journey, where they can gather ideas and inspiration, and who they can collaborate and connect with to help them become confident and empowered local leaders ready to drive forward this agenda at pace.

WHAT WE OFFER

A host of innovative projects, programmes and events to support climate leadership, knowledge sharing and collaboration at the local level.

- **Training:** The [Climate Leadership Academy](#) is our one-stop shop for ambitious councillors in leadership positions. Each year, 20 councillors take part in three residential training weekends,

and personalised coaching sessions to develop the political skills, knowledge and confidence they need to drive local climate action. Our **lunchtime learning webinar series** brings policy experts, businesses and councils together to showcase the latest net zero ideas and lessons learnt from across the UK.

- **Knowledge sharing:** Through our [Knowledge Hub](#) we provide real-life examples showcasing the practical realities of delivering different types of interventions. Our **political toolkits** guide councillors and officers through complex net zero topics such as energy, misinformation and influencing. And our online library provides policy briefings, best practice case studies, and videos, which are all shared in our monthly newsletter.

2. We break down national climate barriers

WHAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES NEED

Members need greater local powers to support the delivery of local climate action and their net zero targets, with our research highlighting their calls for a consistent policy framework, long-term climate investment, and improved national-local collaboration.

WHAT WE OFFER

We use the insights and experiences of our members to demonstrate the collective ambition, commitment and ability of democratically elected local leaders to deliver net zero through innovative thought leadership, cutting-edge communications and platforming our leaders to galvanise the sector.

- **Member-led research:** Each year we undertake member-led research projects to both share best practice amongst our network, in the form of toolkits and briefings, and generate insights, evidence and recommendations to support our case for local climate powers. In 2025, our new Policy

Advisory Group will help shape this work with us.

- **Member-led advocacy:** We use this research to amplify the voices of local leaders via collective advocacy to national government. We convene our members, national politicians and senior officials across Whitehall, at events such as our [Clean Energy Superpower summit](#), we highlight local climate action in national media, and feed members insights and experiences into consultation responses and parliamentary inquiries.



- **Collaboration:** We prioritise space for connection and collaboration at networking events, meeting members at events that matter to them, and creating new moments to unite. We host an annual dinner at the LGA conference, networking events at annual party conferences, and bring members together in roundtables, with business partners and sector experts, to explore specific topics and challenges.



‘The Climate Leadership Academy offered a huge amount of focussed information and insights, delivered with humour and warmth. The sessions answered lots of questions and...’

I definitely feel more focused, reassured that we have good work underway, and inspired to make real progress with my priorities.’

Jenny Kent,
Executive Member for Environment and Climate Emergency, York City Council



Our support package has evolved since we began in 2016, it will continue to develop in response to the emerging policy context, member feedback and funding.

3. We co-create climate solutions

WHAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES NEED

Members want to work with experts and innovators to co-create scalable and replicable climate solutions, to maximise the use of their limited resources and ensure projects are set-up for technical and political success from the beginning.

WHAT WE OFFER

We use the expertise and insights from across the network to design timebound projects that support councils to co-create scalable and replicable climate innovations.

- **1:1 guidance:** Members can access an annual meeting with our senior team to seek advice on the political barriers hindering their progress.
- **Tailored support:** With support from trusts and foundations, we offer timebound projects such as [Local Power in Action](#) and [Local Climate Engagement](#) to provide bespoke



political and technical support for local authorities to co-create climate solutions that successfully overcome political barriers, embrace collaboration, and prioritise community engagement.

- **Countryside Climate Network:** Our dedicated sub-network brings together rural councils to explore the unique challenges they face in delivering net zero, and co-create effective solutions locally, and nationally.

‘One of the hardest things for councils trying to move forward on climate, is knowing where to start in different policy areas. Having that network through UK100, the Knowledge Hub, the support on some of the policies they provide is really helpful.’

Ryan Jude,
Cabinet member for Climate, Ecology and Culture, Westminster City Council

Calderdale Council's membership journey

CLIMATE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Calderdale Council has a large climate team with a wealth of technical expertise and leadership, but they wanted to take this to the next level to build the political leadership for their climate team. To support this, Cllr Scott Patient (right) took part in 2023 Climate Leadership Academy.



UK100 has been a game changer for us in Calderdale as we have a team of technical experts, but what we needed was to develop our leadership of climate action. That is UK100's real strength - the really wide range of leadership skills that we can then apply to the climate agenda, and the network of inspiration that we can learn from.'

Deborah Harkins, Director of Public Health and Climate Action

NATIONAL INFLUENCE

In 2024, after their involvement in various UK100 programmes, Calderdale won an MJ award in recognition of their innovative climate delivery, including their influencing strategy developed with UK100. To showcase their award-winning work, they hosted a conference exploring how we move from 'Insights to Action' which brought together regional and national stakeholders



JOINING UK100

Calderdale joined UK100 in 2021, having committed to Net Zero by 2030 and an area wide ambition of 2038.

Calderdale is a place that lives the climate emergency, we know that we can't tackle it alone and have built strong partnerships to do so. As such, it was really important to us to be part of the UK100 network. To not just show our commitment to climate action, but to benefit from the broader network, knowledge sharing, and training available as a result'

Cllr Scott Patient, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Housing

LOCAL POWER IN ACTION

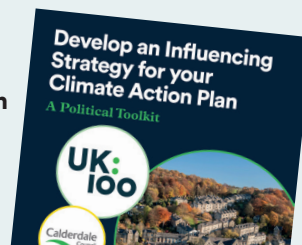
Keen to put their climate leadership skills to the test, the council successfully applied to UK100's Local Power in Action programme in 2023. Through which they were supported to develop the UK's first 'influencing strategy' in partnership with their own Climate Action Partnership. Recognising they cannot do this work alone, this co-produced strategy identified their climate priorities, and who they need to influence locally, regionally, and nationally, to affect change.



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KNOWLEDGE SHARING TO THE NETWORK

UK100 created a new Influencing Strategy toolkit to highlight the award winning journey Calderdale Council has been on, and how other councils across the UK can follow in their footsteps. UK100 exists to empower climate leaders, co-create climate solutions and break down national climate barriers. Our work with Calderdale Council has shown what this journey can look like, and how members can make the most of our membership.



Membership pledge

‘We pledge to lead the UK’s climate response by achieving net zero ahead of government targets, using our influence to accelerate ambitious local action, reducing emissions at their source, and collaborating with communities to deliver a fair and just transition...’

In order to access our member benefits and become members, councils must sign our Net Zero Pledge.

Signing the pledge demonstrates the ambition of democratically elected local leaders to do everything within their power to deliver net zero and commits the council to work towards the following:

- 1** Have set ambitious net zero targets for greenhouse emissions of 2030* for council operations and 2045* for areawide emissions at the latest

COMBINED AUTHORITIES

- ➔ Net zero council operations 2045
- ➔ Net zero areawide emissions 2045

COUNTY COUNCILS

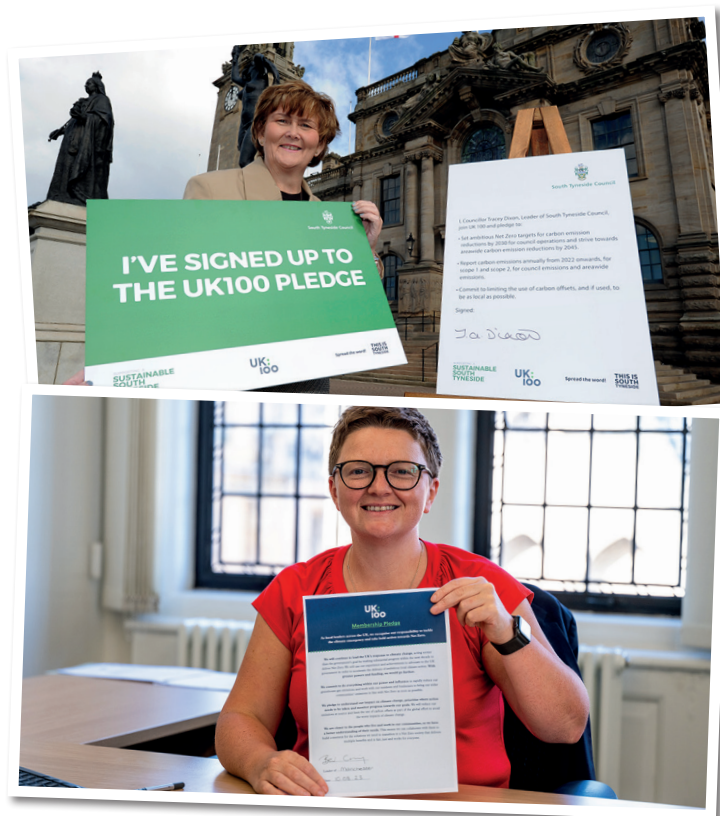
- ➔ Net zero council operations: 2030
- ➔ Net zero areawide emissions 2050

DISTRICTS, METROPOLITAN COUNCILS, UNITARY AUTHORITIES, AND LONDON BOROUGHS

- ➔ Net zero council operations 2030
- ➔ Net zero council operations 2045

- 2** Report their carbon emissions annually, for scope 1 and scope 2, for council emissions and areawide emissions.

- 3** Commit to limiting the use of offsets, and if used, to be as local as possible.



Cllr Tracey Dixon, leader of South Tyneside Council (top), and Cllr Bev Craig, leader of Manchester City Council, sign the UK100 membership pledge

We recognise that local authorities do not currently have all the powers they need to reach their ambitious net zero targets. For this reason the pledge intends to drive accountability, in the absence of a statutory duty for local authorities to reduce emissions. We will continue to do all we can to support investment and policy changes which will enable you to do what you need to meet your net zero target.

Membership benefits

We have two membership options: paid membership which offers full access to our package of resources, events and advocacy; and a free ally option, which offers access to select membership benefits. Read more about these two options to understand the benefits for each:

Benefit	Full	Ally
Use of UK100 logo or ally logo	✓	✓
Named 'Member' or 'Ally' on our website and annual report	✓	✓
A quarterly newsletter filled with policy updates and events	✓	✓
Access to our Lunchtime Learning webinar series on climate action and net zero topics that matter to you	✓	✓
Access to UK100 Knowledge Hub, our online library of case studies and inspiration	✓	✓
Priority access to digital copies of all UK100's research and reports	✓	✓
Submit case studies and blogs for the Knowledge Hub	✓	✓
Premium monthly newsletter filled with expert tips and policy updates	✓	
Opportunity for annual 1:1 meeting with UK100 team	✓	
Submit events and job roles for inclusion in the monthly newsletter	✓	
Opportunity to apply for joint funding and projects	✓	
Access to our Whatsapp community and our online, topic-specific, forums	✓	
Priority access to policy roundtables with key stakeholders, including parliamentarians and businesses	✓	

Opportunity to be a part of UK100 Policy Advisory Group	✓	
Access to UK100 policy briefings	✓	
Access to our annual survey and member meeting, to feed back on your experience and inform UK100's direction	✓	
Priority involvement in UK100 research projects	✓	
Opportunity to apply to be a UK100 co-president	✓	
Priority access to apply for the Climate Leadership Academy	✓	
Priority invite to our Annual Parliamentary Reception, LGA Conference Dinner, and party conference networking events	✓	
Access to our Countryside Climate Network - where applicable	✓	



Where stated, priority access means priority access is given to paid members, but spaces remain limited for some events and projects, working on either an application or first come, first served basis.

Membership pricing structure

To reflect the different scale, levels of responsibility and resource availability of members across our network we have implemented a tiered pricing structure. It is important to us that full membership is accessible to all, and the price members pay is fair and transparent across all tiers.

	Population size	Annual fee* (excluding VAT)
Counties	Any	£5,250
Combined Authorities	Any	£5,250
Single tier local authorities (Including Metropolitan councils, Unitary Authorities, and London Boroughs)	>400,000	£5,250
	250-400,000	£4,000
	< 250,000	£3,500
Districts	> 150,000	£3,000
	< 150,000	£2,500

UK100 is a not-for-profit organisation and these membership fees will be subject to change and annual review. They will be used to develop our core membership programme, allowing us to invest in our support package for members. These fees will make up a nominal proportion of our budget, with additional funding sought from trusts and foundations, and our Business Supporters Network.

Next steps



MEET WITH UK100 MEMBERSHIP TEAM

To book a meeting, please contact the membership team on membership@uk100.org and one of the team will be in touch to organise a time that suits you.



SECURE RELEVANT INTERNAL APPROVAL

We ask that each council secures the relevant internal approval to join the network or upgrade to full membership. For new members this often involves gaining approval through the relevant cabinet system.



SIGN UK100 ONBOARDING FORMS AND CONTRACT

Please complete our onboarding forms and contract so we can formalise your membership as soon as possible.



PAY UK100 INVOICE

An invoice will be sent to your named contact for payment.



ANNOUNCE MEMBERSHIP

We will jointly announce your membership and provide template materials for you to share the news through your own channels.



6. RECEIVE ACCESS TO ALL UK100 BENEFITS

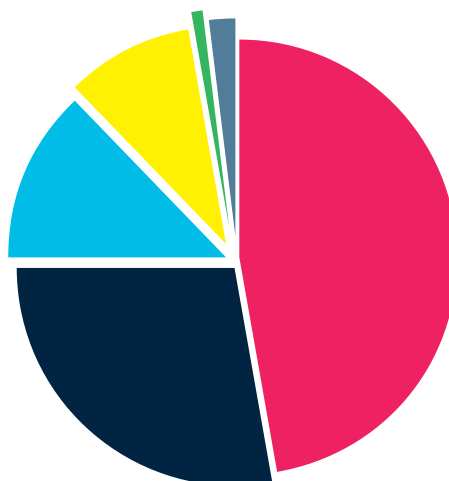
Time to enjoy all the benefits of membership. Sign up for a lunchtime learning, read our energy toolkit, take a look at our monthly newsletter, or apply for our Climate Leadership Academy.

If you have any questions at any stage of this process please don't hesitate to contact us on membership@uk100.org and one of our team will get back to you.

Our members

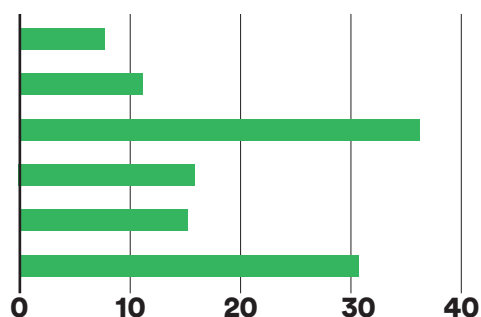
Political administrations

- 55 Labour
- 15 Conservative
- 11 Liberal Democrats
- 1 Green Party
- 2 Independent
- 32 No Overall Control



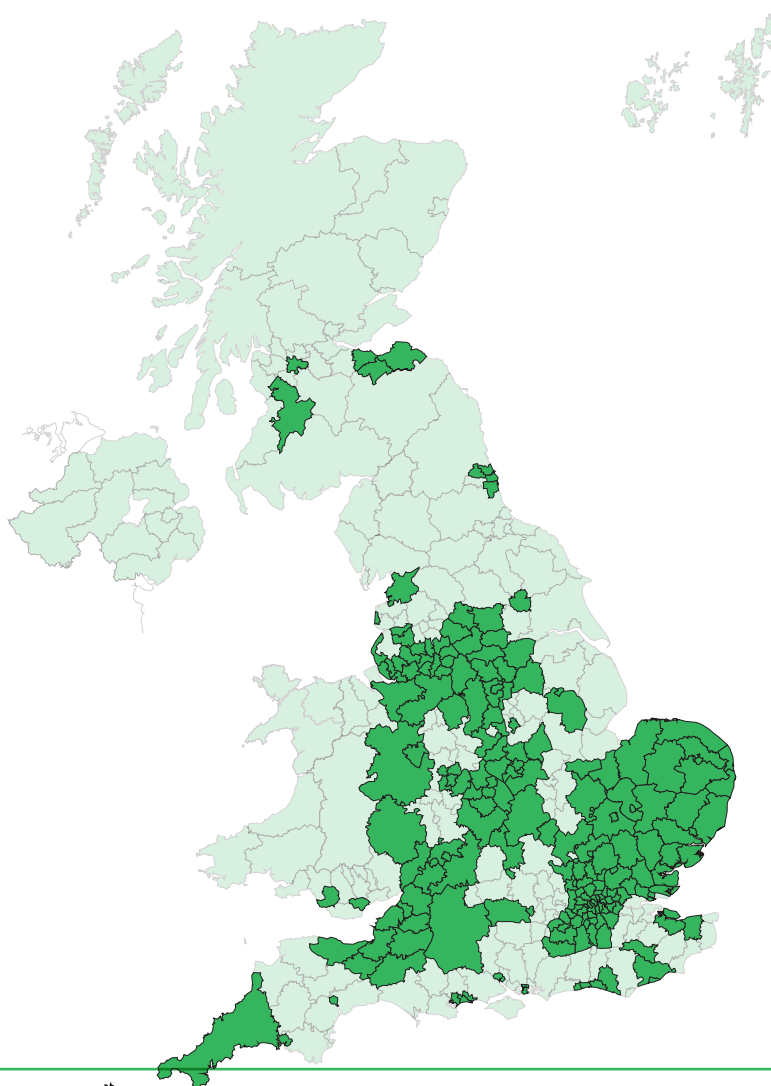
Type & tier

- 7 Combined Authority
- 11 County Council
- 36 District Council
- 16 London Borough
- 15 Metropolitan District
- 31 Unitary Authority



Geographical distribution

- 8 East Midlands
- 15 East of England
- 17 Greater London
- 4 North East
- 13 North West
- 3 Scotland
- 23 South East
- 15 South West
- 2 Wales
- 10 West Midlands
- 6 Yorkshire and the Humber



60%
of the UK's
population is
covered by our
network

Our governance

UK100 is an independent not-for-profit organisation. UK100 is governed by a [board of directors](#), our mission and values, and has four cross-party co-presidents. We regularly consult with existing members to determine the strategic direction of the organisation.

Through the programmes and services we provide, we always endeavour to support and encourage the incumbent democratically elected council leadership. Our members

decide on how they work with UK100 and take advantage of our support. We are strictly non-party political, and this is represented by the support we have from across the political spectrum.

Currently, we receive funding from the European Climate Foundation which has a mission to empower people across society to create a Net Zero world. And we're supported by members of our [Business Supporters Network](#).

Our values



We are ambitious

We maximise our impact by putting excellence at the heart of all we do — from innovative projects to everyday tasks. This enables us to punch above our weight in tackling the defining challenge of our time.



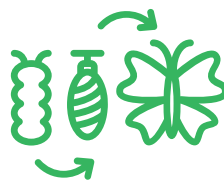
We are collaborative

United in our mission, we foster collaboration across teams, organisations, and political divides. Together, we are building a powerful coalition for a fairer transition to Net Zero.



We are principled

We act with integrity on behalf of our members, doing what's right, even when it's difficult.



We are evolving

We are always learning and adapting to new opportunities and challenges. By sharing these insights we work to overcome barriers to local climate action.



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