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# Bath & North East Somerset Council

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## Developing Local Energy Markets

B&NES Council Context

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& Robin Spalding (Renewable Energy Programme Manager)

# Climate & Nature are high priority cross-cutting themes: clear policy and ambition for our area

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## Bath & North East Somerset Climate Emergency Strategy

2019-2030

Version: March 2023



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## Bath & North East Somerset Ecological Emergency Action Plan

2023-2030

16 March 2023



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View the strategy on our website [here](#)

View the action plan on our website [here](#)

# We set out our four priorities for climate, with clear targets and a range of supporting actions...



## Decarbonising buildings

- UK's first **Net Zero new build** planning policy in our LPPU
- **Targeting 65,000 residential retrofits**, via WECA 'Accelerator'



## Decarbonising transport

- **Reducing car use by 25%** by 2030.
- 95 public **EV charging points** (Jan)
- **£138m investment** in infrastructure



## Increasing renewable energy generation

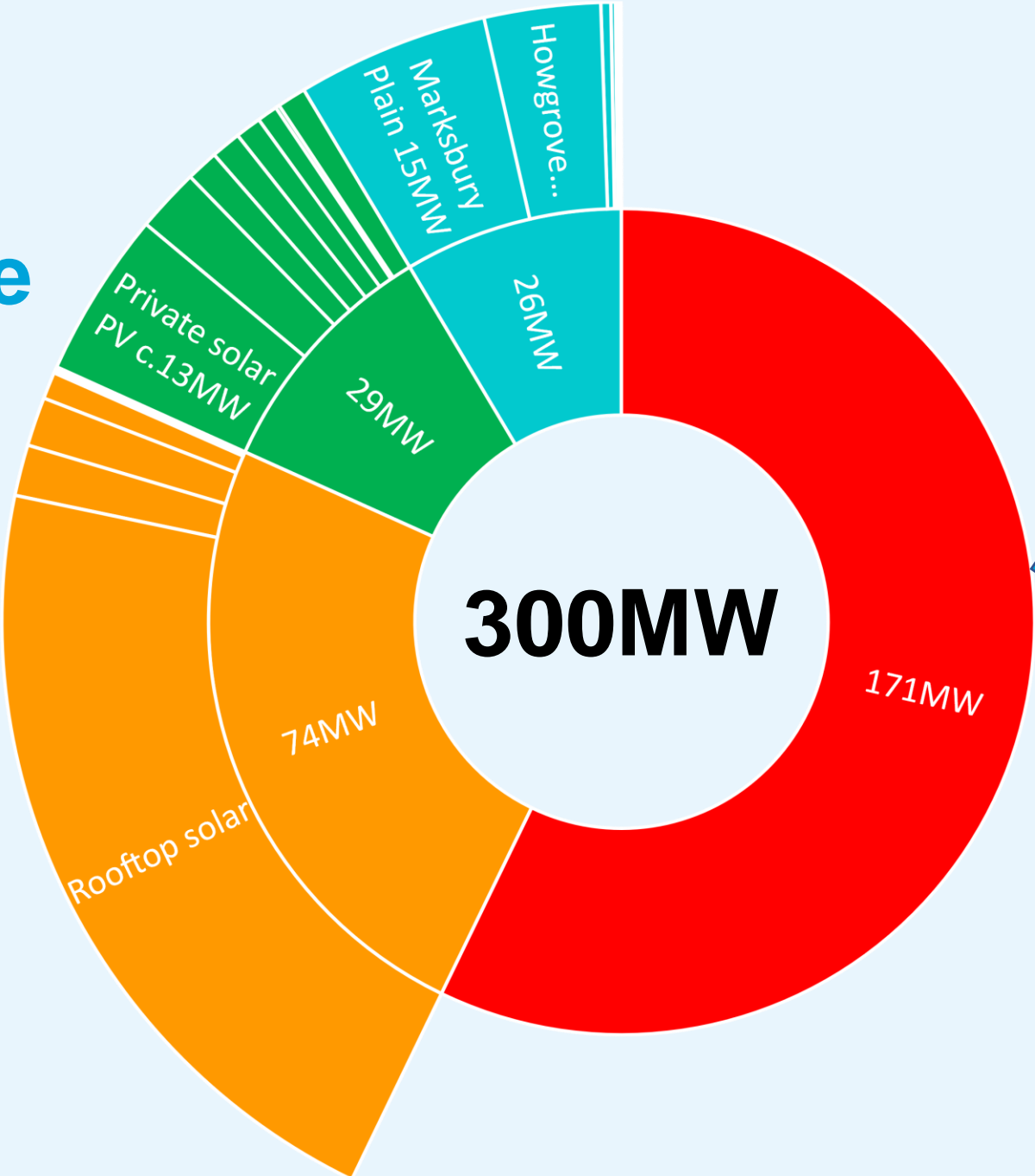
- **Targeting 300 MW capacity** by 2030
- Support renewables through **LPPU**
- **Domestic solar** PV has doubled
- 300 Solar Together installations



## Cut council operational carbon emissions to net zero by 2030

- **Council estate retrofit programme** (eg Charlton, Cleve, Coombe Lea)
- **30 EVs in our fleet**, more planned
- 12MW target for **renewables on B&NES estate**

# District Wide Renewable Energy Pipeline



Includes wind and solar sites not yet at planning application stage

KEY	
INSTALLED	
PIPELINE	
KNOWN POTENTIAL PIPELINE	
TO BE IDENTIFIED	



# Decarbonisation & estate renewables

## In progress:

- Coombe Lea Care Home
- Cleeve Court Care Homes
- Clutton Highways Depot



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## energy progress

- Local Plan Partial Update – community energy friendly & net zero new homes
- Emerging Local Plan (2025)
- Cooperation agreement with Bath and West Community Energy
- Exploring a Virtual Power Purchase Agreement with Bath and West Community Energy (1MW solar farm)
- Bath and West Community Energy rooftop solar on academized schools and Midsomer Norton Sports Centre
- Local Area Energy Plan with community energy providers & National Grid
- Energy pooling



# Enabling wider community energy

B&NES Council has supported community energy projects through a capital loan (eg Wilmington Farm); the rent-a-roof scheme on schools and the Lewis House Council Office.

Further options can be explored to expedite the installation of community renewables for example through equity investments and joint ventures.



Wilmington farm

# Key messages

- Over 10MW of installed renewable energy capacity provided by community energy in B&NES
- We recognise the crucial role that community energy provides in meeting net zero targets
- We recognise the benefits that community energy can provide for local communities
- The emerging energy strategy is looking to build on the existing partnerships and enable more community energy
- The emerging Local Plan is an opportunity to further support local community energy on the good start provided by the Local Plan Partial Update