

## West of England

Key challenges to decarbonisation of heat

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### The challenge: UK energy demand

#### UK Energy Usage 2011

#### UK heat and electricity demand variability





Source: DECC The Future of Heating: Meeting the Challenge & Imperial College

Source: Sansom (2010)

### The challenge: heat in the West of England

WoE energy related carbon emissions by application (2015)



Electricity: non-domestic Electricity: domestic Heat: non-domestic Mobility: non-domestic Mobility: non-domestic Mobility: non-domestic Electricity: non-domestic Non-domestic Electricity: non-domestic Non-dom

Source: Towards A Sustainable Energy Future for the West of England (CSE 2018)

### **Emissions in the West of England**

 Decrease in emissions over period from 2005-2017, driven by reduction in industrial emissions



Source: National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory



### **Emissions in the West of England**

 Latest reporting period, domestic gas accounts for 18% of emissions



- A. Industry and Commercial Electricity
- B. Industry and Commercial Gas
- C. Large Industrial Installations
- D. Industrial and Commercial Other Fuels
- E. Agriculture
- F. Domestic Electricity
- G. Domestic Gas
- H. Domestic 'Other Fuels'
- I. Road Transport (A roads)
- J. Road Transport (Motorways)
- K. Road Transport (Minor roads)
- L. Diesel Railways
- M. Transport Other
- N. LULUCF Net Emissions

Source: National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory

#### The impact of grid decarbonisation on heating technologies



Use BEIS emissions scenarios



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# PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS





#### West of England





### **EPCs (domestic)**

- 326,000 domestic EPCs in West of England available from MHCLG
- EPC band D or below:
  - 67% of houses
  - 47% of flats
  - 59% of all properties



Source: MHCLG Energy Performance of Buildings Data



### **EPCs (non-domestic)**

- 15,700 domestic EPCs available from MHCLG
- EPC band D or below:
  - 64% of all properties



Source: MHCLG Energy Performance of Buildings Data



#### **Skills and jobs** All houses refurbished



- To retrofit all homes in WoE by 2030
- Peak of 20,000 workers required (40% of 2008 employment figures for construction)
- Peak of 250 retrofits completed a day
- Peak growth in workers of 150% per year

## ZERO WEST SCENARIO FINDING



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- Range of scenarios tested
  - Achievable
  - Ambitious
  - Maximum
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Source: Zero West





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  - 23MW advanced conversion technologies



Operational Awaiting Construction Under Construction

#### Source: BEIS REPD, October 2019



### **Feed in Tariff Installations**

- Cumulative total capacity confirmed on the Central Feed-in Tariff Register as at end March 2019
  - 115 MW total



Domestic Non-domestic

Source: BEIS sub-regional Feed-in Tariffs statistics, October 2019



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#### **Scenarios**

- Solar: greatest potential, limited by interseasonal storage
- Onshore wind: vital contribution (not only day)
- Hydro: tiny contribution (less than national average)
- Biomass: with existing land use, significantly more potential from energy crops than forestry (although energy density lower)
- EfW: WoE imports waste

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### Land use

- Agricultural land class in West of England
  - 82% of land classified as agricultural, 1083 km<sup>2</sup>
  - 25% of agricultural land is Grade 4 and 5 (119km<sup>2</sup>), indicating areas of poorer quality land potentially suitable for large-scale renewables deployment



Source: Natural England Provisional Agricultural Land Classification



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Solar

Renewable site opportunities Source: Natural England Provisional Agricultural Land Classification, Western Power Distribution, National Grid, BEIS Renewable Energy Planning Database, October 2019



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Solar



#### **Scenarios**

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- Wind:
  - 2.8% land area in Ambitious scenario for wind (45.8km<sup>2</sup>)

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  - 190km<sup>2</sup> energy crops

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# MATCHING HEAT SUPPLY AND DEMAND IN WEST OF ENGLAND



### **Pathfinder model**

- No fossil fuels or nuclear
- Reduce demand by 30%
- Renewables:

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- Ambitious scenario for local solar and wind
- Added share of offshore wind and national hydro projects
- Biomass: current EfW, no biomass
- One electric car per household (current figure 1.4 cars/household)
- Interconnector supplies missing energy
- Heat pumps, EVs, hydrogen and batteries use excess generation

- Minimal hours of blackout
- Minimal unused electricity
- Greatest reduction in fossil gas consumption
- Greatest reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Least dependence on interconnector, which could represent:
  - Residual gas
  - Nuclear fission
  - Generation from hydrogen
  - Generation from green/synthetic gas
  - Tidal
  - Imported energy

#### **Baseline energy demand**



Source: WWU Pathfinder Model/Zero West

#### **Future energy demand**



Source: WWU Pathfinder Model/Zero West Scenario

#### **Profile of generation**



Source: WWU Pathfinder Model/Zero West Scenario

### Supply and demand

All heat electrified



Annual generation: 5,200 GWh Annual demand: 5,000 GWh

Source: WWU Pathfinder Model/Zero West Scenario

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