

GBE LOCAL POWER PLAN & GRANTS UPDATE

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Great British **ENERGY** **LOCAL POWER PLAN**

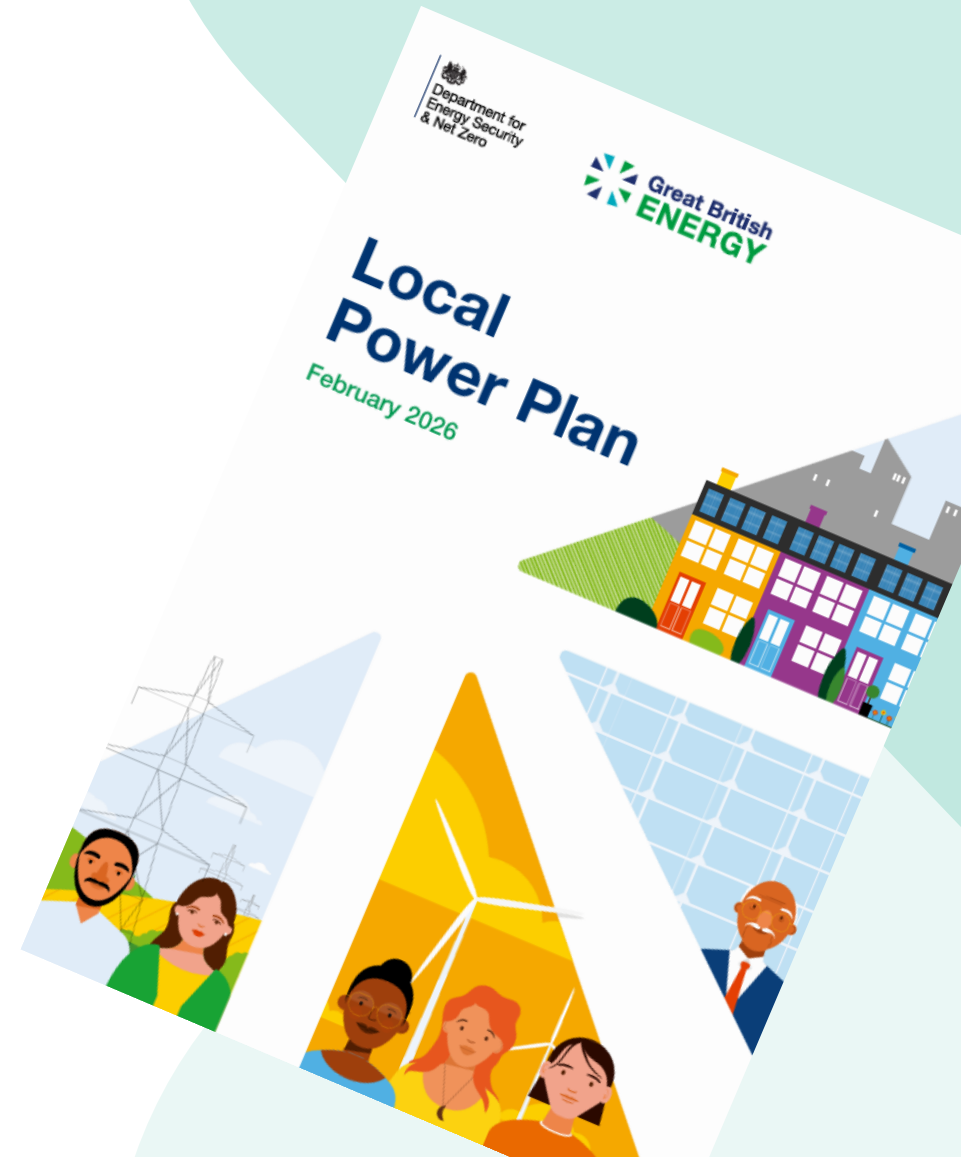
<https://www.gbe.gov.uk/local-power-plan>

DIRECT PROJECT FUNDING AND FINANCE

- Grants to community energy groups to support early-stage projects
- Partnership grants for local government to develop joint projects with local community groups
- Construction loans and a **Local Investment Fund**

Full details - including GBE's investment allocation - will be published in the **GBE Capital Toolkit** launching in Summer 2026.

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GREAT BRITISH ENERGY LOCAL POWER PLAN



2026

February 2026:

LPP launched +
GBE Local
Product Sprint
begins

Spring 2026:

Shared
Ownership
template +
guidance
First partnership
announced

Spring 2026:

First grant
schemes
launched

Summer 2026:

Pilot projects to
test and
demonstrate
GBE Local
products

Autumn 2026:

GBE Local
Product Portfolio
launch



GBE funding webinars, July 2026:

GBE Local Webinar: Our strategy to unlock community energy at scale

GBE Local Webinar: Enabling Local Authorities to deliver at scale



OUR MISSION

A fair energy future – for and by communities.

As the UK accelerates to Clean Power 2030, local and community-owned energy has a critical role to play, giving people a real stake in our energy future, reducing bills for critical frontline services, bolstering national energy independence and building wealth in our neighbourhoods, towns and cities.

Our vision: By 2030, all communities will have the opportunity to own and benefit from local energy.

1000+

Local energy projects supported by 2030

Lower bills

For frontline public services, households and communities

£bn

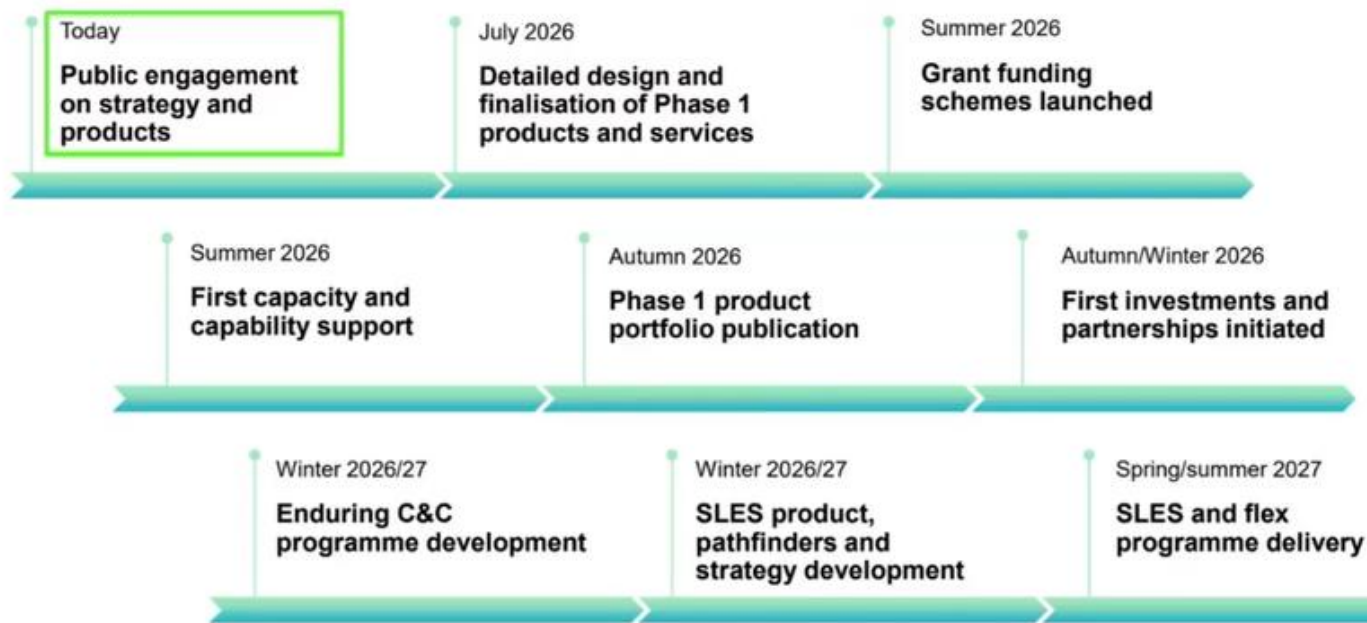
Additional investment crowded into the sector

Widening access

Every community with the opportunity to own local energy



Planned next steps.



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Stewart, Fraser (GB Energy)

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CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY BUILDING

- **Capacity & Capability building** programme of support
- **Experts** in-house and regionally; **Templates** and guidance documents; A strong partner network.
- Develop viable, bankable and **repeatable business models**.

GBE COMMUNITY FUND

- Grants to community energy groups and Town & Parish Councils to support early-stage projects
- Eligibility, guidance, application forms and grant amounts are broadly the same as previous years
- Application process will be managed centrally through an online portal
- Stage 1, and Stage 2, and new: Stage 3 capital grants

GBE PARTNERSHIP FUND

- Partnership grants for local government (District Council & larger) to develop joint projects with local community groups
- Eligibility, guidance, application forms and grant amounts are broadly similar to the GBECF
- Application process will be managed centrally through an online portal
- Stage 1, and Stage 2 (no capital grants)



We can advise about project eligibility etc:

GBE COMMUNITY FUND

Community Fund request for support form:

[GBE Community Fund - Request For Support Form](#)

GBE PARTNERSHIP FUND

Partnership grants request for support form:

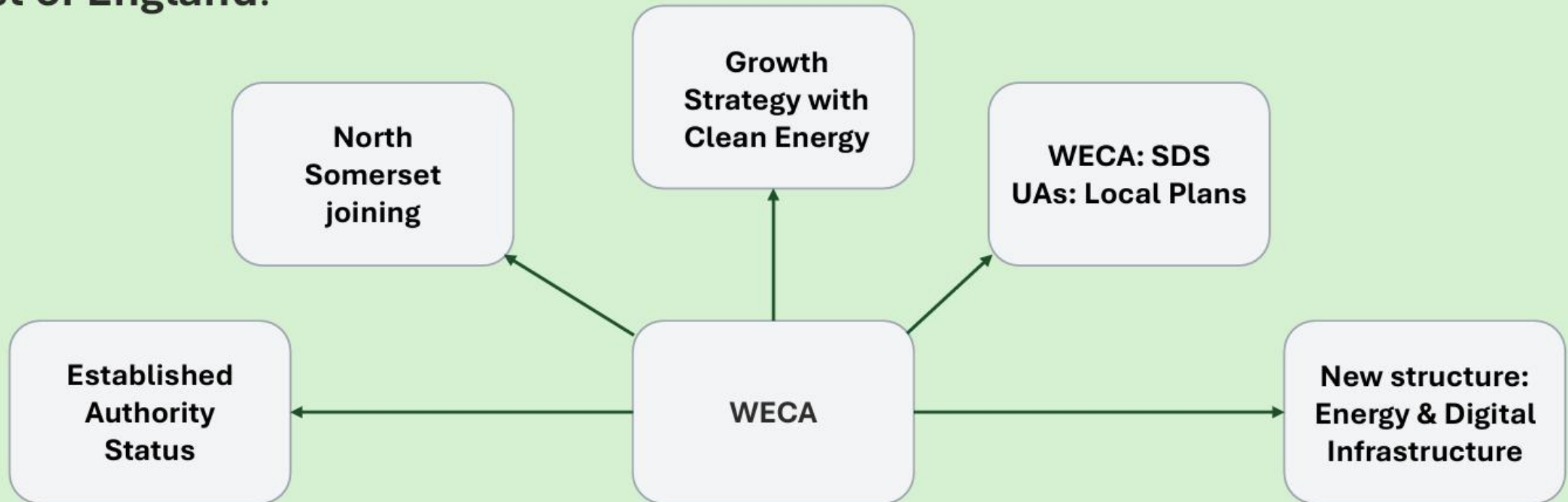
[GBE Partnership Grant - Request For Support Form](#)

Context

National:

- New PM ➤ Devolution focus
- GBE & Local Power Plan ➤ £1bn ➤ 1000 projects by 2030

West of England:





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<https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/about-us/our-strategy/west-of-england-growth-plan/>

OTHER SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ENERGY:

- Community Energy Go, delivered by CSE (part funded by SWNZH in the SW)

<https://communityenergygo.org.uk/>

- Energy Learning Network, managed by Ashden with Community Energy England, CEE and others

<https://ashden.org/energy-learning-network/#ELN-Support>

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