

# Mine energy in the North East, and the Mine Energy Taskforce

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# Introducing the North East LEP: A partnership responsible for strategic economic leadership

100,000 more and better jobs by 2024

Economic leadership, co-ordination and influence - in and for the North East

Taking action through evidenced-based strategies and plans

Securing and prioritising investment

# Energy for Growth

## The Energy for Growth programme objectives are to:

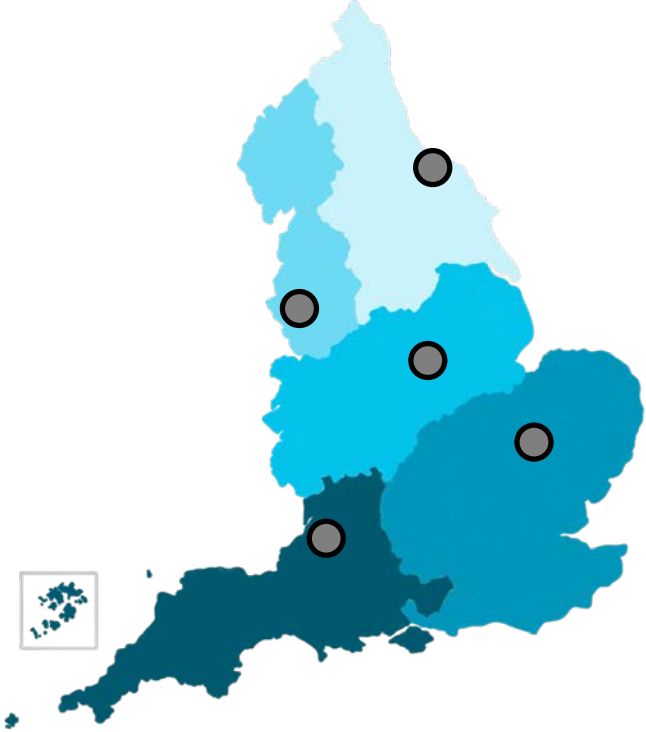
- Bring together regional and national energy stakeholders
- Identify and prioritise strategic energy opportunities
- Facilitate delivery support for a strategic energy project pipeline
- Constructively identify challenges and support needs
- Communicate North East energy strengths and activity.



# Mine Energy in the North East

- The North East has a **rich geothermal potential**, both deep and shallow
  - Radiothermal granites in the North Pennines
  - Flooded mineshafts in abandoned coalfields e.g. Durham & Northumberland
- Opportunities to:
  - Meet heat demand
  - Deliver important social and environmental benefits
  - Support economic development and productivity
- A **range of schemes** being progressed across various LA areas
- **Expertise** within the region

# Energy Hubs



# Mine Energy Taskforce

- The North East LEP convened a **national community of interest** on mine energy
- **Cross sector** partners including BEIS, Coal Authority, private sector, academia, local authorities, LEP's, regulators, national and government agencies

## What are we doing:

- **Don't reinvent the wheel:** Share project updates, approaches to challenges
- **Define interventions:** Identified key challenges, questions and support priorities
- **Identify support:** Funding and delivery routes, existing support e.g. business growth or knowledge
- **Maximise expertise:** Align existing resources
- **A blueprint:** Capture and disseminate a learning for national implementation

# Mine Energy Taskforce

- Agreed a need to set out commercial, regulatory, market and policy recommendations which would **unlock large scale delivery** of mine energy in the UK
- Creation of a **'Mine Energy White Paper – Unlocking the UK opportunity'**, supported by North East, Yorkshire and Humber, and the Midlands BEIS Energy Hubs.
- Bringing together the views of stakeholders on the opportunity, existing knowledge base, challenges, recommendations, case studies, pipeline and supply chain.

## Get in touch!

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