

# Lichfield secures £1m energy grant to futureproof Burntwood Leisure Centre



## Project overview

As part of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, Lichfield District Council has been awarded £1,062,574 in government funding to reduce carbon emissions from Burntwood Leisure Centre, as well as two council buildings, The Pavilion at Beacon Park and District Council House. It is estimated the technologies installed will reduce carbon emissions by 260 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually.

## The updates include:

- **Burntwood Leisure Centre:** Installation of solar PV, energy storage batteries, LED lighting and an air source heat pump for the building and the pool.
- **The Pavilion & District Council House:** Installation of air source heat pumps, upgrades to heating management systems, air conditioning, LED lighting and insulation.

The grants are some of the largest awarded to a District Council and will support the Council's sustainability plans which outline efforts to decarbonise energy sources in council buildings, in order to achieve net zero carbon.

## Estimated savings for Lichfield District Council

Annual savings:  
**£110,255**

Lifetime savings:  
**£1m**

Total grant value:  
**£1m**

Annual carbon savings:  
**260 tCO<sub>2</sub>e**

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## Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) funds the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme which was delivered by Salix Finance.

The Grant Scheme provided £1bn of grant funding which aligns with BEIS' priorities: fighting coronavirus, backing business, unleashing innovation and tackling climate change. The scheme also encourages green investment, supporting the Government's net-zero and clean growth goals.

## The scheme aims to:

1. Deliver stimulus to the energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation sectors, supporting jobs.
2. Provide significant carbon savings within the public sector.

Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme grants finance up to 100% of the costs of capital energy-saving projects which meet scheme criteria. Information about the PSDS and future schemes can be found on the Salix website.



"We are delighted to be awarded this funding to help us make improvements to Burntwood Leisure Centre, the District Council House in Lichfield, and the Beacon Park Pavilion. We are committed to reducing the carbon footprint of the council and the organisations that work with us. This funding helps us take a significant step towards achieving the goals of our climate change pledge."

**Councillor Doug Pullen**, Leader of Lichfield District Council



## Retrofitting council buildings

The Pavilion and District Council buildings received upgrades to their heating management systems, insulation and air conditioning, as well as LED lighting and the installation of air source heat pumps.

The project will target reductions in energy usage and the increase of the thermal insulation of the buildings at both sites. Work will include the fitting of air source heat pumps, improvements to heating management, replacement air conditioning, energy saving lighting and new lighting controls as well as upgrading insulation.

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