

North East Derbyshire awarded £1m to cut carbon emissions at Eckington Leisure Centre



Project overview

As part of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, North East Derbyshire Council has been awarded £1m in government funding to reduce carbon emissions at Eckington Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre.

It is estimated the technologies installed will reduce carbon emissions by 254 tonnes of CO₂ annually.

The updates include:

- Replacing gas power sources with Air Source Heat Pumps

- Solar PV panels installed to power heat pumps
- A new air handling system to improve air quality and temperature and the overall customer journey

The grant will reduce emissions at the centre by 66%, making it the 'greenest' leisure centre in the area. The project supports the Council's efforts to decarbonize energy sources in public buildings to achieve net zero by 2030 and to provide excellent leisure facilities that will improve the lives for residents and customers.

Estimated savings for North East Derbyshire Council

Annual savings:
£16,000

Total grant value:
£1m

Annual carbon savings:
277 tCO₂e

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"With these energy and carbon reducing measures set to save the equivalent of heating 100 homes per year, we are creating a brighter, greener and healthier future for our gym members who attend to keep fit. By being a member at Eckington leisure centre, everyone involved is contributing towards helping to create a healthier planet, conserving it for our future generations."

Jeremy Kenyon, Councillor

Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS)

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.

The road to net zero

The project is part of the Council's commitment to meeting targets set out by the Manchester Tyndall Project, which has set all districts and boroughs targets to be net zero by 2050 across all public buildings.

North East Derbyshire Council is currently investing in innovative technologies across its commercial properties to explore efficient energy options available. The Council was also awarded £3m as part of the Local Authority Delivery, with funds being put towards insulation for social housing. The Council is dedicated to taking steps to commit to build and upgrade infrastructure which will lead to a sustainable, zero carbon future.



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