

Salix Decarbonisation Schemes Statement

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The first scheme that the Council will be applying for is Phase 5 of the Low Carbon Skills Fund (LCSF) which has just recently been announced on the 20th of March and will be closing on the 1st of May. DESNZ has made £16M of funding available through the LCSF for the public sector with a maximum grant value award of £1M. The funding is focused on boosting decarbonisation skills and unlocking decarbonisation in the public sector through 3 stages of funding which support 3 levels of differing actions to facilitate decarbonisation.

The 1st stage is the strategy stage to fund the development of heat decarbonisation strategies, desktop assessments and building audits which Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council has already undertaken with F&G for various flagship buildings, the 2nd stage is the feasibility stage which includes the funding for feasibility studies, building audits and specialist site surveys, and finally the 3rd stage funds detailed designing of interventions, specialist site surveys and investment grade auditing. The Council is interested in funding from stage 2 and 3 and is currently working towards creating a successful application with F&G and MNZH for the 3 sites mentioned in the introduction. Organisations will be notified by the end of July 2024 about their success in the LCSF fund, if you'd like to read more about this scheme please follow this link [Phase 5 Public Sector Low Carbon Skills Fund | Salix Finance](#).

Additionally the Council is interested, upon a successful LCSF application to apply for Phase 4 of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme which has been predicted to be launched in autumn of this year, details of the scheme were announced on the 29th of February 2024. This scheme, provided with detailed and specific information about end of life sites will fund and support the implementation of interventions to decarbonise heat systems in identified sites to help accomplish organisations' net zero ambitions and targets. Phase 4 of the PSDS will provide organisations with £1.17 billion in funding for public sector decarbonisation projects following a profile of funding of £670M in 2025/2026, £3000M in 2026/2027 and £200M in 2027/2028. The Council plan to apply for this funding with support from F&G and MNZH for the 3 listed flagship sites in the introduction once the scheme is announced and accepting applications. To learn more about the PSDS please follow this link [Phase 4 Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme | Salix Finance](#).