

**Memorandum of Understanding between Northamptonshire County Council and British Gas**

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**Development of a Low Carbon Northamptonshire**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) sets out the key principles for the establishment of a Strategic Alliance between British Gas Trading Limited and Northamptonshire County Council with the view to developing the concept of a “Low Carbon Northamptonshire” in partnership for the mutual benefit of the Parties.

**Key Principles of the Strategic Alliance**

- We will work together to develop a Low Carbon Northamptonshire through a collaborative partnership that allows the sharing and exchange of information, ideas and resources that will be of mutual benefit to both Parties.
- The Strategic Alliance will be an overarching arrangement that may lead on to potential binding agreements where appropriate that could include, but not exclusively, the following:
  - i. The Green Deal and ECO
  - ii. Collective Switching
  - iii. Energy Infrastructure Investment
  - iv. Energy Service Company (ESCo) Support
  - v. Energy Performance Partnership
  - vi. Support for Local Businesses and Supply Chains
  - vii. Low Carbon Transport
- The Parties will negotiate, consult and work together in good faith with a view to agreeing and executing any mutually beneficial initiatives and developing formal agreements where necessary.
- Each Party is responsible for its own costs and liabilities in connection with this MoU which does not negate or supersede any statutory responsibilities and accountability of either organisation.

This MoU is not intended to be legally binding and no legal obligation or legal rights shall arise between the Parties from this MoU. The Parties entering into the MoU will honour all their obligations.

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Paul Blantern on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council

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Andrew Bacon on behalf of British Gas

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