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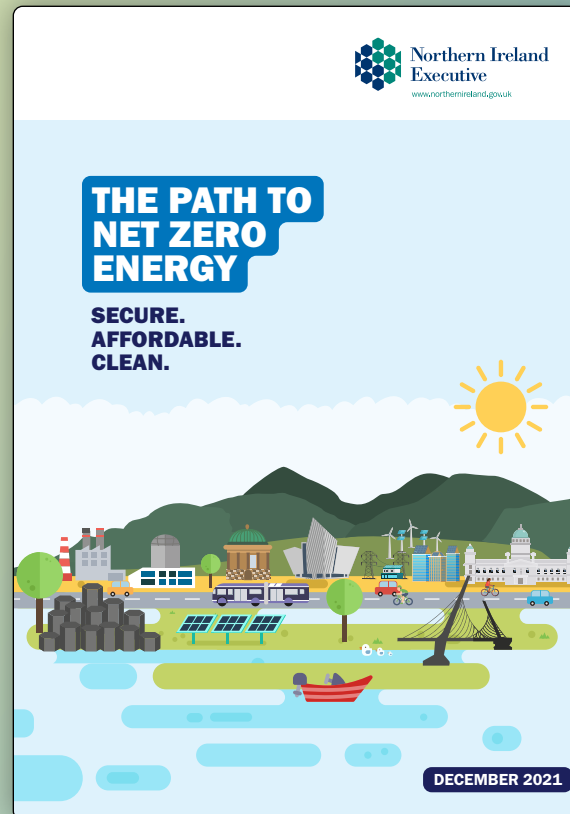
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the New Year and the first Energy Strategy e-bulletin of 2022. Most of you will be aware that the 'Path to Net Zero Energy', which represents our new Energy Strategy, was published in December after two years of collaboration, engagement and hard work.

We are delighted to have reached this stage and want to thank you all for supporting this journey. Our focus now turns to delivering our vision of net zero carbon and affordable energy. This will require even more engagement and collaboration with our stakeholders. Not only this, but we are actively seeking experts from a range of sectors to come and work with us to help us deliver our strategy.



‘PATH TO NET ZERO ENERGY’ PUBLISHED

On 16th December 2021 Minister Gordon Lyons published the ‘Path to Net Zero Energy’ on behalf of the Northern Ireland Executive. This represents the culmination of much hard work, expertise, evidence-gathering and consultation and sets a path for Northern Ireland to achieve net zero carbon and affordable energy by 2050.

Minister Lyons announced the strategy by stating:

“The Path to Net Zero Energy sets a path to 2030 that will mobilise the skills, technologies and behaviours needed to take us towards net zero carbon and affordable energy by 2050.”

“Decarbonising energy means achieving so much more than carbon reductions. We are already world leaders in integrating renewable electricity generation and we can also become world leaders in the new hydrogen economy. We will play to our strengths.”



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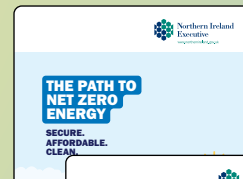
Our world-leading engineering sector will be at the centre of this.”

The strategy is based closely on the policy options proposed in the consultation which closed in July last year, having received significant support from consultation respondents. Thanks again to all those who supported this process, either by participating in stakeholder groups, responding to consultations, providing evidence or carrying out research to support the evidence base.

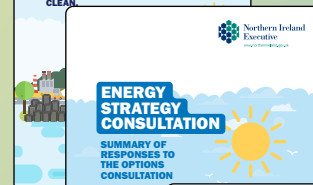
A public launch of both the strategy and the government’s Action Plan for 2022 will take place early in the new year. This demonstrates that government is committed to making real progress in the first year of the strategy. The Action Plan will set out priorities for delivery to ensure that we start to tackle the challenges ahead and maximise the benefits for our society and economy as soon as possible.

Energy Strategy and associated documents

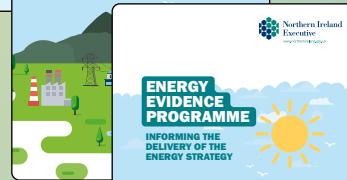
The Path to Net Zero and all associated documents is available at [Energy Strategy - Path to Net Zero Energy](#)



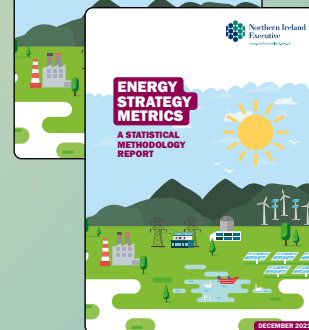
View the [Path to Net Zero Energy](#)



View the [Consultation Summary Report](#)



View the [Energy Evidence Programme](#)



View the [Energy Strategy Metrics Statistical Methodology Report](#)

View the [Energy Strategy Dashboard](#)

WE ARE HIRING

The Department for the Economy has launched a recruitment campaign for a range of roles in Energy Group to support the delivery of the new Energy Strategy. These roles range from middle to senior management and will play a crucial role in delivering our vision of a net zero carbon and affordable energy future.

This is an exciting time to join us as we take forward this substantial and high-profile work. There are unique opportunities to make a real difference to the energy industry and society more broadly. We are seeking staff who are knowledgeable and have expertise in their respective field, and who want to make a significant contribution to the future of energy in Northern Ireland.

In return, we can offer an attractive benefits package, flexible working opportunities, excellent career prospects both within energy and the wider Northern Ireland Civil Service, as well as the opportunity to make

a real difference to citizens' lives.

Job opportunities

- Principal Officer (Unified Grade 7)
- Deputy Principal
- Staff Officer

Application process

Applications must be submitted by 12:00 noon (UK time) on **Friday 14th January 2022.**

For more detailed information and to apply, please go to www.nicsrecruitment.org.uk

All queries can be directed to HRConnect by:
Email: recruitment@hrconnect.nigov.net

Telephone: 0800 1 300 330

We are an Equal Opportunities employer.

Launch of Energy Funding Innovation e-zine

The Department has launched a new 'Funding innovation for net zero' e-zine. The aim of the e-zine is to keep you informed of funding opportunities available in the clean tech and green innovation space. To sign up please contact:

**HydrogenAdvancedTechnologies
Branch@economy-ni.gov.uk**

The first two issues can be found at
[Funding innovation for net zero e-zine](#)

