

Appendix 3 – Priority Action Areas

Priority	Action Area
Resource Efficient Business and Industry	Deliver advice and financial support to SMEs through the REF and build on the legacy of the programme through access to new finance to enable further implementation.
	Implement energy efficiency improvements across the large industrial sectors, demonstrate new and innovative technologies and share learning.
	Support innovation and growth in energy intensive industries, including technology innovation through carbon capture, utilisation and storage and energy efficiency technologies.
	Facilitate action across the energy intensive sectors within the City Region; coordinate a collaborative sector involvement in the BEIS sectoral Industrial Decarbonisation and Energy Efficiency Action Plans.
New Energy Generation	Provide a test bed for game changing, innovation technologies.
	Drive investment in distributed generation and low carbon energy projects.
	Drive investment in heat networks.
	Use the Energy Accelerator as a vehicle for project development.
	Energy innovation and supply chain development.
Energy Efficiency and Empowering Consumers	Deliver energy efficiency improvements to homes across the City Region to reduce fuel poverty and improve health.
	Develop partnership and funding models with utilities, local authorities, housing associations, community

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	energy groups and the health sector to implement energy efficiency programmes, building on the success of programmes such as Better Homes Yorkshire.
	Promote better housing standards in new development, in line with Government commitments.
Smart Grid Systems Integration	Unlock the transition to a smarter, more integrated energy economy, which balances supply and demand, capitalising on the City Region's existing sector strengths in the digital and data analytics market.
	Support the deployment of smart grid technologies across the domestic, commercial and industrial sectors, including smart meters, demand side response, energy storage and data analytics.
	Facilitate innovation through technology incubation, collaborating with local start-ups, technology developers and research institutions to access Government research and development funding and commercialise technologies.
Efficient and Integrated Transport	Promote a better, more integrated transport system, which is clean and efficient, addresses air quality issues, and promotes alternative transportation through cycling, walking and public transport.
	Support the development of clean transport technologies, including electric vehicles and ultra-low emission vehicles, hydrogen fuel cell EVs and a network of charging infrastructure.