# Reaching Net Zero: a London case study

2023 Public Finance Live

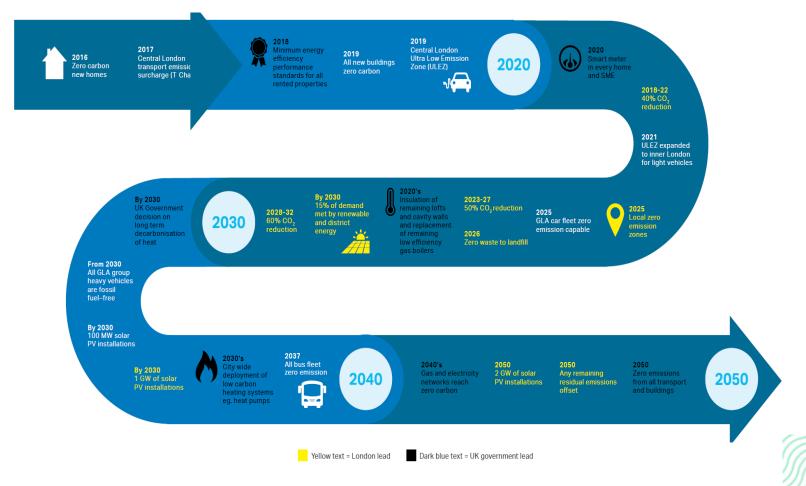
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## **Environment Strategy: Pathway to Net Zero**





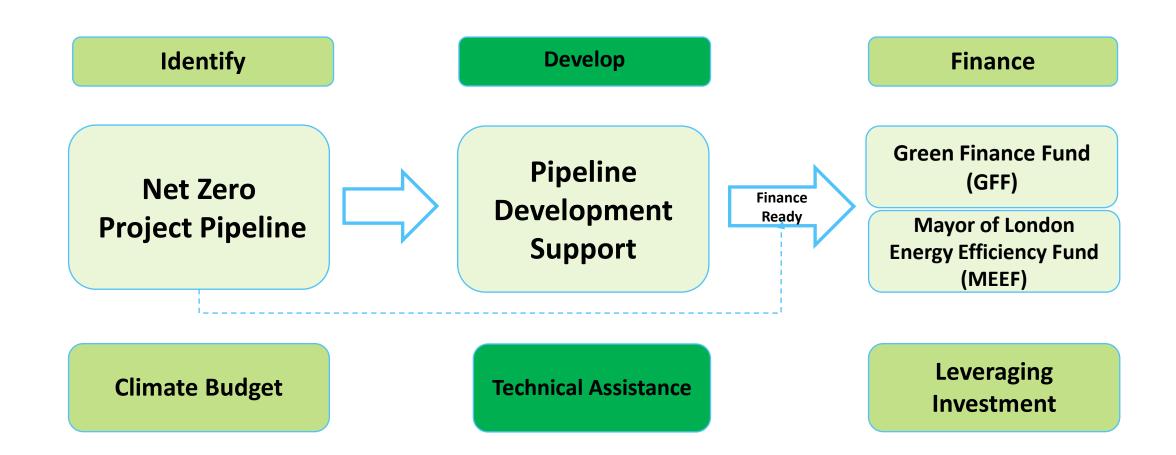
## An Updated Net Zero Pathway

#### **MAYOR OF LONDON**

### London Net Zero 2030: An Updated Pathway

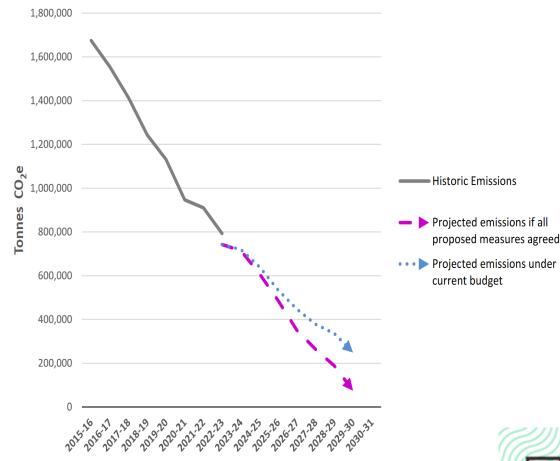
- Declared Climate Emergency
- Brought forward net zero target to 2030
- Accelerated Pathway
  - urgency, ambition, social justice and deliverability
  - requires at least £75bn investment

## An Integrated Approach to Reaching Net Zero



## Reaching Net Zero – Climate Budget

- Identify and highlight decarbonisation measures as part of normal financial budget setting process
- Budget also outlined all unfunded measures to net zero by 2030





## Reaching Net Zero – MEEF



An investment fund established by the GLA and managed by Amber

A £500m Fund comprised of ERDF funding, commercial debt funding and equity

A focus on Energy Efficiency, Decentralised Energy and Small Scale Renewables

A flexible and competitive funding source offering debt, mezzanine debt and equity

A long dated Fund to allow for more lengthy payback periods (up to 20 years)

## Reaching Net Zero – Green Finance Fund

- Mayor committed to raise up to £500m for green projects
  - intends to issue green bonds to secure lower interest rate
  - given current market, will initially use GLA cash resources
- Draft green bond framework setting out how funds will be allocated
- Will be deployed via Green Finance Fund (managed internally by London Treasury)

Criteria	Detail
Eligible Organisations <sup>+</sup>	GLA Group, London local authorities, Social Housing Providers, NHS bodies, Universities, and Colleges.
ICMA Green Project Category	Involve at least one of the following green project categories: renewable energy, energy efficiency and/or clean transportation.
ICMA Core Indicators:	Projects must deliver against at least one core indicator
Minimum Ioan Size	£1m (Eligible organisations are encouraged to aggregate measures into a single project)
Use of Funding	For capital expenditure
Project Timescale	Procurement starting within 6 months of finance allocation, construction within 18 – 21 months, and operational within 3 years++
Exclusion	fossil fuel boilers, energy from waste infrastructure, brown, <u>black</u> and blue hydrogen, and vehicles powered through fossil fuel combustion and ethanol.
*Finance will not be provided in cases where it is deemed that doing so would negatively impact the GLA's credit rating.  **Where projects are delivered in phases, at least the first phase should be completely within this timescale.	



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