

Birmingham City Council Decentralised Energy

A study on delivering a transition to a more decentralised energy system in Birmingham

Client's objectives

Birmingham City Council wanted to investigate their role in the city's move to a more decentralised energy system, and to receive recommendations on key next steps they should take to engage stakeholders and secure funding.

The project

Anthesis carried out a study on behalf of Birmingham City Council (BCC) to explore the options for delivering a transition towards a more decentralised energy system in Birmingham, to ultimately achieve reduced carbon, alleviate fuel poverty and increase energy security. Decentralised energy is that which is generated off the main grid. The study was undertaken both through extensive stakeholder engagement, as well as deskbased research.

Key Project outputs

A 100 page report (90+10 pages appendices) and set of notes from all interviews with stakeholders were provided to Birmingham City Council.

Project impact

The study provided an extensive list of recommendations and suggested next steps, of which one was developing the application for the European Local Energy Assistance funding. Anthesis has since worked with BCC to help with the first stages of the ELENA funding application, using the report findings as the basis for further investigation.

What our client said

"Anthesis demonstrated their expertise in this field with a professional, thorough and articulate approach throughout the project, providing BCC with a clear set of recommendations that gave us the confidence to make the most appropriate steps to begin this transition.

Anthesis also showed a flexible and pragmatic approach to delivering the project which was extremely helpful as it was necessary to ensure less well informed stakeholders were engaged with the process and long term vision in order to progress."

– Richard Rees, Strategic Energy Officer
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