

# KEY POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNLOCKING THE DEPLOYMENT OF HEAT PUMPS IN THE UK



## REDUCING UPFRONT COSTS

Optimise the Boiler Upgrade Scheme

Clarify and extend the zero rate VAT relief for all heat pump systems

Introduce Government-backed interest-free loans



## REDUCING RUNNING COSTS

Re-balance policy costs on domestic energy bills

Introduce an interim heat pump electricity tariff

Introduce Mandatory Routine Practices for Heating System Installations and Servicing

Develop appropriate policy to support investment in electricity storage solutions



## GROWING THE INSTALLER WORKFORCE

Monitor Heat Training Grant and take action if underspend likely

Mandate Low Temperature Heating Training for all heating engineers

Provide additional support to grow the installer workforce



## ENCOURAGING NEW ENTRANTS INTO THE INSTALLER WORKFORCE

Continue to support and promote Low Carbon Heating Technician Apprenticeship



## INCREASING EASE OF HEAT PUMP INSTALLS AND IMPROVING CONSUMER AND INSTALLER CONFIDENCE

Implement RdSAP 10.2 without further delay

Streamline Permitted Development Rights (PDR) for ASHPs

Ensure SAP 11 is ready before Future Homes Standard takes effect

Redesign EPCs to better promote the merits of installing low carbon heating systems

Streamline and simplify grid connections



## SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEAT NETWORKS AND HEAT PUMP NETWORKS

Expand funding for heat network decarbonisation

Reform the SHDF to deliver clean heat projects

Reform ECO4 to ensure delivery of clean heat projects in social housing

Fund research into policy to support Ground Source Heat Pump infrastructure

Introduce Local Area Energy Plans

License the installations of shared ground loops



## IMPROVING MARKET DRIVERS

Introduce the other market enablers recommended in this report in advance of a more balanced and workable Clean Heat Market Mechanism to allow it to work effectively

Confirm and legislate the end of new fossil fuel boilers sales

Expedite the release of technical consultations for the Future Homes / Buildings Standard

Provide preferential Council Tax and/or Stamp Duty rates for homes that have heat pumps



## INVESTING IN INNOVATION

Maintain current strict testing criteria via Heat Pump Keymark or equivalent schemes

Introduce the Smart Heat Pumps Mandate as soon as practicable

Increase funding to support heat pump supply chain investment