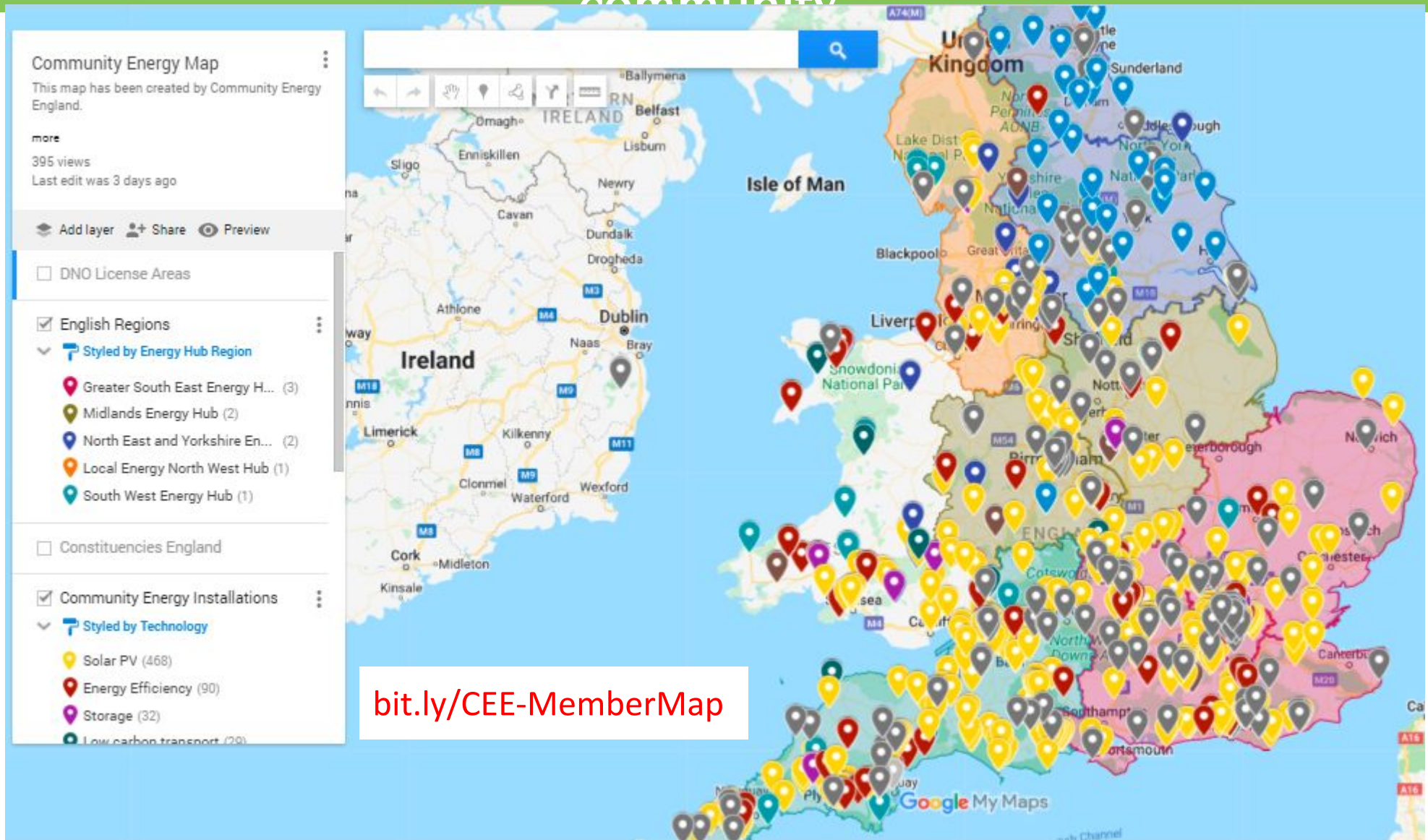


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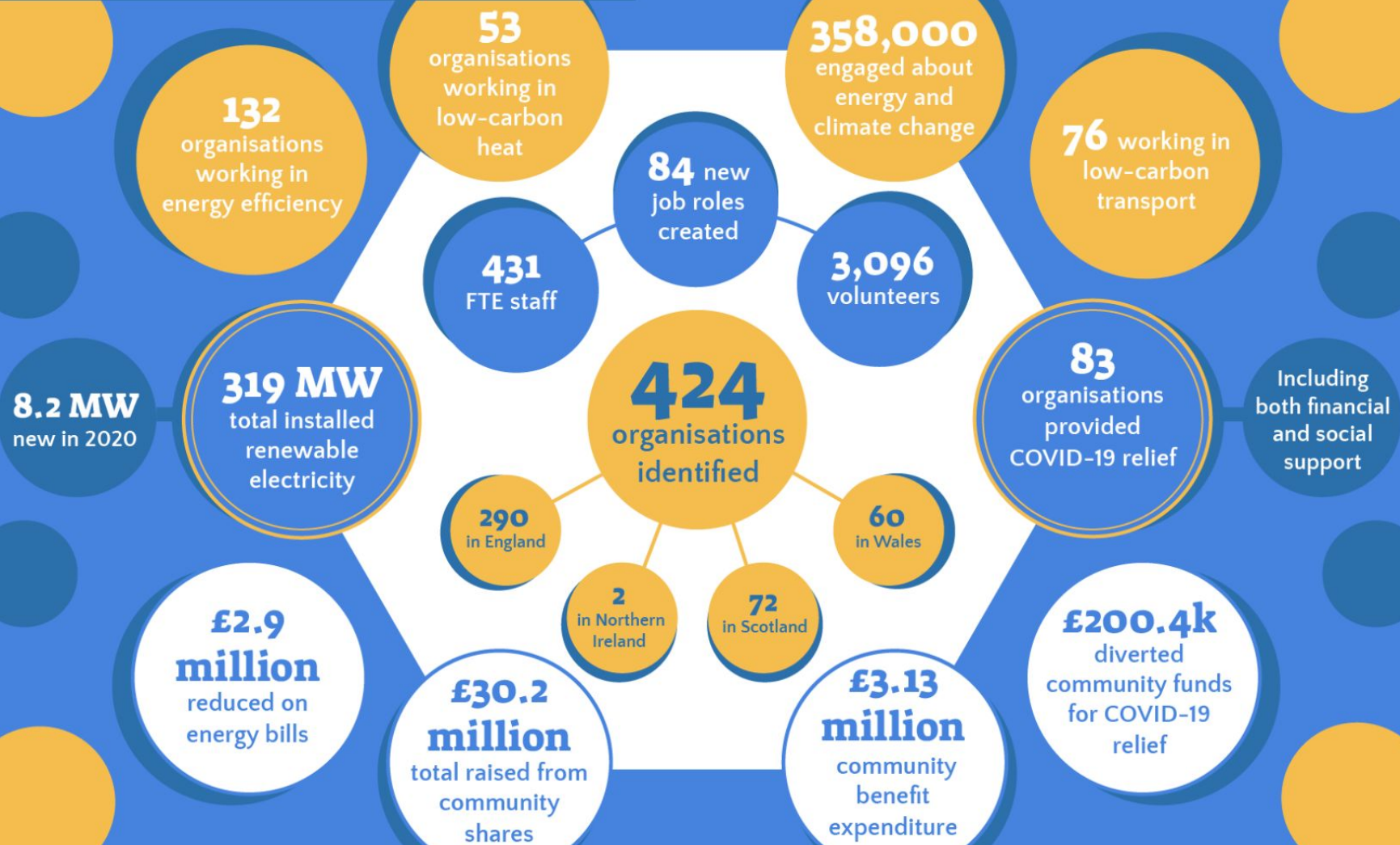


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State of the Sector...

UK community energy in 2020



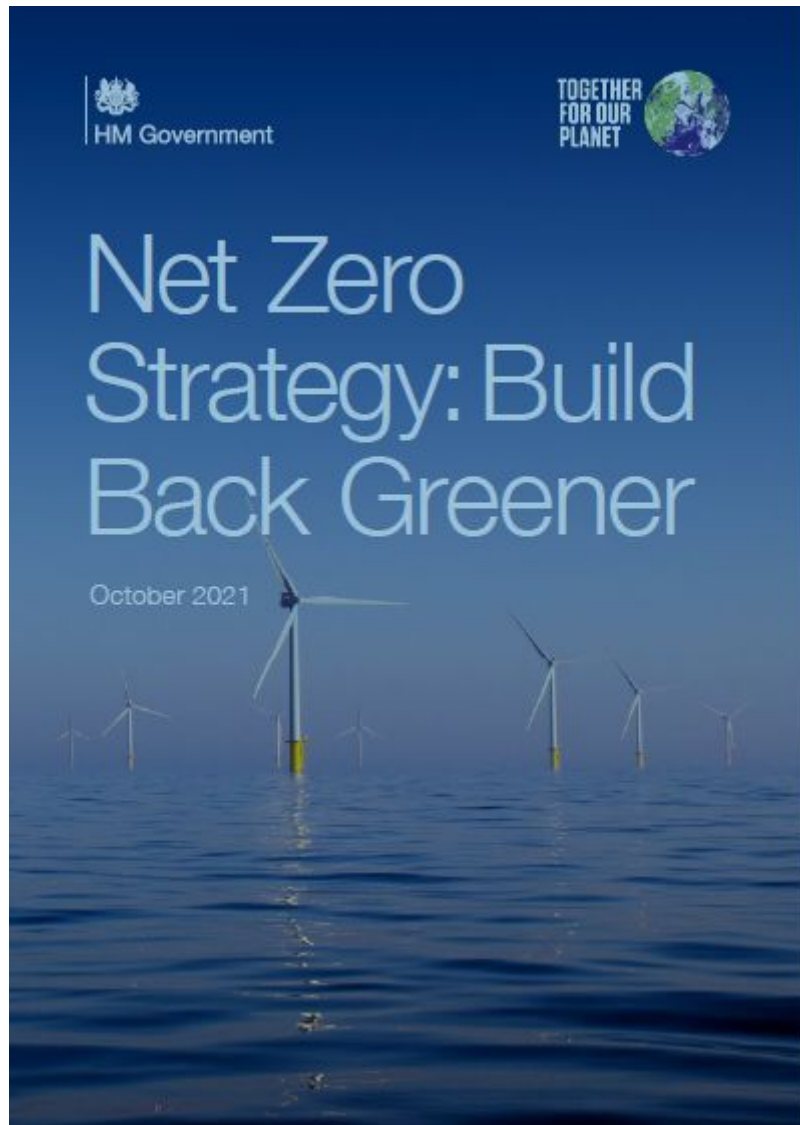
Where we are...

The Secretary of State promises the Environmental Audit Committee:

“the Net Zero Strategy
will include our future
plans for community
energy”



... Net Zero Strategy/Heat and Building Strategy



- CE mentioned in NZS and the importance of Local Climate Action
- **no plan** or 'practical support measures to harness the potential of community energy'
- **£10m Rural Community Energy Fund will end in April 2022**
- "empowering local leaders"... but nearly all funding funnelled via Local Authorities
- £3.9bn on building retrofit - still £2bn of £9.2 billion pledge unallocated
- £450 million grants for heat pump installations.
- (New) Green Heat Network Fund.

Levelling Up agenda



“..empowering local leaders” (all council leaders)

**Govt recommends community energy
-“*work with local authorities to access national growth funds eg Levelling Up Fund [capital, up to £4.8 billion until 2024-25] and Shared Prosperity Fund [revenue and capital, £2.6bn to 2025]*”**

Community energy is a key partner in regeneration consortium bids, Climate Emergency Plans, PSDS, to access innovation funding, Local Area Energy Planning and more.

Net zero not possible without people and communities.

“It will not be possible to get close to meeting a net-zero target without engaging with people.. people need to be brought into the decision-making process and derive a sense of ownership of the Net Zero project. ”



Community Energy benefits

- » Harnesses local passion, expertise and money
- » Trusted, local intermediary/advocate, involving people in practical, visible, beneficial, local climate action.
 - » 4-5 times better at engaging the public than commercial players.
 - » Agency for deep and lasting social change.
- » Brings 12-13 times the social benefit of commercial projects
 - » Fuel poverty work 10:1 social return on investment
 - » Wind up to 34 times better
- » Innovative: focusing increasingly on heat, energy efficiency, retrofit, low carbon transport, flexibility.



Potential partnership activities

- » Delivery of renewable energy on council assets, schools, health/community centres, housing..
 - » Energy efficiency, fuel poverty advice, retrofit
 - » EV charging, car clubs,
 - » Local Area Energy Planning (workshop 12.10 tomorrow)
 - » Climate Emergency Planning, change advocacy, community outreach.
 - » Education, skills training, capacity building.
 - » Heat retrofit
- and innovative combinations of the above.



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