

Aberdeen City Council

Long renowned as a global energy hub, the Aberdeen City Council area is considered critical to UK energy security and the transition to clean power. Given its existing energy supply chains and skilled workforce (legacy effects of the oil and gas sector), Aberdeen stands to capture substantial benefits through investment in renewables and associated grid infrastructure in the coming years. SSEN Transmission is working in partnership with stakeholders, aligning delivery with local strategies, and taking progressive action to ensure that inclusive growth and lasting benefits are secured by local communities.

Turning grid investment into local opportunity:

- **Investing £180m** in transmission projects in the council area (**1% of T3**)
- **Awarding £37.4m** worth of contracts to **Aberdeen-based businesses**
- **Supporting 100 jobs** through investment in Aberdeen-based projects

Delivering on local priorities (Regional Economic Strategy 2024):

- Generating GVA and increasing employment in growth sectors, including renewables.
- Sustaining the working age population by delivering opportunities for economic participation.
- Providing employment and supporting those transitioning from Oil & Gas.
- Protecting and enhancing the council area's natural capital.

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£37m
injection into
Aberdeen's
supply chains



£18m GVA
generated in
Aberdeen

Our investments will deliver benefits which directly support key priorities of the council. These benefits fall under the five cross-cutting themes:

1) Demographic sustainability



Partnering with Aberdeen Science Centre to deliver skills workshops

Supporting employment and training opportunities to support retention of the working-age population and develop a workforce to meet future labour demands.

2) Inclusive economic growth and fair work



Supporting up to 100 jobs within the council area

Supporting a sustained increase in the availability of skilled, well-paid employment and training opportunities, boosting local economic resilience supporting the energy transition.

3) Net Zero and climate resilience



Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) embedded in all major projects

Protecting natural heritage and generating employment opportunities in the green sector through restoration activities.

4) Strong local supply chains



£0.8m annual spend in local construction sector

Securing a reliable stream of revenue within local supply chains throughout the T3 period (2026-2031), facilitating growth and strengthening industry.

5) Community wealth building and social value



Providing funding for community-led projects

Ensuring benefits from the Just Transition are retained and distributed in Aberdeen, with funding targeting projects designed by the communities who will benefit.