

Business and industry

West Yorkshire has a small number of energy-intensive industries such as glass production, chemicals, and the food and drink sectors. It is important we support these industries to decarbonise while continuing to provide their vital employment.

We have several Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) within our region which contribute to emissions in the building sector. We will be flexible in our support to allow SMEs to decarbonise whilst also thriving in their industry.

Business sustainability support

We will build on the success of our existing programmes for businesses. This will include support and advice to help make their operations more circular and sustainable.

Some of the ways we will do this is by:

- Increasing our capacity to provide support to businesses about sustainability.
- Carrying out a bottom-up analysis of businesses to provide tailored support, looking at the business sector size, value, and needs.

Industrial decarbonisation

We will consider the support needed for regional sites to start reducing their carbon emissions.

Some of the ways we will do this is by:

- Supporting industrial sites to carry out audits and feasibility studies to inform their plans for decarbonisation.
- Working more closely with large operators on industrial sites.

SME energy efficiency and renewable energy

We will build on the success of our Resource Efficient Business (ReBiz) scheme. This will provide more advice, funding and access to finance. The finance will be for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy technologies across SMEs.

Some of the ways we will do this is by:

- Developing a business case to continue the ReBiz programme beyond 2023.
- Expanding our existing support to businesses in the region.