

# Local Energy Policy and Managing Low Carbon Transition: The Case of Leicester

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**Abstract** This paper seeks to provide insights into the links between the local and national energy policy. Leicester City Council has sought to take a leadership role on implementing innovative energy policies within their city. Consequently, this paper investigates the impact of national and local energy policy in Leicester. It examines the consumption of energy within city, the network of players within energy policy and two flagship aspects of the policy – the district heating scheme and the use of smart metering. The paper concludes that energy policy looks very different at local and national levels.

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