

VISION10

VISION10 is a cross-party initiative seeking solutions to tackle the problems confronting UK energy, skills, climate change and technology sectors and an opportunity for influencers to impart a long-term vision outside of the EU.

The **sustainability hub** is working with its members, industry leaders, academics and policy experts to deliver the VISION10 series to examine what needs to be done to find pathways for a low carbon industrial strategy and publish recommendations for Government consideration. VISION10 will analyse and advise on how the UK can generate quality jobs, hit climate change targets, promote technological innovation and protect our natural capital?

TIME FOR VISION10

Government failure to provide strong support for the low carbon economy has created deep policy uncertainty, eroded business and investor and put our natural environment at risk

The volatile energy market, alongside Government support for gas fracking and a major reform of the electricity market in support of new nuclear power stations, has caused significant market disruption. At the same time, Government has reduced support for renewable technologies from onshore wind, solar and anaerobic digestion and has failed in promoting energy efficiency. Brexit adds further uncertainty and increased financial burdens to Government's plans to meet its statutory climate change goals.

WHAT WE NEED

We need a 10-year plan to achieve a low carbon economy in the UK. Policy makers and businesses need a shared vision to build on UK strengths post-Brexit if we are to achieve an industrial strategy capable of delivering on climate change targets.

We need a vision which provides solutions, clarity and direction. We need strong champions to fight for clean energy, energy efficiency, low carbon living and air quality to get the UK back on track. We need a strategic basis for how the UK could and should lead internationally on climate change in a post-EU policy landscape.

VISION 10 SENIOR ADVISORS

VISION10 expert advisers and contributors **Sir Vince Cable, Laura Sandys, Lord Whitty, Professor Paul Ekins and Martin Powell** will shape and guide the debate. Each VISION10 Seminar will also hear from key industry experts and thought leaders who will lead evidence sessions and contribute to the development of recommendations and solutions on how best to deliver a 10-year plan for a UK low carbon economy.

WHAT'S THE PLAN

Something must be done to remedy the problems of technological stagnation, job losses, market exit of business, lack of investor confidence and a renewables sector dropping far behind European and global competitors. The Government's commitment to loosen the reins of austerity presents the opportunity to change the low carbon trajectory and provide the critical link to central Government infrastructure-spend plans.

This Government offers a 'clean slate' – a fresh opportunity to engage stakeholders and build confidence with a policy roadmap businesses and financial institutions can rely on and invest in.

The VISION10 Influencer Seminar Series will examine how businesses, NGOs and institutional investors can work with Government and opposition parties at this critical time to commit to a 10-year plan that will succeed in meeting the UK's climate change objectives.

THEMES

Themes of investigation:

How can the UK lead nationally and internationally on climate change, clean air and natural protections in a post-Brexit world?

What next for green policy in the UK? What are the potential drivers we need for sustainable energy and sustainable mobility and how can these be harnessed to deliver shared objectives?

How can low carbon become central to government infrastructure plans, reassuring businesses and investors of long-term policy commitments?

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What policy mechanisms and support are needed to build sustainable, smart cities across the UK?

MILESTONES AND TIMELINE

<u>Milestone / Achievable</u>	<u>Timing</u>
Draft proposal and project themes	Nov-Dec (2016)
Appoint Advisory Panel	Dec (2016)
Develop project Plan	Feb
Convene Advisory Group	Feb
Appoint theme panels	Feb
Schedule events	Feb
Appoint report author(s)	Feb
Secure speakers	Feb-March
Secure sponsors	Feb-March
Agree themes/ streams	Feb
Launch Vision10 project/ findings with Parliamentary event (key Advisors)	March/April
Theme events, evidence sessions and assessment	March-May
Launch media campaigns	March
Draft report (road & policy map)	June
Finalise theme maps and analysis	July
Final advisory input	July
Agree recommendations	July
Agree Parliamentary campaign themes and contact schedule	Aug
Draft report copy	Aug
Launch Report	Sept
Launch Parliamentary campaign	Sept
Fringe events at selected party conferences	Sept-Oct
Next steps	Oct

HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN VISION10

We are looking for supporters to make this important initiative happen. Never has it been more important to have a plan to get low carbon policy in the UK back on track.

For more information about our plans for VISION10 or to see how you can get involved please contact Karen Potter, Project Director, sustainability hub on karen@sustainability-hub.org or Gill Morris, Chief Executive, DevoConnect on gill@devoconnect.co.uk