

Press Release

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Response to BEIS & Green Homes Grants

The Ground Source Heat Pump Association (GSHPA) is very pleased to see heat pump technologies included in the Government's announcement of eligible measures under its £2bn Green Homes Grant scheme. The heat pump industry has the ability, not only to reduce emissions, but also to upskill the UK heating workforce and to create new employment by significantly increasing the ground source drilling segment and other associated roles.

Steps were already in place to enhance training and consumer awareness of heat pumps and to further improve standards across all aspects of the heat pump industry as the market develops, but these will now be accelerated in partnership with the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) and others.

Reducing emissions through the electrification of heat contributes to the delivery of Net Zero 2050, to significant improvements in urban air quality, and to energy security and the UK balance of payments, by on-shoring energy resources.

Bean Beanland of the GSHPA said: "With the electricity industry rapidly increasing the options for heat pump compatible tariffs, there has never been a better time for homeowners to invest in heat pump technology."

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Notes to Editors:

The GSHPA brings together over 120 practitioners, consultants and other interested parties from across the UK ground and water source industry to develop a strong, dynamic and sustainable

environment for low carbon heating and cooling systems that are based on heat capture, storage and transfer, including heat (and cooling) sharing networks and demand side management & response.

Ground and Water Source Heat Pumps systems are a long-term infrastructural investment. They are a proven, efficient and very low emissions technology that can deliver heating and cooling to homes and businesses at the lowest operating cost.

During 2019, the Committee on Climate Change, the National Infrastructure Commission, the All-party Commons Science & Technology Committee and National Grid, all published reports that acknowledged the importance of heat pumps in the UK's efforts to decarbonise heat, a key element in the journey towards Net Zero by 2050.

The Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) is a government financial incentive scheme to promote the use of clean, green renewable heat. Switching to heating systems that use eligible energy sources can help the UK reduce its carbon emissions and meet its renewable energy targets. First introduced in 2011, thousands of homeowners, landlords and businesses have benefited from the scheme, which is currently set to close to new entrants on 31st March 2022.