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Shropshire Climate Action Partnership working with LUC on renewables study

Shropshire Climate Action Partnership has commissioned LUC to assess the potential for solar farm and wind turbine technologies across the county and to produce a county-wide renewable energy opportunities map.

LUC's involvement will help Shropshire meet its goal of achieving net zero carbon by 2030. The work will inform future renewable energy development planning across the region, attracting renewable developers to the area.

The county's electricity demand could double over the plan period and the mapping will help to demonstrate to grid operators, potential developers, major energy users and other stakeholders what future infrastructure will be needed to support the journey towards net zero carbon Shropshire, and where the opportunities arise for solar and wind farm development.

Chris Deaves, Chair of SCAP Energy Group, commented:

'We are delighted to appoint this experienced team for this important strategic project.

The results will help to provide a strategic approach to energy development in Shropshire county and promote the development of the local energy industry, which will benefit the region in terms of employment and the sustainable future we need to get to within the next ten years.

We are very grateful to Shropshire Council for the grant that made this project possible'

Adrian Cooper, Leader of the Climate Task Force at Shropshire Council, added:

'It is vital that we take this more strategic approach to renewable energy development in Shropshire if we are to keep the lights on whilst also shifting away from fossil fuels. Renewable energy development also represents an excellent opportunity for communities and landowners to generate employment and benefit the local economy, and Shropshire Council is keen to see such opportunities explored and developed where conditions are right.'

Shropshire Climate Action Partnership is a community-led organisation, set up to coordinate a collaborative Shropshire-wide community response to the climate and ecological crisis. It developed and published the first Zero Carbon Shropshire Plan and is working with businesses, communities and councils to respond to the emergency through this and many other projects.

Diana Manson, Board Director for GIS & Visualisation at LUC, said:

'We are delighted to provide mapping support to Shropshire Climate Action Partnership to identify where there is greatest potential for solar and wind development to contribute to net zero ambitions by 2030.'

For more information on Shropshire Climate Action Partnership and the Zero Carbon Shropshire Plan visit www.zerocarbonshropshire.org

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