Our contribution to UN Sustainable **Development Goals**

OUR FOCUS AREAS

RELEVANT UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

UK Power Networks is committed to achieving a better and more sustainable future for everyone. That's why we have aligned our activities to the United Nations' sustainable development goals (SDGs). We have prioritised 11 of those goals and these are set out below.

COMMITMENTS

Ahead On track Not on track

STATUS

Environment



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Protect, restore and promote

sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage

forests, combat desertification, and

halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss



Take urgent action to combat

climate change and its impacts

We have revalidated our Science Based Target at 1.5°C and have also been validated by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) to the Net Zero Standard.

We will work with our suppliers to reduce our supply chain carbon emissions (Scope 3) by 25% by 2028, compared to a 2018/19 baseline.

We will recycle 80% of office, depot and network waste and 99.5% of streetworks material by the end of RIIO-ED2, with no recoverable waste to landfill by 2025.

We will increase the biodiversity of new major substation developments by a net gain of 10-20%, and at 100 existing sites by a net gain of 30% overall over RIIO-ED2.

We will reduce NOx emissions by 33% over RIIO-ED2, improving air quality for our customers.

We will develop and implement a circular economy tool to address our high impact materials by the start of RIIO-ED2, and we will subsequently set and monitor our reduction targets.

Our people



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



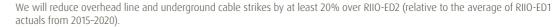
Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls





Reduce inequality within and amono countries

We will minimise injuries to our staff as measured by the Total Recordable Injury Rate (accident rate per 100,000 hours worked), striving for a TRIR of less than 0.05 by the end of RIIO-ED2.



We will continue to build a diverse workforce to reflect and serve our communities by further improving equality of employment access, measuring continuous performance improvement. We will retain our NES accreditation and status as an Inclusive Top 50 UK Employer throughout RIIO-ED2.

We will engage with the public around safety issues, focusing on those who are at highest risk of injury from contact with our networks by engaging with 300,000 people per year during RIIO-ED2, an increase of 20% over the RIIO-ED1 period.

Social responsibility



Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy



Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation



Strengthen the means of mplementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable

We aim to provide targeted support to 500,000 fuel-poor customers over RIIO-ED2, investing £18m to support over 200,000 directly and 300,000 through partnership programmes, delivering £67m of benefits by 2028.

Over RIIO-ED2 we will deliver 1 GW of distributed energy resources (DER) capacity at no more than £8m, using smart interventions and innovations, reporting progress in our annual business plan.

We will allocate £25m Network Innovation Allowance (NIA) funding over the RIIO-ED2 period, of which £20m will go to third parties, targeted to ideas that deliver wider societal benefits.

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