

Policy recommendations

Recommendations to central government

- In the forthcoming Spending Review, government should announce cleaner air as a main objective of infrastructure spend. This should be both in broad principles of all infrastructure spend and in the form of a dedicated funding pot. This pot should invite bidding from strategic authorities for projects based on the following questions:
 1. How would the project achieve cleaner air in the strategic authority area?
 2. How would the project shift the local economy towards principles of clean growth, as per government's industrial strategy?
 3. How is the strategic authority partnering with private investors to deliver the infrastructure project?
- In line with the recently published Clean Air Strategy, government should place greater emphasis on directing strategic authorities to make air quality a more present part of their infrastructure strategies and also encourage them to take a more active role in attracting private capital for infrastructure projects.
- The Infrastructure and Projects Authority should work with strategic authorities to identify pipelines of schemes, signalling to private investors market projects which are appropriate for private finance or public-private.

Recommendations to strategic authorities

- Each strategic authority should make cleaner air a strategic aim of their infrastructure strategy.
- As part of their infrastructure strategy, each strategic authority should identify their local infrastructure gap.
- Each strategic authority should review funding and financing options for the delivery of better infrastructure in their area. This should include private financing, local taxation and government funding.