

Question: CQ09.02&03

Cabinet – 5 October 2021

Re: Agenda item 9 - Heat Network Expansion – Bedminster and Temple

Question submitted by: Councillor Paul Goggin

“I welcome the heat network expansion – investing in low carbon heat sources will be critical for us to reach our climate goals. But, also important to reaching our climate goals is not just how we heat our houses, but where we build them. So, I’m particularly pleased to see these heat networks will be used for Bedminster Green and Temple Quarter – two brownfield sites in active travel areas.

1. **What is this administration’s total investment into low carbon energy services, and is further investment planned?** I appreciate that the City Leap programme will deliver £1bn investment into clean energy, but I was unsure whether a specific amount was earmarked specifically for low carbon energy services.
2. While the principle focus of the City Leap programme is helping our work to tackle Co2 emissions, another key benefit from it is providing a number of highly skilled jobs. **Do you have an estimate of how many jobs it may create, and is the Council working with WECA to invest in training opportunities so people can take up these jobs?”**