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Community Groups encouraged to Go Green & create their own energy

Oldham Council's Cabinet is being asked to approve unique plans which will encourage community groups to go green and create their own energy.

Under the 'Generation Oldham' initiative organisations will be encouraged to install energy generating equipment and energy efficiency measures in their buildings.

The project brings together sustainability, lower energy costs for community buildings, and opportunities for communities to work together for mutual benefit.

This community-owned approach to renewable energy will help to reduce demand for council services, and encourage residents to get involved.

It is proposed that Oldham Youth Council would be directly involved in projects so they can take advantage of training and employment opportunities in the future.

Councillor Abdul Jabbar, Oldham Council's Cabinet Member for Finance and Human Resources, said: "If approved 'Generation Oldham' will raise the profile of sustainable energy production and energy efficiency locally and regionally. It will also go a long way to assisting us to meet our targets which we set out as part of our Climate Change Strategy. As well as helping out community groups it will also support our Get Oldham Working campaign by creating new training and career opportunities in green industries. In 2016 the council approved a strategy for "sustainable energy alternatives", which aims to maximise low carbon energy generation across the borough and generate income for community projects and programmes. It recommends a partnership approach with the council supporting community groups to improve their buildings with renewable energy and energy efficiency measures.



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By 2020 the council aims to cut carbon dioxide emissions locally by 48 per cent.

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