A Case from Ireland; Interactions at a community level with data centres

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Research, **Development** & Innovation Local Authorities Low-Carbon Awareness, **C**ommunications **Project** & Engagement **Delivery**



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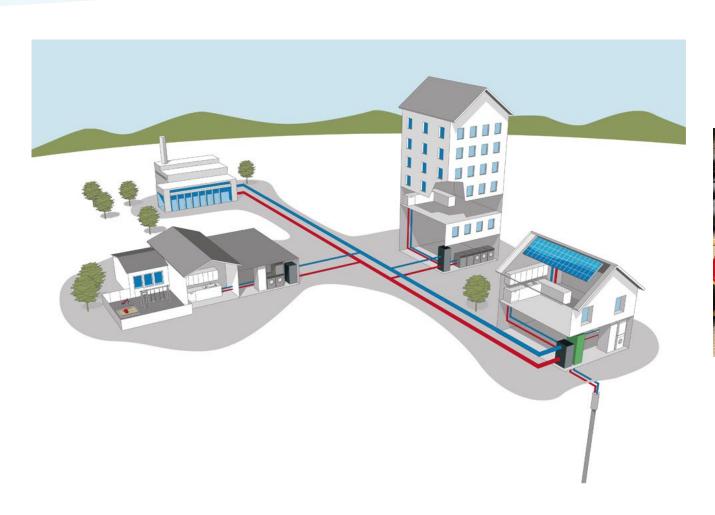






What is District Heating (DH)?

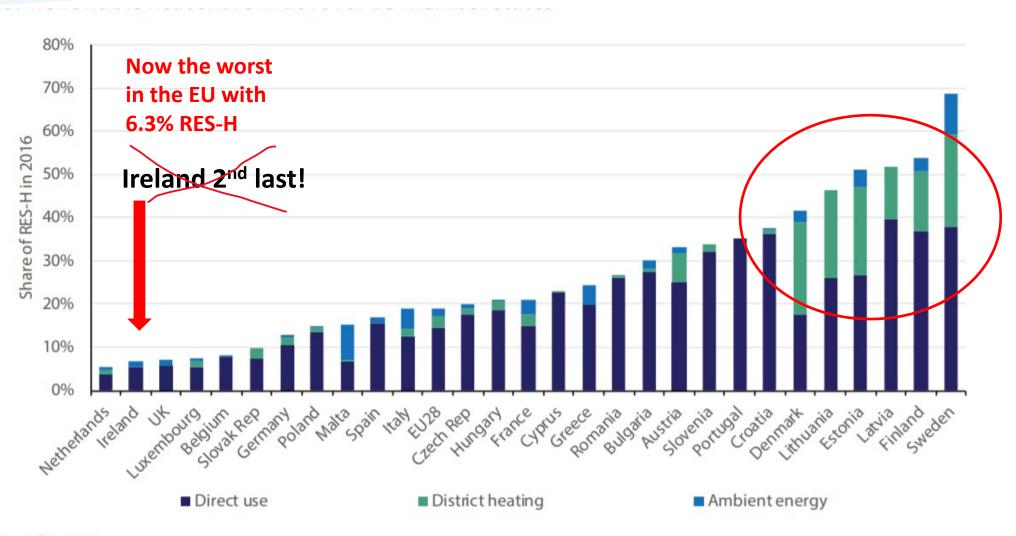


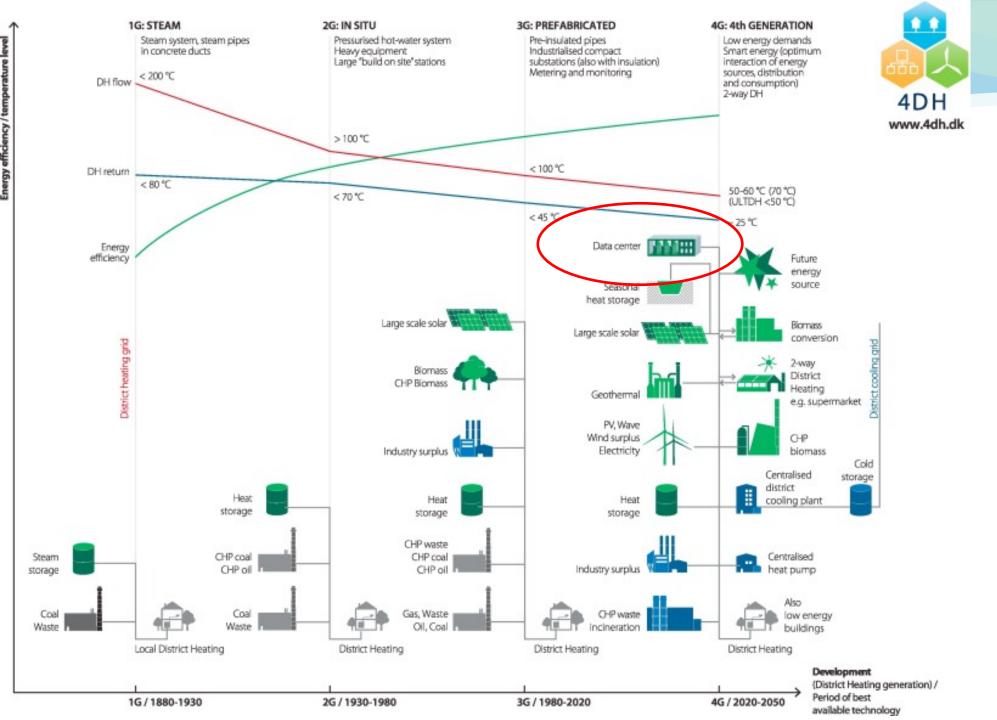




Renewable Heating & DH in the EU





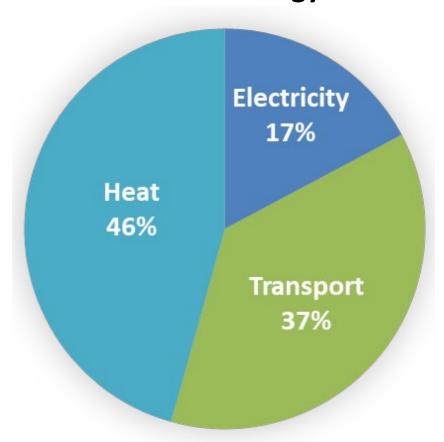




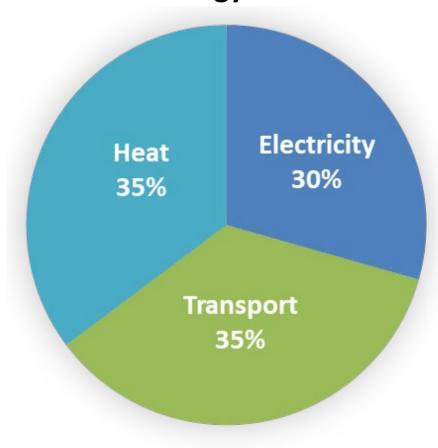
WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT **HEAT?**



Dublin's Final Energy Use



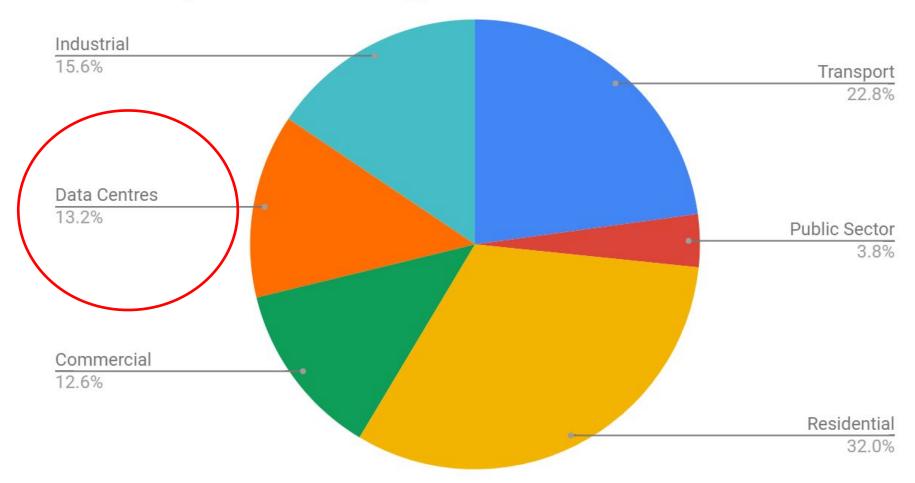
Dublin's Energy Emissions



SECTOR BREAKDOWN OF ENERGY USE



Dublin Region Annual Energy Demand



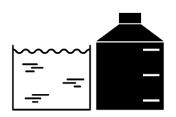
WHY DISTRICT HEATING?





Waste Heat – recycles by-product locally





Thermal Storage – Cheap Energy Storage for Large Scale Demand side Response





Integrate more Renewable Electricity – Large scale Heat Pumps & Electric Boilers





Low-carbon & protect environment

CODEMA'S ROLE IN DH DEVELOPMENT



Planning & Policy

e.g. Regional and Local Energy Master-Planning, policy advice and advocacy

Business Case Development

e.g. Techno-economic analysis and financial assessment

Stakeholder Engagement

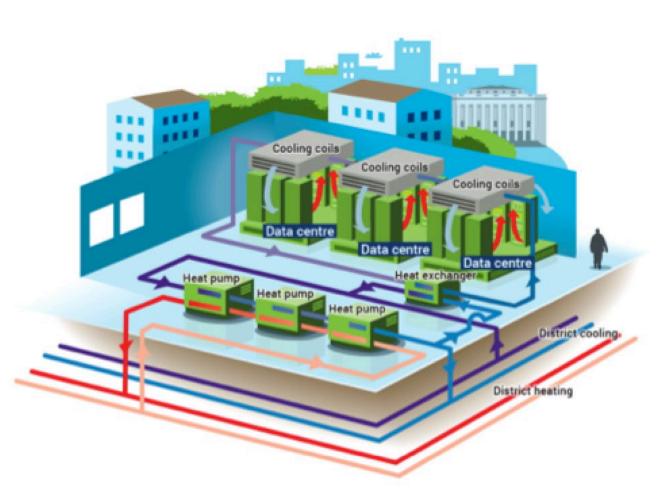
Procurement & Contracting

e.g. contract design and procurement strategy to leverage capacity & allocate risk – output based

Project
Delivery &
Capacity
Building

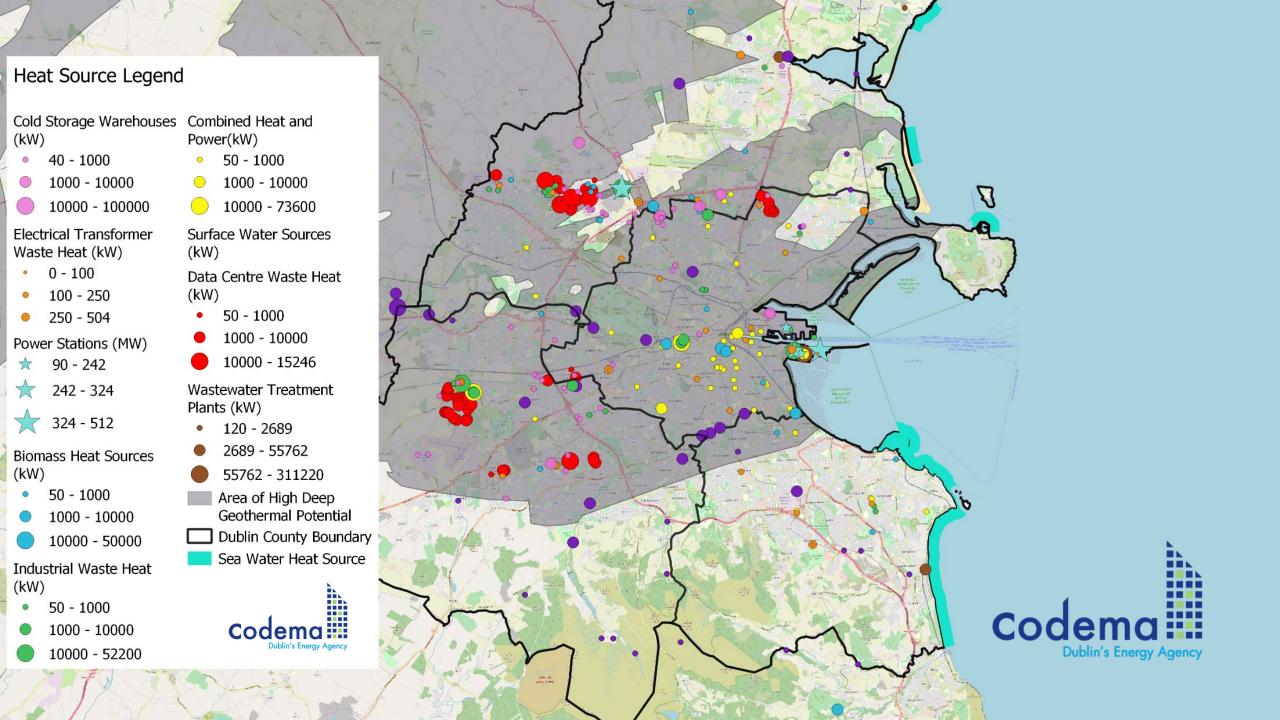
DATA CENTRE WASTE HEAT





1 MWh of electrical load produces ~750 kWh thermal energy

Recovered heat temperature ranges; air cooled 25°C - 35°C liquid cooled 40°C - 60°C

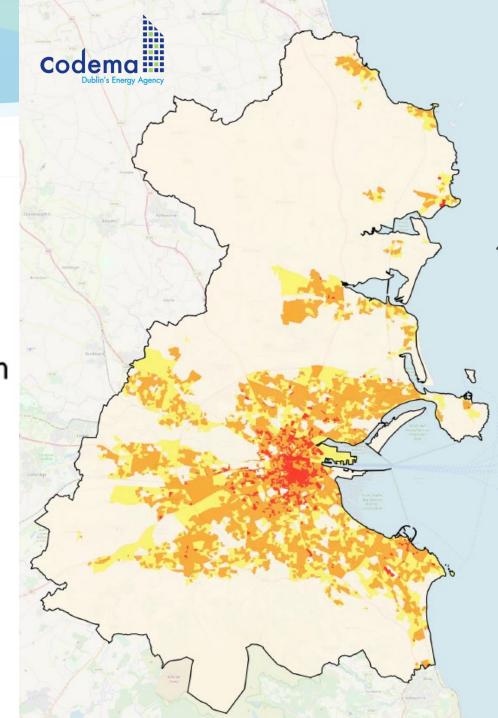


DUBLIN HEAT DEMANDS

Areas Suitable for District Heating in Dublin

Heat Demand Density (TJ/Km2)

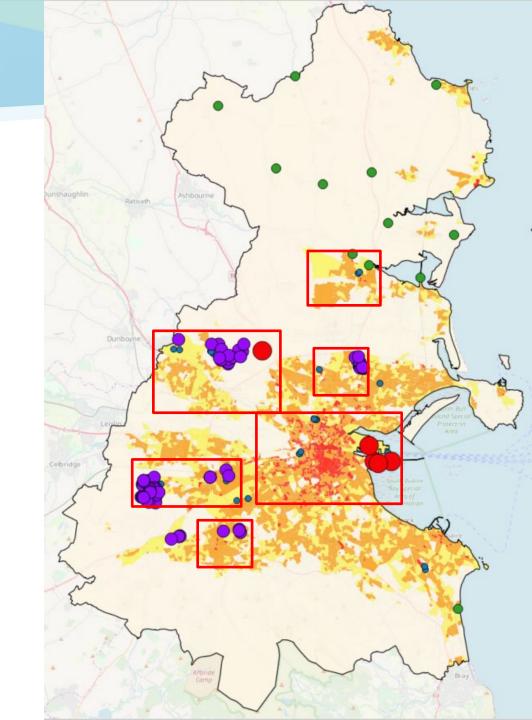
- Very Feasible
- Feasible
- Feasible with New Government Supporting Regulation
- Future Potential
 - ~70% of total Dublin region heat demand suitable for DH
 - 86% of Dublin City heat demand suitable for DH



HEAT PLANNING/ZONING

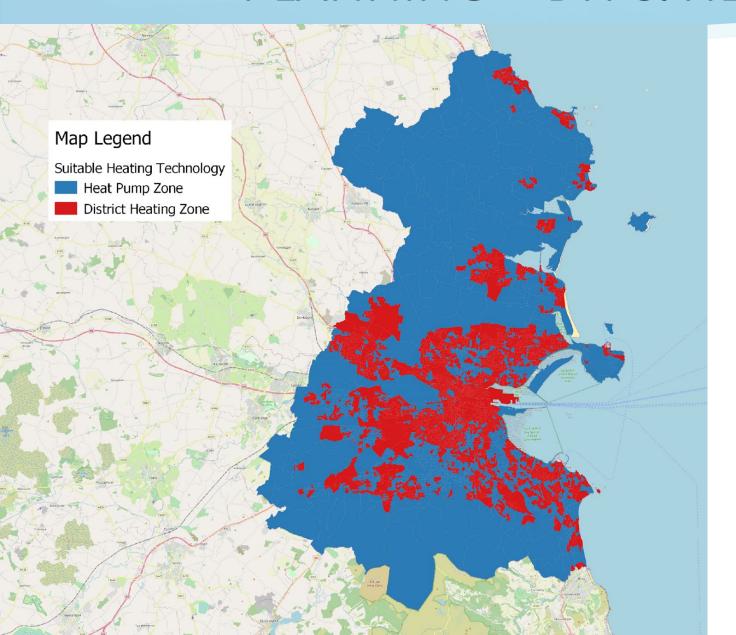
Identify DH Zones & Pilot areas

- Local Authorities must now identify 'Strategic Energy Zones' & 'Decarbonisation Zones'
- Overlap of high heat density & heat availability
- Areas of new development
- Areas with highest fossil fuel use



HEAT PLANNING - DH & HEAT PUMPS





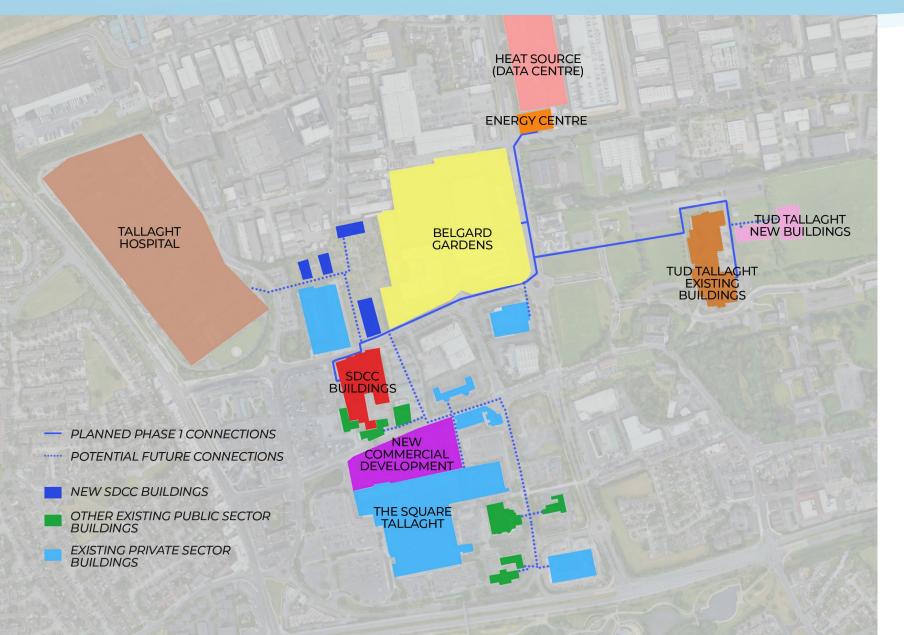
Heating Technology	% Heat Supplied
District Heating	70%
Individual Heat Pumps	30%

By 2030;

- 140,000 heat pumps
- 1,500km of DH distribution network

TALLAGHT DISTRICT HEATING SCHEME







European Regional Development Fund



Key First Step - Local Policy to Support DH

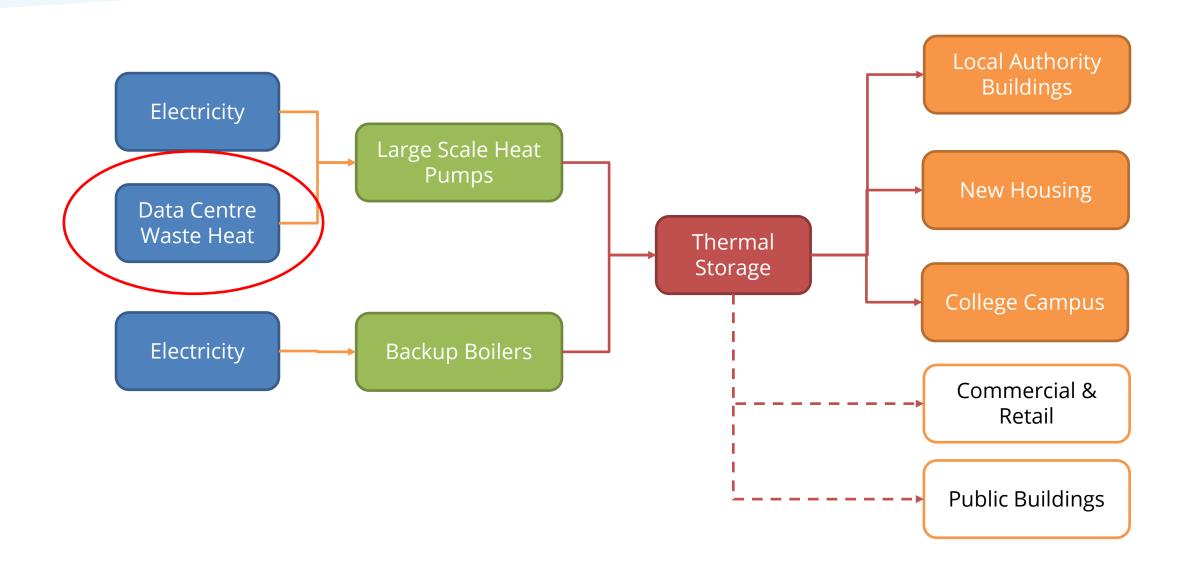


- Local Authority Planning Policy:
 - promote the development of waste heat technologies and the utilisation and sharing of waste heat in new or extended industrial and commercial developments
 - support the development of low-carbon district heating networks across the County
 - support the development of both deep and shallow geothermal energy sources



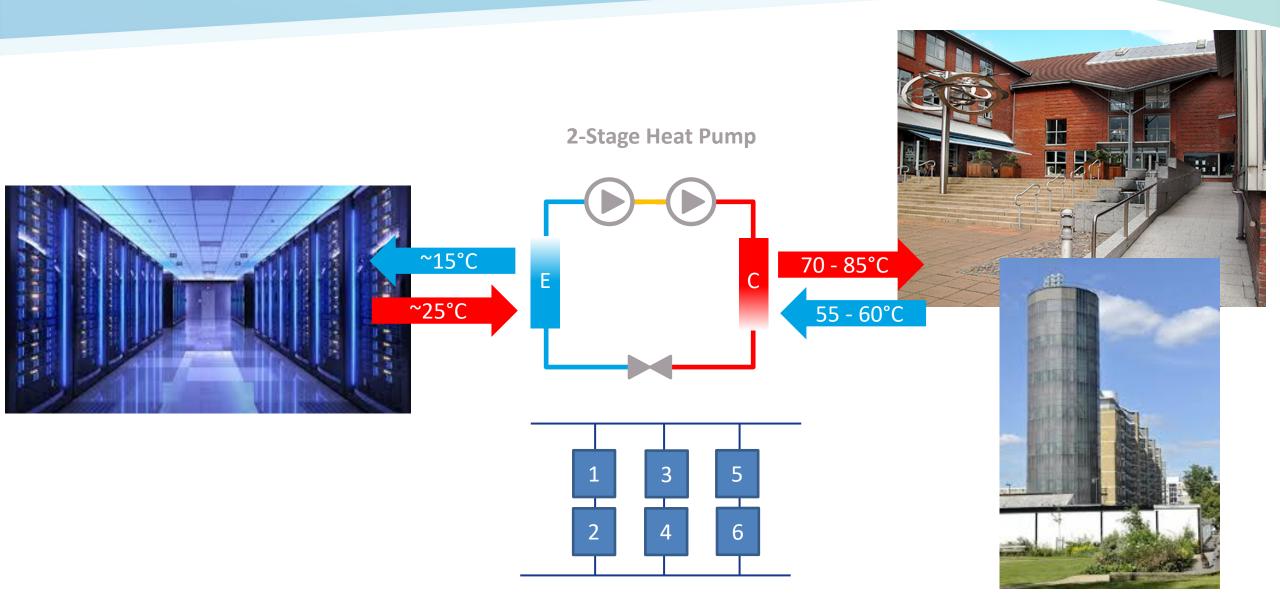
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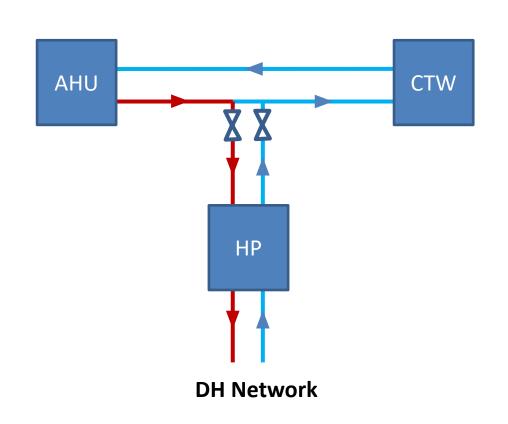




CONNECTING TO A COOLING SYSTEM



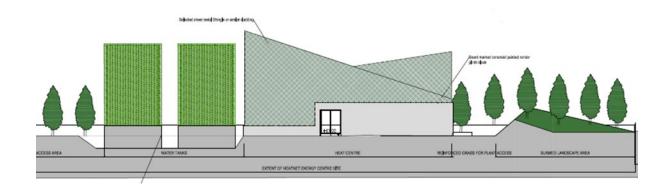
- Connect upstream of on-site cooling plant (chillers, CTW etc.)
- Reduced load/water consumption of chillers, CTW
- High combined efficiency delivering both cooling and heating



BENEFITS OF THE SCHEME







Energy System benefits:

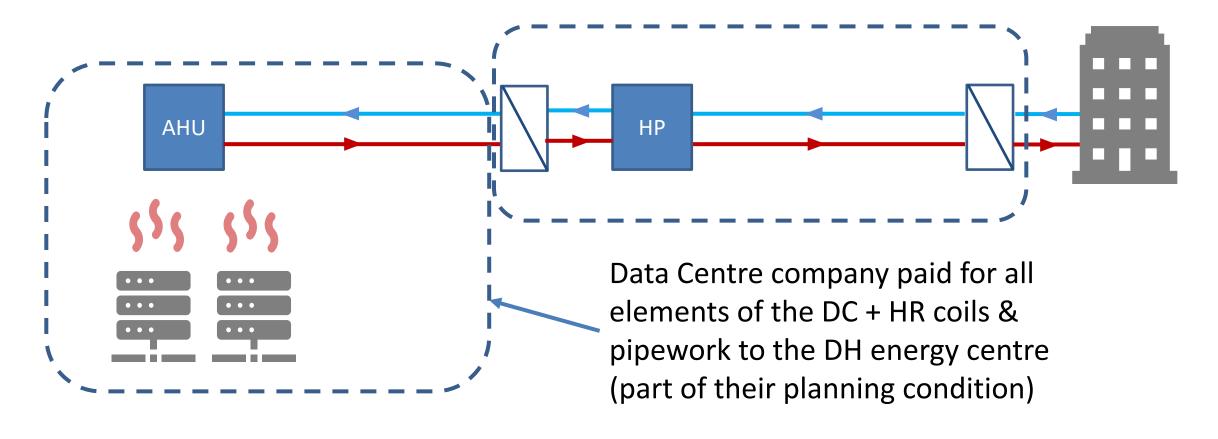
- CO₂ savings of ~1,400 tCO₂ per year for proposed Ph. 1
- Reduction in fossil fuel use for heating by 100%
- Cleaner air no particulates
- Utilises off-peak electricity
- Utilises waste heat which currently has no value
- Provides cooling as well as heating (high combined efficiency)
- Integrates electricity and heat networks

 allows balancing of the grid, greater
 utilization of renewable electricity

WHO PAYS/OWNS WHAT ELEMENTS?

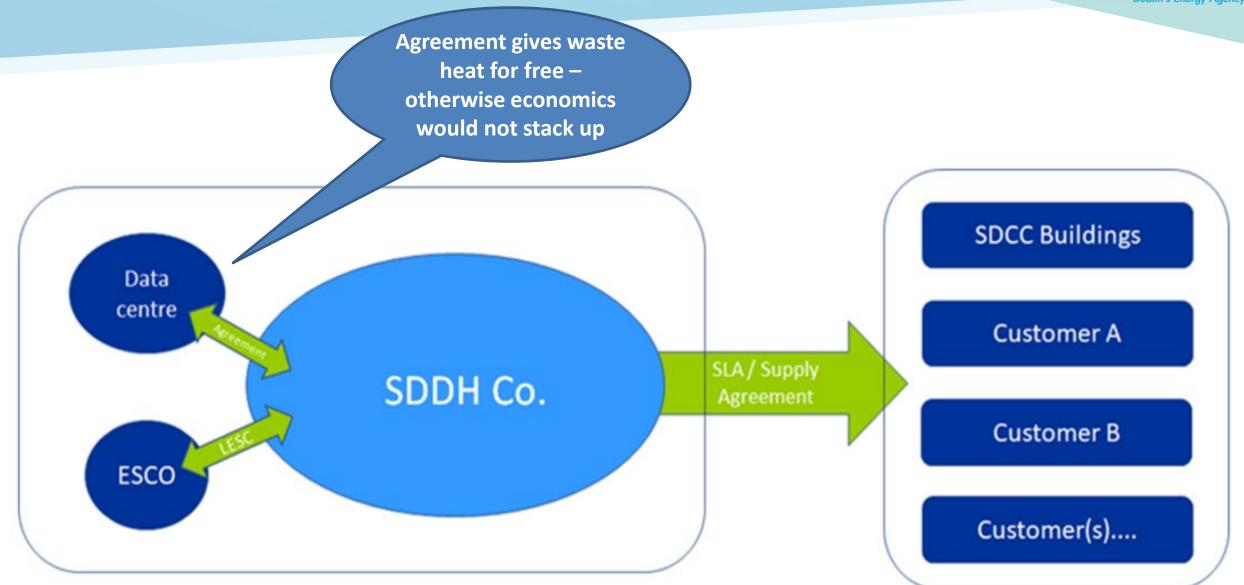


DH Co. pays for everything up to and including the HEXs (EC, network, EC equipment, building substations)



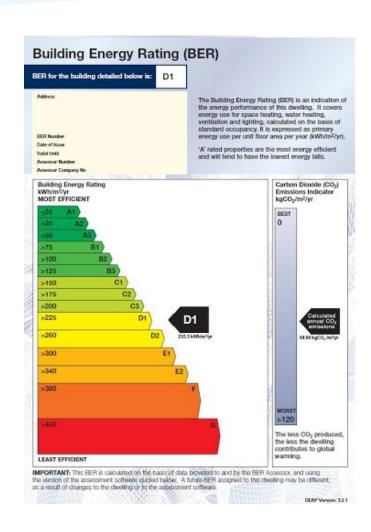
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STAKEHOLDERS





BENEFITS FOR BUILDING DEVELOPERS





Building Developer benefits:

- Cost-effective building regulation compliance
 - lower cost than the counterfactual
- Improved reputation
- Higher RE
- Trench sharing e.g. fibre optics
- Less noise
- No carbon monoxide or fuel leak risks
- Lower maintenance
- Provides low-cost (5 to 10%), low-carbon heat
- Space saving plant and TS are off site

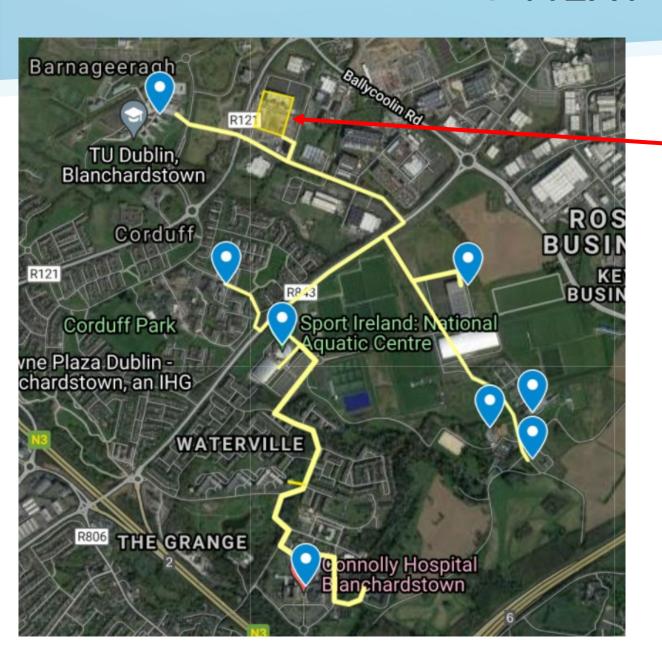
KEY SUCCESS FACTORS



- Local Authority role in planning future-proof supply and demand through planning conditions
- Driven by Local Energy Agency with technical, policy and facilitation skills
- Local Authority 'Energy Champion' to push project internally
- Proximity of Data Center to heat demand centre cant be rural
- Funding supports EU INTERREG, National Climate Action Funding, data centre investment, etc.

ALREADY PLANNING **NEXT PROJECT...**







Customers:

- Hospital
- College Campus
- National Aquatic Centre
- Sport Ireland Campus

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