

Vulnerability & Carbon Monoxide Allowance (VCMA)

Project Eligibility Assessment (PEA) *Back O'th Moss – Centre for Warmth*

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Gas Network Vulnerability & Carbon Monoxide Allowance (VCMA) Governance Document - Project Eligibility Criteria

Section 1 - Eligibility criteria for company specific projects (other than condemned essential gas appliance repair and replacement)	
In order to qualify as a VCMA project, a project must:	
VCMA Eligibility Criteria	Criteria Satisfied (Yes/No)
a) Have a positive, or forecasted positive Social Return on Investment (SROI), including for the gas consumers funding the VCMA project;	Yes
b) Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Provide support to consumers in vulnerable situations, and relate to energy safeguarding, or ii. Provide awareness on the dangers of CO, or iii. Reduce the risk of harm caused by CO; 	Yes
c) Have defined outcomes and the associated actions to achieve these;	Yes
d) Go beyond activities that are funded through other price control mechanism(s) or required through licence obligations; and	Yes
e) Not be delivered through other external funding sources directly accessed by a GDN, including through other government (national, devolved or local) funding.	Yes
Section 2 - Eligibility criteria for company specific essential gas appliance servicing, repair and replacement projects	
In order to qualify as a VCMA project, unsafe pipework and essential gas appliance servicing, repair or replacement must meet the following criteria:	
a) A GDN has to isolate and condemn unsafe pipework or an essential gas appliance following a supply interruption or as part of its emergency service role;	Not Applicable
b) The household cannot afford to service, repair or replace the unsafe pipework or essential gas appliance; and;	Not Applicable
c) Sufficient funding is not available from other sources (including national, devolved or local government funding) to fund the unsafe pipework or essential gas appliance servicing, repair or replacement.	Not Applicable
Section 3 - Eligibility criteria for collaborative VCMA projects	
In order to qualify as a collaborative VCMA project, a project must:	
a) Meet the above company specific and boiler repair and replace (if applicable) project eligibility criteria;	Not Applicable
b) Have the potential to benefit consumers on the participating networks; and	Not Applicable
c) Involve two, or more, gas distribution companies.	Not Applicable

**Gas Network Vulnerability and Carbon Monoxide Allowance (VCMA)
Governance Document - Project Registration Table 2**

Information Required	Description
Project Title	'Cost of Living Assistance and Safety Education' Back O'th Moss – Centre for Warmth
Funding GDN(s)	Cadent company-specific project.
New/Updated	Updated February 2024 Updated January 2025 Updated August 2025
Role of GDN(s) *For Collaborative VCMA Projects only	Not Applicable
Date of PEA Submission	September 2023
VCMA Project Contact Name, email and Number	Name: Phil Burrows Title: Head of Customer Vulnerability Social Programme Delivery Email: Phil.m.burrows@cadentgas.com Number: 07773 545451
Total Cost (£k)	Centre Costs: £99,200.00 Slow cookers 60 x large , 40 x small = £2,429.60 *Extra slow cookers to be provided Slow Cookers 200 x £27.84)=£5,568.00 Updated February 2024: Additional 900 large slow cookers x £27.84 = £25,056.00 Project management cost 4% = £5,290.14 Updated January 2025 Centre costs: £11,244.36 Project Management cost (4%) : £449.77 Total: £11,694.13 Updated August 2025 – additional costs Centre costs: £41,800.00 Slow cookers: £1,113.60 Leaflets: £1,763.64 Project Management cost: £1,787.09 Total: £46,464.33
Total VCMA Funding Required (£k)	Total = £107,197.60 Updated February 2024 Total = £137,543.74 Updated January 2025 £149,237.87 Updated August 2025 £195,702.20

<p>Problem(s)</p>	<p>Back O'th Moss is a standalone charity that heavily relies on funding to provide sessions to their community. Heywood is one of the most economically deprived areas in the North West.</p> <p>Manchester and Rochdale are one of the highest deprived areas across Cadent's network. The health needs of Rochdale borough are shaped by deprivation. Rochdale have more health problems and poorer life expectancy. Not all areas of the borough are deprived and people living in the least deprived areas of the borough usually have better health.</p> <p><u>Fuel Poverty</u></p> <p>In 2022, there were an estimated 13.4% of households (3.26 million) in fuel poverty in England and under the Low-Income Low Energy Efficiency (LILEE) metric, risen from 13.1% in 2021 (3.16 million)¹.</p> <p>The average fuel poverty gap (reduction in fuel costs needed for a household not to be in fuel poverty) in 2022 has risen by 33% since 2021 to £338 in comparison to £254 billion in 2022².</p> <p>Around 14,500 children are living in relative poverty (before housing costs) in Greater Manchester. The child poverty rate in the city region is higher than the UK average³. Children who live in poverty have an increased risk of asthma, respiratory diseases, weight gain, increased hospital admissions, and poor grades at school⁴. One in ten households are struggling with food insecurity⁵.</p> <p><u>Updated August 2025</u></p> <p>While inflation is reducing, many residents in Heywood remain heavily affected by the cost-of-living crisis and fuel poverty, with even those in work struggling to meet the costs of heating and energy. Fuel poverty is still a pressing issue in the community, making the centre's support essential. The support that Back O'th Moss has delivered to date has driven real change by providing residents with advice on carbon monoxide safety, energy efficiency, income maximisation, and the Priority Services Register (PSR). With ongoing support, the centre can continue to give people in Heywood the knowledge, choices, and opportunities they need to overcome fuel poverty and improve their quality of life. Continued funding will keep the centre open, sustain vital services, and retain their core staff who deliver these services, since Cadent is one of the centres few sources of resource support.</p> <p>Therefore, Back O'th Moss needs the funding and resources provided by Cadent to be extended.</p>
<p>Scope and Objectives</p>	<p><u>Project Scope</u></p> <p>Cadent will invest £107,197.60 of the VCMA funding to deliver a two-year extension project with Back O'th Moss.</p>

¹ [Annual Fuel Poverty Statistics LILEE Report 2023 \(2022 data\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

² [Annual Fuel Poverty Statistics LILEE Report 2023 \(2022 data\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

³ [Poverty Monitor 2022: Child Poverty - Greater Manchester Poverty Action \(gmpovertyaction.org\)](https://gmpovertyaction.org)

⁴ [How fuel poverty affects children – Beat the Cold \(beatcold.org.uk\)](https://beatcold.org.uk)

⁵ [More children to be pushed into poverty in city-region without government intervention, study says - Manchester Evening News](#)

The 2023-2025 agreement will be an extension from the previous year and replicates other Centre For Warmth models, whereby specialist advisors are employed using VCMA funding.

The centre will provide essential information and support on carbon monoxide safety, energy efficiency advice and the priority services register (PSR).

The project will be to fund a full-time advisor, who will support clients of Back O'th Moss, and those living in communities surrounding the centre. Supporting and providing information on priority services register, home energy efficiency, financial worries, well-being, and safety advice to individuals affected by homelessness. Referrals to partner agencies for support with wider issues e.g., income maximisation, benefits checks and support with non-fuel debts.

Training and materials to enable the issuing of Carbon Monoxide safety advice and alarms (where required).

Project Objectives

The following objectives are what Cadent will use to measure the success of the Centre for Warmth:

The centre will reach approximately 6,000-9,200 clients across the initial 2-year period.

- 3,200-4000 clients supported with income maximisation
- 3,200-4000 clients supported with energy efficiency advice
- The centre will reach around 3,200-4,000 clients on Carbon Monoxide awareness and distribute Carbon Monoxide alarms to those most vulnerable.
- The centre will reach around 3,200-4,000 clients raising awareness of the priority services register (PSR), and support 720 to register with the help of centre staff.

300-400 clients receive slow cooking advice and 100 slow cookers distributed to those who need it most.

Updated February 2024:

Cadent will invest VCMA funding to deliver a two-year extension project with Back O'th Moss.

Following the success of the slow cooking energy saving sessions held at the centre, there is a need to increase the number of sessions held, therefore increasing the volume of slow cookers distributed.

- 1,200 clients will receive a slow cooker and slow cooking advice following on from them attending a slow cooking energy saving session.

Updated January 2025

	<p>Increasing numbers of families are finding themselves in fuel poverty, where they cannot afford to pay for the gas and electricity to heat their homes sufficiently. The cuts in government funding to the community services such as social services, libraries and social spaces mean that people with financial difficulties have nowhere to go to seek advice or support.</p> <p><u>Updated August 2025</u></p> <p>Cadent will provide Back O'th Moss Centre with an additional £46,464.33 to extend the project until the 31st March 2026. The funding will enable the centre to provide additional services as listed below.</p> <p><u>Project Objectives</u></p> <p>The success of the project will be measured against achieving the below objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver PSR advice to 900 individuals. • Register 90 individuals to the PSR. • Provide energy efficiency advice to 900 individuals via in-depth one-to-one or group conversations. • Provide 40 slow cookers at dedicated events and as individual needs emerge. 100 individuals who already have access to a slow cooker will be provided with slow cooking advice only. • Provide 650 one-to-one carbon monoxide awareness conversations to individuals. • Distribute 50 carbon monoxide alarms to the most at-risk individuals. • 900 individuals will have the opportunity to be supported with loneliness and isolation.
<p>Why the Project is Being Funded Through the VCMA</p>	<p>Cadent believes this project meets all the Vulnerability and Carbon Monoxide Allowance eligibility criteria:</p> <p>a) Social Return on Investment (SROI) is forecasted to be positive. We believe that this project has the deliverables to create a positive SROI including for the gas consumers funding the VCMA project:</p> <p>The project delivers a positive forecasted return on investment based on achieving the target for registrations to the PSR and carbon monoxide education.</p> <p>b) The project will either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Provide support to consumers in vulnerable situations, and relate to energy safeguarding or, ii. Provide awareness of the dangers of CO, or iii. Reduce the risk of harm caused by CO <p>The project meets all three elements of the criteria. Offering support to customers living in vulnerable situations through energy efficiency advice, carbon monoxide education.</p> <p>c) Project has defined outcomes and associated actions to achieve these:</p>

	<p>The project's defined outcomes have been agreed upon by Cadent and Back O'th Moss following the service agreement. Further information can be found in the appropriate section below.</p> <p>d) The project goes beyond the activities funded through the price control mechanisms or required license obligations.</p> <p>This method of delivering support to customers living in vulnerable situations falls outside the scope of Cadent's BAU activities. This project utilises partnerships with community stakeholders to reach communities with Cadent messaging to benefit those customers who are difficult to reach.</p> <p>e) Not be delivered through other external funding sources directly accessed by a GDN, including through other government (national, devolved, or local) funding.</p> <p>Delivered solely through Cadent's VCMA funding.</p>
<p>Evidence of Stakeholder/Customer Support</p>	<p>During the last year of partnership with Back O'th Moss, the centre has supported hundreds of clients who attend the centre and live in the Heywood area. The centre has run sessions providing support on tackling fuel poverty, benefit entitlement checks, the priority services register (PSR) and carbon monoxide education.</p> <p>Furthermore, the centre manager who has been employed by Back O'th Moss remains in a successful full-time job for another year.</p> <p>Temperature Checks – we complete periodic 'temperature checks' with a cross-section of our customer base, including our Customer Forum. These demonstrate that customers continue to support the key measures that we identified when developing our RIIO-2 plan, with a heightened requirement to support people with the cost-of-living crisis – hence this.</p> <p>The Energy Diaries research – through extensive research with customers living in fuel poverty over a period of several months, we then engaged with experts such as Citizen's Advice, NEA and a suite of other charities operating in this space to co-create a number of additional initiatives that Cadent could offer to its customers. This was one of these initiatives.</p> <p>Charity Partnerships – we have strategic level partnerships in place with around 40 consumer advice organisations and charities. We engage regularly to assess the benefits of existing projects and consider options elsewhere, taking the opportunity to benchmark against others and seek to learn.</p> <p>Centres for Warmth – the teams running the centres also fed into the development of this initiative, when considering the successes of the existing centre projects and opportunities for enhancements, based on the specific needs of the customers/households already being supported.</p> <p><u>Updated August 2025</u></p> <p>Many stakeholders, both in close proximity and further afield to Cadent, continue to support activities and projects centred</p>

	<p>around tackling fuel poverty and tackling the impacts of the cost-of-living crisis.</p> <p>In April 2025, The House of Commons Library published a report on fuel poverty. Many of the points highlighted in the report align with the key objectives that the Centre for Warmth project aims to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several stakeholders have recommended that Goverments do more on fuel poverty • Many consumer groups argue that the pandemic has worsened fuel poverty and more needs to be done • Fuel poverty spans energy, income, housing, and health policies • A number of charities have campaigned for new policy on fuel poverty including increased financial support for fuel poor households and increased energy efficiency • Harness and empower trusted intermediaries and independent advice providers to support clarity around information • Many consumer groups argue that the pandemic has worsened fuel poverty and more needs to be done • Fuel poverty spans energy, income, housing, and health policies • A number of charities have campaigned for new policy on fuel poverty including increased financial support for fuel poor households and increased energy efficiency • Harness and empower trusted intermediaries and independent advice providers to support clarity around information <p>This is part of the reason that to this day, the Centres for Warmth project continues to be advocated by many.</p>
<p>Information Required</p>	<p>Description</p>
<p>Outcomes, Associated Actions and Success Criteria</p>	<p>The VCMA project forms part of Cadent’s wider Centre for Warmth network. The Centre for Warmth project model ensures resources, materials and VCMA funding are allocated to a community centre located in an area of high deprivation. Enabling, the community centre to enhance and expand existing support for customers in vulnerable situations.</p> <p>This project will be delivered in partnership with Back O’th Moss community centre. The project aims to support around 6,000-9,200 clients over a two-year period.</p> <p><u>Project Outcomes</u></p> <p>The Back O’th Moss – Centre for Warmth aims to achieve the outcomes listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide slow cooking sessions to promote the potential affordability, health benefits and affordability. • Provide support and advice to customers on topics such as benefit entitlement checks, homelessness, energy advice, mental health support and income maximisation.

- Provide energy efficiency advice, gas safety advice and carbon monoxide awareness.
- Provide awareness on the priority services register (PSR) and help sign-up eligible customers.

Associated Actions

- Keep the centre running by assisting with running costs for time spent on the project.
- Clients mental health will be improved through receiving support with fuel poverty. Having confidence in the advice they are receiving, understating information, and continuing a trusted relationship.
- An increased awareness of carbon monoxide safety and the dangers of the poisonous gas. There will be a reduced risk of harm accomplished by quarterly carbon monoxide awareness sessions on CO and distributing audible alarms to the households at greatest risk.

Success Criteria

The success of the project will be evaluated against the meeting of the projects objectives. These objectives include:

The centre will reach approximately 6,000-9,200 clients across the initial 2-year month period.

- 3,200-4000 clients supported with income maximisation.
- 3,200-4000 clients supported with energy efficiency advice.
- The centre will reach around 3,200-4,000 clients on Carbon Monoxide awareness and distribute Carbon Monoxide alarms to those most vulnerable.
- The centre will reach around 3,200-4,000 clients raising awareness of the priority services register (PSR), and support around 720 to register with the help of centre staff.

300-400 clients receive slow cooking advice and 100 slow cookers distributed to those who need it most.

Updated February 2024:

1,200 clients will receive a slow cooker and slow cooking advice following on from them attending a slow cooking energy saving session.

Updated January 2025:

Associated Actions

The centre will deliver a "Warmer Nights" project, where they centre will stay open for extended hours through the winter months, reaching 400 individuals.

This will provide people a warm, safe space where they can have a healthy, nutritious meal. The staff will provide services aimed at tackling fuel poverty, help with debt

	<p>consolidation, assist with benefit entitlement check, and educate customers on the dangers of carbon monoxide.</p> <p><u>Updated August 2025</u> The services listed below will be provided via Back O’The Moss during the extension period. The adviser employed via the project will deliver services and activities to address all relevant vulnerabilities experienced by members of the community that engage in the centres services.</p> <p><u>Associated Actions</u> Cadent will continue to provide the funding, resources and training required to support the centre – ensuring its door remain open and it can continue to effectively deliver key services. The centre will also carry forward successful elements of the project and implement any lessons learnt.</p> <p><u>Success Criteria</u> The success of the extension will be measured against achieving the additional objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver PSR advice to 900 individuals. • Register 90 individuals to the PSR. • Provide energy efficiency advice to 900 individuals via in-depth one-to-one or group conversations. • Provide 40 slow cookers at dedicated events and as individual needs emerge. 100 individuals who already have access to a slow cooker will be provided with slow cooking advice only. • Provide 650 one-to-one carbon monoxide awareness conversations to individuals. • Distribute 50 carbon monoxide alarms to the most at risk individuals. • 900 individuals will have the opportunity to be supported with loneliness and isolation.
<p>Project Partners and Third Parties Involved</p>	<p>Cadent and Back O’th Moss.</p>
<p>Potential for New Learning</p>	<p>Since the project began in April 2022 Cadent have come to realise that every area/town seem to be suffering with the same problems. Fuel poverty, unemployment, low wages, homelessness, and the cost-of-living crisis. Alongside these, each area is also dealing with specific issues. Cadent have brought the centres together on a forum in order for them to share ideas, resources, and best practise. The forum has helped forge links with centres that were not previously there and acts as a support network.</p> <p><u>Updated August 2025</u> The centres are under continuous pressure to meet the growing demands to support with many different community needs, especially as local authorities’ resources dwindle. Therefore, by understanding the changing and continuing needs of different communities, Cadent can learn how to best support them with overcoming socioeconomic challenges. In turn, it can also support cross network learning.</p> <p>Where possible, Cadent will continue to listen to their partners to try to improve the support and services provided to vulnerable customers, as we have done with the extension model by ensuring the funding is more flexible to meet each centre's needs.</p>

<p>Scale of VCMA Project and SROI Calculations</p>	<p>Cadent will invest £101,629.60 in partnership with Back O'th Moss for the Centre for Warmth project. Delivering support and a range of services to 6,000-9,200 over a two-year duration.</p> <p>SROI Calculations: 5-year gross present value= £7,659,722.40 1year Gross Present Value= £1,531,944.48</p> <p>5-year social return on Investment= £7,552,524.80 1year Social Return on Investment= £1,478,345.68</p> <p>SROI Ratio:£1: £70</p> <p><u>Supporting households to maximise their income</u></p> <p>Cadent worked with SIA Partners to evaluate the average 5-year gross present value of supporting households to maximise their income. SIA Partner's based their analysis on the "actual" data from a 3-month project between Cadent and NEA and historic data from NEA over the past 3 years. SIA Partners calculated an average 5-year gross present value of supporting households to maximise their income of £1,717.11 per household.</p> <p><u>Educating customers on the dangers of Carbon Monoxide</u></p> <p>Cadent also employed SIA Partners to evaluate the forecasted social return on investment of several RIIO-GD2 business plan elements. These elements included CO education, CO alarm distribution and the repair/replacement of gas appliances.</p> <p>SIA Partners pointed to a number of factors that influenced the social value generated by educating customers on the dangers of carbon monoxide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reduction in A&E visits linked to CO; • A reduction in long-term hospitalisations linked to CO; • A reduction in deaths caused by CO; • A reduction in time of work due to injury caused by CO; • A reduction in ambulance call-outs linked to CO; <p>SIA Partners calculated the average 5-year gross present value of a Co-educational conversation to be £8.73 - this is based on a 1-2-1 conversation with an 80% retention rate.</p> <p><u>The Cost of Loneliness</u></p> <p>The Centre For Warmth project will reach customers living in urban areas of Cadent's network.</p> <p>BBC report found that 46% of England's urban population are aged 65 or over⁶.</p> <p>One-fourth of the population aged 65 years and older reported feelings of loneliness⁷.</p>
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⁶ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-43316697>

⁷ <https://www.cdc.gov/aging/publications/features/lonely-older-adults.html#:~:text=Older%20adults%20are%20at%20increased,the%20amount%20of%20social%20contact.>

Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology reported a net present value of £6,000 for people who reported being lonely most of the time. This figure was across a 10-year period and equates to £600 per annum. This research concluded that older people who feel lonely are at greater risk of developing conditions such as dementia and depression⁸.

The health foundation reported that 21% of older people who live alone, or face feelings of loneliness visit their GP at least once a month. This places pressure on front-line services since many people who experience loneliness think of their GP as someone they can relate to and who will listen to them, engaging in an open, friendly dialogue⁹.

The Centres For Warmth project aims to reach 7,600 urban customers. 46% of which will be aged 65 and over. This equates to 3,496 customers.

Campaign to end loneliness reported that over 700,000 people aged 65 and over are experiencing feelings of loneliness. 46% of this age group living in urban areas this equates to people¹⁰.

Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology research suggests a potential saving of £600 per annum for each older customer supported that was previously experiencing feelings of loneliness.

The Centre For Warmth project will run for 2 years, equating to a saving of £1,200 per customer.

This equates to an overall benefit of £1,048,800.00 for 2x year only as the risk of experiencing loneliness and isolation can increase again after the project stops delivering support.

6,000-9,200 people using the centre per year
Average = 7,600

46% of the population are over 65 = 3,496 people
25% of 1,288 people are lonely with health conditions = 874 people
874 people X £1200 (£600 per annum) = £1,048,800.00

Updated February 2024:

Cadent will invest £137,543.74 in partnership with Back O'th Moss for the Centre for Warmth project. Delivering support and a range of services over a two-year duration.

Total investment = £137,543.74

SROI Calculations

3,600 individuals supported with income maximisation services: £6,181,596.00
3,600 individuals supported with energy efficiency advice: £1,323,972.00
3,600 individuals advised on carbon monoxide: £31,428.00

8 <https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007/s00127-019-01733-7.pdf>

9 <https://www.health.org.uk/news-and-comment/news/older-people-living-alone-are-50-more-likely-to-visit-ae-than-those-who-live-with>

10 <https://campaigntoendloneliness.org/guidance/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/StatisticsGFLA.pdf>

720 PSR sign-ups: £103,600.80
874 individuals supported by tackling social isolation:
£1,048,800.00
1,200 individuals will receive a slow cooker and will be advised on
how to cook a healthy meal on a budget: £283,704.00

Five-year gross present value = £8,973,100.00
One-year gross present value = £2,109,260.16

Five-year Social Return on Investment = £8,835,557.06
One-year Social Return on Investment = £2,040,488.29

SROI Ratio: £1:63

Updated January 2025

Cadent will now invest a total of £149,237.87 Into the Back O'th
Moss Community Centre over

400 individuals will be supported through the "Warmer Nights"
programme, which have been added to the extension figures.

Total investment = £149,237.87

SROI Calculations

- 4,000 individuals supported with income maximisation
services: £6,868,440.00
- 4,000 individuals supported with energy efficiency advice:
£1,471,080.00
- 4,000 individuals advised on carbon monoxide: £34,920.00
- 1,120 PSR sign-ups = £161,156.80
- 1,200 individuals will receive a slow cooker: £283,704.00
- 920 individuals will report feeling less lonely: £1,104,000.00

Five-year gross present value = £9,923,300.80
One-year gross present value = £2,315,860.16

Five-year Net Investment = £9,774,062.93
One-year Net Investment = £2,241,241.23

SROI Ratio: 1:65

Updated August 2025

Cadent will invest a further £46,464.33, in partnership with Back
O'th Moss, to support individuals in vulnerable situations within
Heywood for another 7 months. Therefore, Cadent will invest
£195,702.20 over the 31-month project duration.

- 4,000 individuals supported with income maximisation
services: £6,868,440.00
- 4,900 individuals will receive energy efficiency advice =
£1,802,073.00
- 4,650 individuals will receive advice on CO =
£40,594.50
- 1,210 individuals will be registered to the PSR =
£174,106.90
- 1,240 individuals will receive a slow cooker and advice
on cooking healthier meals = £293,160.80

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,024 individuals will be alleviated from loneliness and isolation = £1,587,200.00 <p>Five-year gross present value = £10,765,575.20 One-year gross present value = £2,450,075.04</p> <p>Five-year net present value = £10,569,873.00 One-year net present value = £2,375,456.10</p> <p>SROI Ratio: £1:54</p>
VCMA Project Start and End Date	<p>Start Date: 01/09/2023 End Date: 31/08/2025</p> <p><u>Updated August 2025</u></p> <p>Start date: 01/09/2023 End date: 31/03/2026</p>
Geographical Area	The project will be delivered in Cadent's North West network. Supporting communities and benefiting customers located in Heywood are of greater Manchester.

Gas Network Vulnerability and Carbon Monoxide Allowance (VCMA) Governance Document - PEA Control Table

In order to ensure that a VCMA project is registered in accordance with the Ofgem VCMA governance document (incl. project eligibility assessment), the below table should be completed as part of the project registration process.	
Stage 1: Sustainability and Social Purpose Team PEA Peer Review	
Date Immediate Team Peer Review Completed: 16.3.22	Review Completed By: Amanda Jones
Stage 2: Sustainability and Social Purpose Team Management Review	
Date Management Review Completed: 18/03/24 Update: 30/10/2025	Review Completed By: Phil Burrows Update: Emma Turnbull
Step 3: Director of Sustainability & Social Purpose Sign-Off: Mark Belmega Update Phillip Burrows	
Director of Sustainability and Social Purpose Sign-Off Date: 22/03/2024 Update 18/11/025	
Step 4: Upload PEA Document to the Website & Notification Email Sent to Ofgem (vcma@ofgem.gov.uk)	
Date that PEA Document Uploaded to the Website: March 2024 and February 2026	
Date that Notification Email Sent to Ofgem: March 2024 and February 2026	