# **Benefits of ZCOP Membership**

* **In the last 2-years, ZCOP has won £0.8m funding and raised additional contributions worth an estimated £100k from partners (on top of their membership fees) to support delivery.** This money has been used to hire project managers in ZCOP, provided additional budget for City Council staff time, commissioned research and communications materials, conducted feasibility studies, delivered training to ZCOP members (and more).
* **Negotiated discount on net zero tools.** For example, 25-35% discount for ZCOP partners on business focused tools. Worth £500-2,000 depending on size of organisation.
* **Low cost or free accredited training sessions** in green skills for ZCOP members.
* **Develop and define place-based innovation projects with stakeholder buy-in**. Partners helped scope work and then contributed funding for the [A House Like Mine project](https://www.lowcarbonhub.org/p/programmes/a-house-like-mine/). The IUK funded FutureFit One Stop Shop (FOSS) feasibility study came out of the ZCOP retrofit sprint group – with majority of partners being part of the group.
* **Reduce cost of delivery** ZCOP is supporting partners align and improve their travel surveys to enable joined up, area-based analysis.
* **Free Quarterly meetings and networking events:** connecting a broad range of leasing academic, technical experts and business leaders. Enabling sharing of approaches, policies, and showcasing successes.

**Example work**

* **ZCOP Industrial decarbonisation (ID)**

£350k project awarded from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, involving ZCOP partners, BMW MINI, Unipart, Oxfordshire Greentech plus City and County Council. Project will develop an in-depth plan, outlining how industry can decarbonise in line with the city’s net zero ambitions. It will also establish a local industrial cluster to support industry organisations as they work together to deliver the action plan, run training to increase skills, knowledge capacity and capability.

* **Residential retrofit**

Series of successful bids in this space: Sprint Group scoped retrofit engagement need and won funding from MCS Foundation to deliver the [A House Like Mine project](https://www.lowcarbonhub.org/p/programmes/a-house-like-mine/); The ~£100k IUK funded [FutureFit One Stop Shop (FOSS)](https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=10061019) feasibility study also came out of needs identified by the ZCOP retrofit sprint group – with majority of partners being part of the group. ZCOP also hosts a series of knowledge sharing and networking sessions in this space, bringing together the diverse retrofit network.

* **Sustainable commuting Sprint**

This group aims to Support ZCOP staff take up car sharing, public transport, (e)cycling, walking, (e)scotting, wheeling. This is being supported through a number of actions:

* Aligning and improving ZCOP partner travel surveys to enable joined up statistical analysis across organisations.
* Providing expert support to businesses analysing survey results and developing travel plans
* Development of website that summarises actions for employers and support/options for staff, including case studies from organisations and individuals’ successes.
* Focused support to employers wanting to promote lift sharing or e bikes.
* Lower costs of initiatives – negotiated 25-35% discount for key tools that support employers.