Data Centre Programme
What's the Point of Us?

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techUK provides a collective voice for UK data centre operators in matters of policy, reputation and compliance. Our award-winning programme is productive and influential. We bring together operators, suppliers and customers to inform policy decisions, share information and promote best practice. We:

- Seek change where it is needed
- Mitigate the impact of legislation
- Explain & inform
- Foster a community of interest

What does this mean in practice?

- We intervene in and influence policy - we resist harmful measures and seek a level playing field
- We mitigate what we can't change; we tackle regulatory burdens, simplify compliance and reduce cost
- We raise awareness: we explain the sector to policy makers and we explain policy to the sector
- We alert the sector to business risks ranging from energy security to regulatory compliance
- We build communities of interest to expand networks and create business opportunities
- We bring together government and industry to work collaboratively on issues affecting the sector

What have we achieved for operators?

- Negotiated the inclusion of data centres on the key workers list, obtained quarantine exemption, protection of construction projects, priority testing
- Alerted government to the strategic importance of the sector: a dedicated Whitehall team formed
- Negotiated inclusion of data centres in the CCA scheme (worth over £200M to UK operators) and subsequently secured an extension of the CCA to admit new facilities
- Reduced regulatory burdens, identified business risks and mitigated them, supported compliance activity and demystified regulatory requirements like MCPD, IED and fuel tax changes
- Facilitated a schools outreach programme and supported an industry first: partnership with a UTC
- Built a community of interest, shared technical knowledge, educated policy makers
- Developed thought leadership, improved external perceptions of the sector

Highlights

2021 highlights include our thought piece Data Centre Energy: The Viking Helmet, the I'm an Engineer outreach to schools, our negotiations on red diesel and guidance, a discussion paper on market drivers, an FAQ on planning and a report on sector resilience to climate change. All these and much more can be found in our Index. Alternatively, the year's activity is summarized in the 2021 Overview.

Current focus areas include:

- Informing Government policy relating to national security, sector criticality and resilience
- Establishing and communicating the economic and infrastructural importance of the sector
- Addressing sector skills shortages through partnership and outreach
- Lobbying to ensure that policy measures do not compromise sector competitiveness
- Helping members navigate the compliance landscape

Further information

For publications, briefings, position statements and more please visit our program **Index**:
For a thematic summary of our activity in 2021 see our latest **Programme Overview**
To find out who else is involved see techUK's **list of members** or our **data centre employers page**

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