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Potential of unutilised waste heat possible to incorporate into UK district heating production

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Agenda

- 1. Incremental gains
- 2. The role of heat networks in the UK
- 3. Waste heat potential
 - Industrial
 - Wastewater treatment
 - Waste incineration)
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- 5. Concluding summary and Key Takeaways



Total UK emissions in 2016 across different sectors



Source: Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 2018, Clean Growth - Transforming Heating

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Industrial waste heat potential



Source: Papapetrou M, et.al, Industrial waste heat: Estimation of the technically available resource in the EU per industrial sector, temperature level and country. Applied Thermal Engineering 2018

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Potential in wastewater treatment facilities



Source: Thames Water, https://corporate.thameswater.co.uk/about-us/our-business/our-supply-area

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Waste incineration facility heat recovery potential





Recovery potential: 3 MWh per ton of waste

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Total investigated heat recovery potential

Potential impact on total UK emissions

The power of incremental gains

1% better every day
$$1.01^{365} = 37.78$$

1% worse every day $0.99^{365} = 0.03$



Source: James Clear, https://jamesclear.com/marginal-gains

How do you think the UK can enable more waste heat to be incorporated into district heating networks?

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