Our aims & objectives

How we will meet our aim

We believe we can support our people to deliver our aims and new strategy by:
- Explaining what net zero is, why it matters and how they can help to achieve it
- Providing effective advocacy tools
- Incentivising advocacy – for example, through our annual cash bonus
- Enabling individual contributions that support our net zero ambition

Our performance in 2020

Explaining net zero and providing advocacy tools – we already have education activities in place around net zero advocacy, including: the Discover Net Zero course, which is part of the bp university; a digital engagement platform for wider sustainability that will come online in 2021; and a ‘Know your carbon footprint’ tool.

To support our work, we have also appointed a Head of Stakeholder Advocacy and Head of Employee Advocacy.

Incentivising advocacy – in 2019 we linked our annual cash bonus for eligible employees, including the bp leadership team, to sustainable emissions reductions (SERs) in 2019.

In 2020 for senior leaders, we increased emphasis on low carbon, moving from 5% to 30% of senior leaders’ equity awards linked to low carbon. And for the bp leadership team, 25% of performance-based pay was linked to delivery of our purpose.

The measures for the 2021 annual bonus for eligible employees are aligned to our strategy and net zero ambition, and tied to a balanced scorecard consisting of safety and sustainability, operations and financial measures.

Enabling individual contributions that support our net zero ambition – in February 2021, we introduced the Reinvent bp share award to incentivize our employees in meeting our aims. All employees will receive a one-off grant of either shares or share options that will become available to keep, sell or transfer in 2025.

To help embed sustainability in bp’s DNA we are launching a new company-wide sustainability award programme within our peer-to-peer employee recognition platform ‘energize!’. bp employees will be able to give and receive recognition for efforts that help to progress our sustainability frame with award categories reflecting the three focus areas: getting to net zero, improving people’s lives and caring for our planet.

Our employee carbon offsetting scheme which covers travel and home energy emissions for employees who choose to participate and is partially funded by bp, is now running in the UK, US and Germany. The scheme is expected to be rolled out further in 2021.

Following a suggestion by some employees, we have offset corporate aviation travel to help build engagement with our low carbon agenda. In 2020, we offset a combined 101kteCO₂e for employee carbon and corporate aviation travel offsetting.

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