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Safe and Secure Communities Commission: Empowered Communities

Secure Communities may return when in partnership with local government and other stakeholders they are enabled to confront crises that previously seemed entirely beyond their control. Safe communities will evolve when conditions ensure them access to secure affordable supplies of essentials like energy and food, decent jobs and work, enhanced community wealth.

Tripartite Crisis – Energy Security and Price; The Cost of Living and Climate Change interconnect, negatively impacting the one upon the other and disaffecting both Community Safety and Security

Tackling our energy crisis is the key to diffusing all three crises. Expanding the range of indigenous renewable energy supplies we exploit will produce energy security, affordable fuel and food bills and lower carbon emissions. All despite war's weaponisation of energy supplies and consequent return to hi-carbon coal and energy price hikes.

Bringing our very own neglected site-specific renewable indigenous energy resources: geothermal, latent and waste heat; geothermal and tidal power on stream, will be relatively speedy. Lowering fuel bills; increasing energy security; accelerating decarbonisation. Communities will start to feel safer.

Enabling local government to expand green innovations involving communities and support independent green community projects will trail blaze the way forward, instilling a sense of community purpose. Cornish Community Renewable Energy Talks sparked an exemplary multi-million subterranean community heat network; Brampton2zero exemplifies local climate action group activity, Community Transport saves fuel.

UK Tripartite Crises engender insecurity and safety fears. Tackling them locally through energy innovations and working hand in hand with communities may not entirely dissipate all aspects of all three crises. But it will empower communities, enhance their sense of security and safety as bills and carbon emissions fall; energy security grows.