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Session C: Retrofit – Barriers and  
Opportunities

Scope for district level solutions:  
Case Studies and Analysis

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# Scope for district level solutions

## Outline of presentation

- Introduction to district heating/CHP
- Examples in UK
- Policy Analysis
- Structure and Funding
- The Opportunity

# Introduction to district heating/CHP

- DH...DHC...”Trigeneration”: DHC/CHP
- Comparative efficiency
  - Coal fired power station: 38% at power station
  - Gas fired power station: 48% at power station
  - Coal and gas: deduct 10% for transmission losses
  - Combined with gas combi boilers: c50% overallCHP: up to 85%

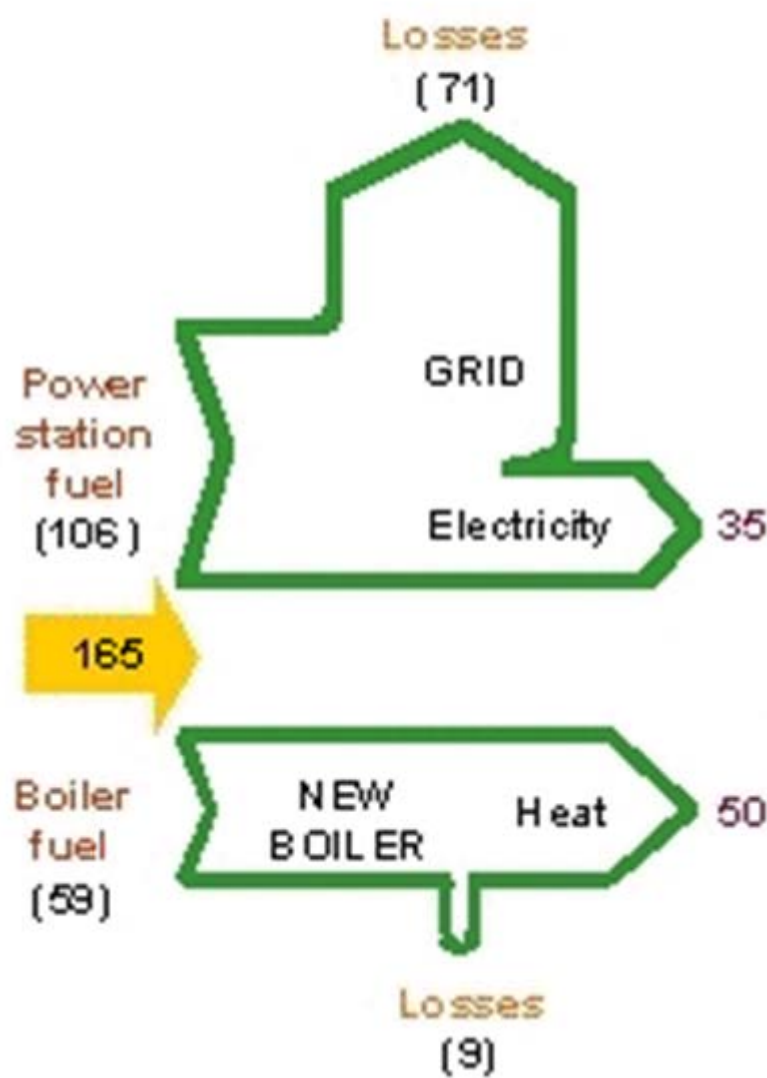
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# Energy sources for DHC/CHP

Larger DH networks in Scandinavia may use many different energy sources, e.g.

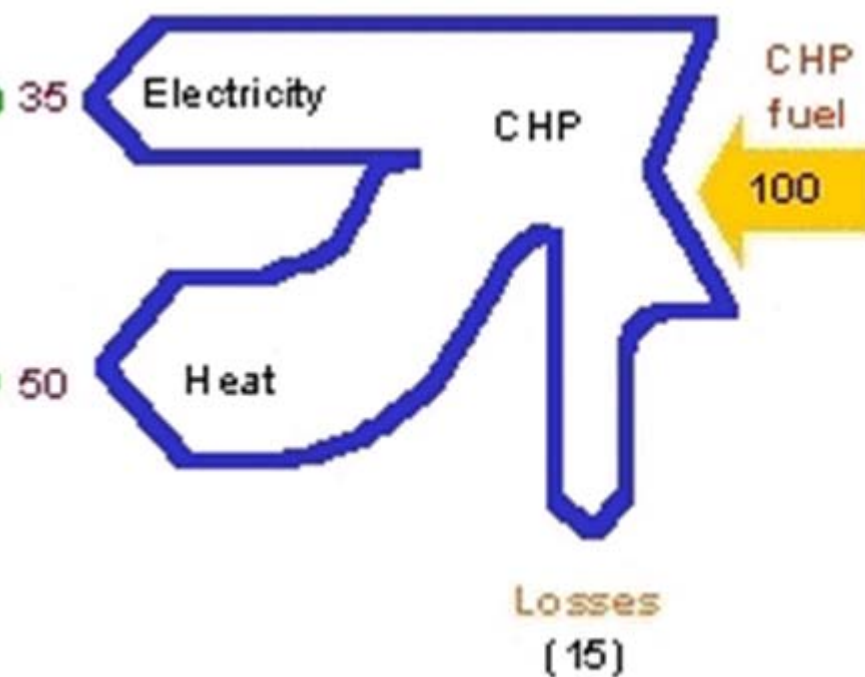
- Fossil fuels
- Biomass
- Municipal and other waste
- Geothermal
- Wind

## Conventional Generation



## Combined Heat and Power

(1 MW natural gas reciprocating engine)



# Examples in UK

- Aberdeen Heat and Power
- Clydebank HA
- Pimlico
- Southampton
- Sheffield
- Slough

# Policy Analysis

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- DH heat market share in UK: c4%
- DH heat market share in Sweden: c60%
- Barriers include diverse stakeholders and need for long term contracts

# Policy Analysis 2

Early Opportunities for DH:

- Pre 1919 homes
- Pre 1975 flats
- High rise flats with electric heating
- Areas with low cost energy sources

Poyry/Faber Maunsell/Aecom study for DECC  
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DH potential: 3.3 – 7.9m households

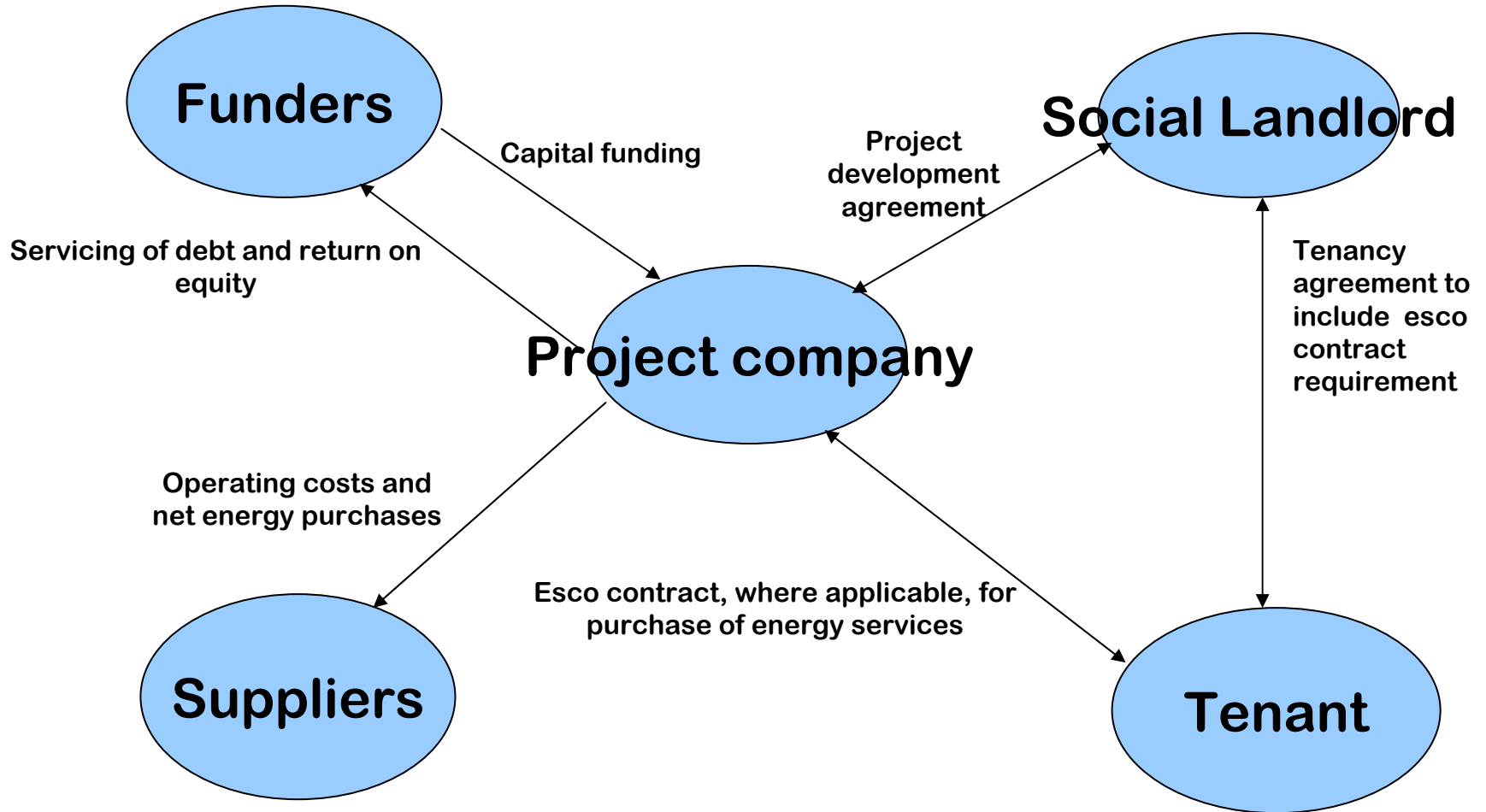
Extra 6-14% of total heat market

# Structure and Funding

- Economics of sustainable energy
  - Option appraisals: whole life economics v. capital constraints
  - The economic logic of the esco model
  - But stakeholders are rightly nervous about getting locked in long term to one supplier
- Options: find the money, choose an option with low upfront cost, esco
- Esco options: go it alone, private deal, co-op esco
- Go it alone esco – time, effort and money required; limited scale economies
- Private esco – esco goal will, reasonably, be to generate shareholder value for esco owners
- Co-op esco – esco goal: to maximise customer/community value
- Funders: mix of debt and equity funders: long term project capital
- Intro: Renew – who we are, what we do: Local, Homes, Micro, Wind

# Renew

## Esco Business Model – social housing example



# The Opportunity

- Climate change demands a big shift in our energy mix
- District Heating/CHP should be a big part of the new mix: focus first on denser urban areas, larger new builds and areas with local heat source: e.g energy from waste
- The esco model, particularly the co-op esco, provides a practical means to fund this

# Renew

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