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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