The 'Cobenefits' of Climate Action

Presentation to Merton's Climate Action Group – January 2021

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Who are Ashden?

Ashden Award Winners
Sustainable Cities

The National Energy Foundation and Energiesprong UK

High-impact retrofits

UK Award for Sustainable Buildings

SMV Green

A rickshaw revolution

Award for Sustainable Mobility

London Borough of Waltham Forest

Streets worth celebrating

Award for Clean Air in Towns and Cities

Alcaldía de Medellín

Growing a cooler city

2019 Award for Cooling by Nature

Changing the conversation

We asked ourselves the question:

Does stopping climate change really mean just giving things up?

Climate action – co-benefits

Climate action

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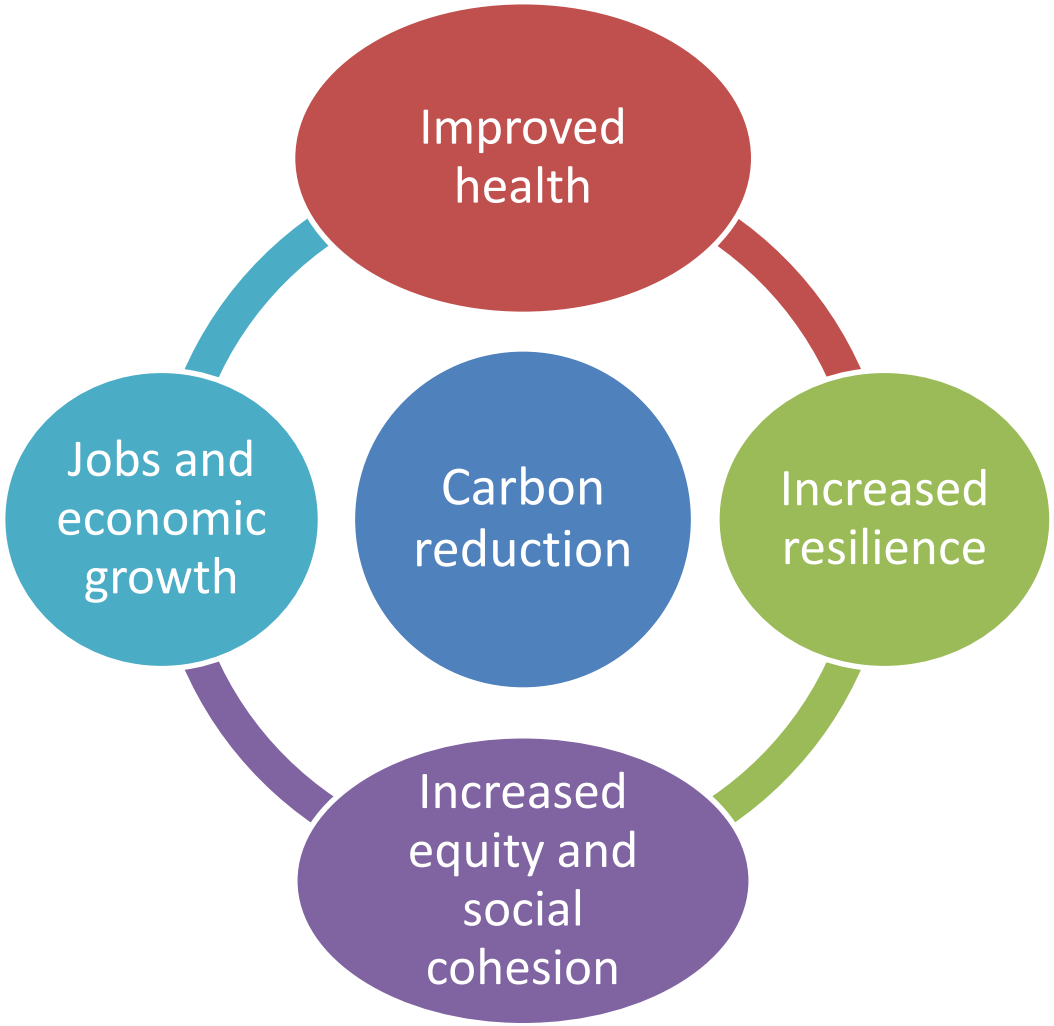

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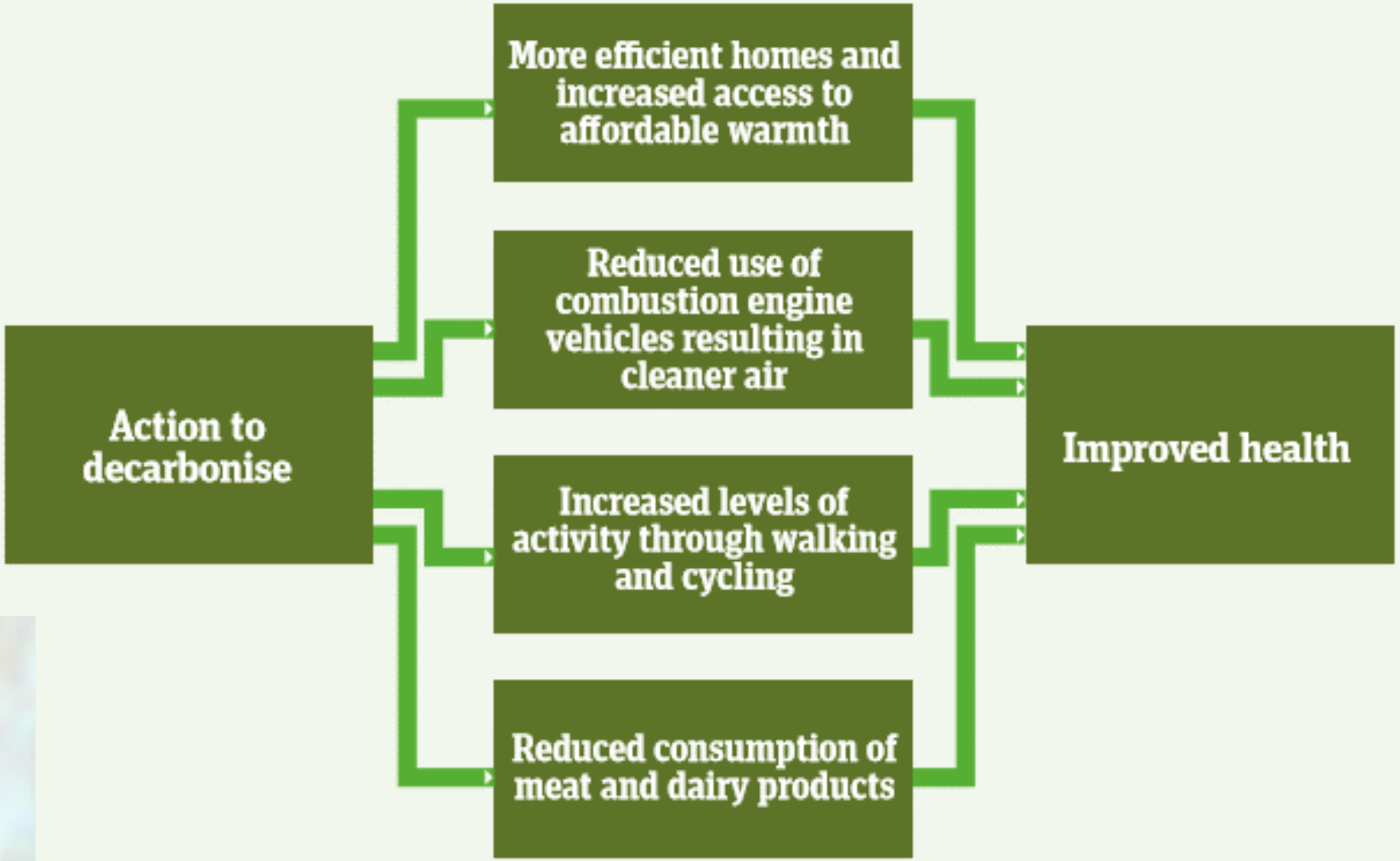


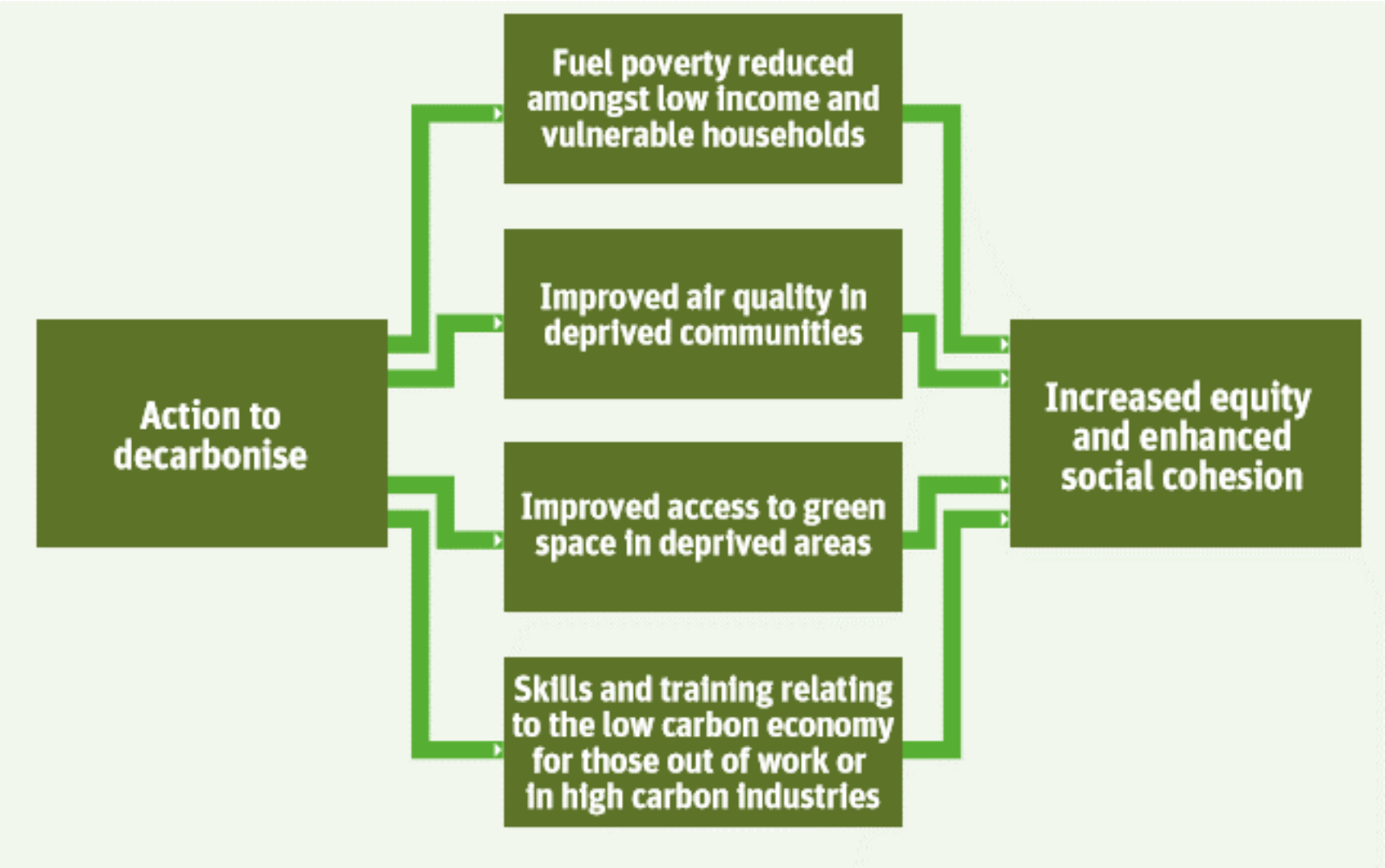
Economic opportunity and job creation

Action to decarbonise

- Creation of new jobs in the low carbon economy
- Skills and training for those in high carbon industries to support a just transition
- Economic benefits from community energy schemes, investment opportunities, reduced energy costs, skills and training
- Creation of better places to do business through reduced congestion

A thriving economy for all

Equity and social cohesion



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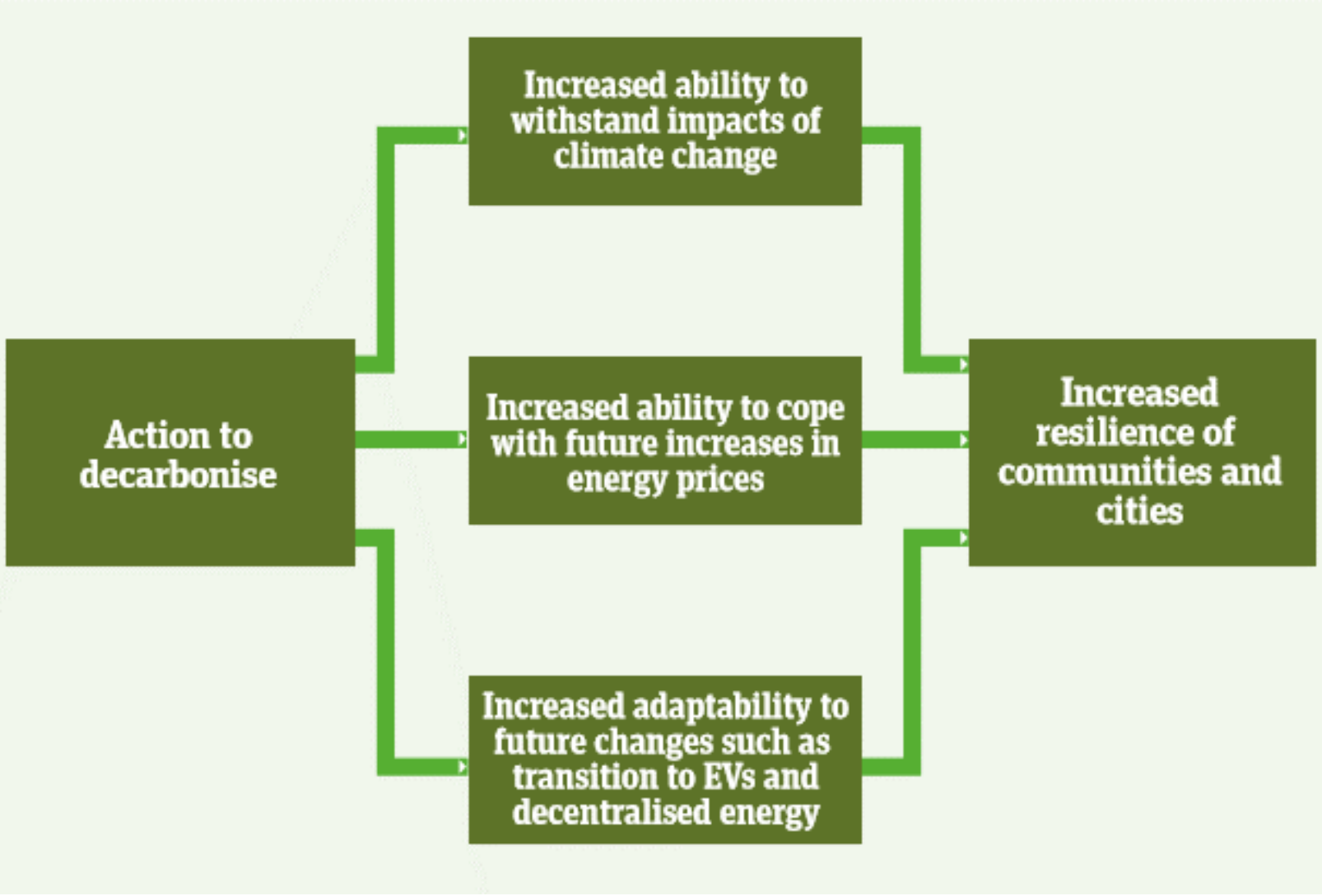
Action to decarbonise
Increased ability to withstand impacts of climate change
Increased ability to cope with future increases in energy prices
Increased adaptability to future changes such as transition to EVs and decentralised energy
Increased resilience of communities and cities

Examples of community led action

Mums for Lungs – reducing car use particularly around schools

Green gyms - planting trees, sewing wildflower meadows

CREW energy - local share offers to cut carbon in community buildings

Examples of community led action

Community repair cafes and library of things – avoiding the need to buy new items

South East London Community Energy - advice on cutting energy bills

Schools – Let's Go Zero; engaging school communities in cutting carbon

Thank you – and good luck!

"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much."

Helen Keller

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