

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
GREEN ECONOMY PANEL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2019 AT DRAX SPORTS AND  
SOCIAL CLUB, MAIN ROAD, DRAX, SELBY, NORTH YORKSHIRE, YO8  
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**Present:**

Professor Simon Pringle (Chair)	Project Rome
Dr Alice Owen	University of Leeds
Councillor Andrew Cooper	Kirklees Council
Councillor Sarah Ferriby	Bradford Council
Councillor Scott Patient	Calderdale Council
Councillor Neil Walshaw	Leeds City Council
Rosa Foster (Advisory Representative)	Environment Agency
Melanie Taylor (Advisory Representative)	Northern Gas Networks

**In attendance:**

Nick Robins	Just Transition
Ian Smyth	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Jacqui Warren	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
James Brass	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Jelena Covic	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Emma Longbottom	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Janette Woodcock	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

**12. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from William Firth, Natasha Luther-Jones, Jim Cardwell, Nevil Muncaster, Cllr Maureen Cummings, Cllr Andrew Waller, Cllr Neil Walshaw, Martin Farrington and Wallace Sampson.

**13. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no pecuniary interests declared by members at the meeting.

**14. Exempt information - Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There were no items on the Agenda requiring exclusion of the press and public.

**15. Minutes of the Meeting of the Green Economy Panel held on 9 July 2019**

Melanie Taylor, Northern Gas Networks provided an update to members following her presentation to members on 9 July 2019.

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting of the Green Economy Panel held on 9 July 2019 be approved.

#### **16. Chair's Update**

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Nick Robins and for his time and insight.

Constructive Workshop Sessions had taken place following the LEP Board meeting held in September which were encouraging.

#### **17. Energy Accelerator**

The Panel considered a report to provide an update on the Energy Accelerator (EA) programme

The Panel discussed the contents of the report which provided a comprehensive update on the Energy Accelerator (EA) programme including progress on development of the pipeline and showed that the Pipeline is expected to meet and exceed the EIB's 18 month KPI.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the update on Energy Accelerator (EA) programme including progress on development of the Programme be noted.

#### **18. Tackling Climate Emergency**

The Panel considered a report to provide an update on the Energy Strategy and Delivery Plan with a focus on the recent Climate Declarations and initial next steps to become a net zero carbon Leeds City Region.

The Panel discussed and noted the update which included activity and initial phases, immediate opportunities and next steps. Appendix 7 included a summary of the work packages planned by the Combined Authority to assist the City Region and meet its targets.

**Resolved:** That the report and information provided in the Energy Strategy and Delivery Plan be noted.

#### **19. Energy Hub**

The Panel considered a report to update on the North East Yorkshire and Humber NEYH) Energy Hub Programme, current LCR focussed projects and the new Rural Community Energy Fund (RECF)

Members discussed the contents of the report and the objectives of the Local Energy Hubs to:

- Increase the number, quality and scale of local energy projects.
- Provide LEPs and local authorities with additional resources and capacity.
- Raise awareness and enable local areas to attract private and/or public finance for energy projects

**Resolved:** That the contents of the report be noted.

## **20. Major Projects Review**

The Panel considered a report to update on Major Projects, Energy Accelerator,, Better Homes Yorkshire, Resource Efficiency Fund, RE-Biz (formerly REF2), District Heat Network (DHN), Green and Blue Infrastructure (GBI) Strategy and Delivery Plan and a summary of items discussed at Transport Committee.

**Resolved:** That progress against the major projects and programmes be noted.