
Report to: Transport Committee

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Subject: **Zero Emission Transport Working Group**

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1. Purpose of this report

1.1. The purpose of this report is:

- To provide an update on progress to establish a Zero Emission Transport Working Group.
- To gain approval for the draft Terms of Reference for the working group.
- To nominate members of Transport Committee for the working group.
- Nominate a Chair for the working group.

2. Information

Background

2.1. The Leeds City Region Energy Strategy and Delivery Plan (ESDP) was adopted by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (Combined Authority) in December 2018.

2.2. The ESDP sets out how the ambition of the Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) for the City Region to become a resilient, zero carbon energy economy underpinned by high-quality green and blue infrastructure could be achieved.

- 2.3. As part of the ESDP, forecasts of future carbon dioxide emissions were calculated for the industrial and commercial, domestic and transport sectors. While industrial and commercial, and domestic sector carbon dioxide emissions are forecast to reduce over the next 20 years transport, carbon dioxide emissions are forecast to increase by 28 percent.
- 2.4. In 2036 the transport sector is forecast to contribute 37 percent of overall City Region carbon dioxide emissions. This will be the biggest contributor of emissions by any sector. The industrial and commercial sector and domestic sector are forecast to contribute 33 percent and 30 percent respectively.
- 2.5. Recognising the increasing importance of decarbonising the transport sector Transport Committee at their 15 March meeting asked that a working group be established with the Green Economy Panel to consider the contribution of transport in achieving regional carbon dioxide emission reduction ambitions.
- 2.6. While the focus for establishing the working group is the forecasted rise in transport sector carbon dioxide emissions, there is an intrinsic link between carbon dioxide emissions and air quality issues. As such the new working group will ensure these issues are considered alongside each other.
- 2.7. This report provides an update on progress to establish a joint working group between the Transport Committee and Green Economy Panel, now proposed as the Zero Emission Transport Working Group.

Aims

- 2.8. The draft aims of the working group are:
 - To support the delivery of the ESDP and its carbon dioxide emission reduction ambitions.
 - To recommend the actions that will decarbonise the transport sector and improve air quality within the City Region.
 - To work with / influence partners, including regional organisations and government to deliver actions that decarbonise the transport sector.
 - To provide oversight of the delivery of outputs and outcomes of low-carbon / low emission transport related projects being developed by the Combined Authority.
 - To align activity on decarbonising the transport sector with activity to improve air quality in the City Region.

Membership

- 2.9. It is currently proposed that the working group is be made up of members from Transport Committee and the Green Economy Panel, plus key sector experts who can assist us in developing solutions.
- 2.10. Given that the focus of the working group will be reducing a range of harmful transport related emissions, including carbon emissions, it is proposed that the chair is a member from Transport Committee.

2.11. In addition to the working group, the chair will be invited to attend meetings of the steering group that oversees the delivery of the ESDP. This is currently made up of members of the Green Economy Panel, BEIS and the Combined Authority.

2.12. Officers from the Combined Authority will provide support for the activities of the working group

Terms of Reference

2.13. Draft Terms of Reference for the working group are included at **Appendix 1** of this report. Members are asked to provide comments on and approve the draft Terms of Reference subject to any changes recommended by the Committee.

Frequency of meetings

2.14. It is proposed that meetings of the working group will take place on a quarterly basis with the first meeting taking place in early July.

2.15. A set of workshops are being run in June relating to the delivery of the ESDP. The purpose of the workshops are to establish the collaborations, coalitions and actions that will enable the transformational carbon dioxide emission reduction actions to take place in the City Region. This work will build on the actions identified in the ESDP.

2.16. Four workshops are being planned focussing on power, buildings, industry and transport. A combination of topic area and local delivery experts will be invited to the workshops. Members of the working group will be invited to attend the transport sector workshop. This workshop will take place in early June.

2.17. The initial focus will be to review the outputs of the transport sector workshop and prioritise those actions to progress.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

5. Staffing Implications

5.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

6. External Consultees

6.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

7. Recommendations

7.1 That the contents of the report are noted and comments provided.

- 7.2 That the draft Terms of Reference are approved.
- 7.3 That Transport Committee agree to nominate members to be part of the working group.
- 7.4 That Transport Committee agree to nominate a Chair for the working group.

8. Background Documents
None.

9. Appendices

Appendix 1. Zero Emission Transport Working Group – Draft Terms of Reference