
Report to: Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership Board (LEP Board)

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Subject: **Green Economy Panel**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To provide the LEP Board with a report on the work of the Green Economy Panel.

2 Information

Panel meeting

- 2.1 The Panel met on 7 July 2020, after the publication date for this paper. The following items are due to be discussed at the Panel's meeting. A full verbal update will be provided at the Board's meeting:
- **West Yorkshire Emission Reduction Pathway** – This item outlines the initial findings of the first task which was to explore three different decarbonisation pathways to achieving the City Region's Net Zero Carbon 2038 target. It will also outline the common actions that appear in all pathways that should be prioritised and co-designed with partners as the study continues. It will seek the Panels views on the results, actions and next steps of the Study (including revised stakeholder engagement and consultation plans).
 - **White Rose Forest Plan and the Nature for Climate fund** – A verbal presentation on the work completed to date and the planned next steps will be provided at the meeting.
 - **Devolution and Green Infrastructure Standards Trial** – This item will outline the emerging plans for a Green Infrastructure Standards Pilot (GISP) and devolution related spatial planning work to tackle the Climate Emergency.
 - **Economic Recovery Plan (ERP) – Environment and Carbon Priority** – This item will follow on from the GEP's informal session on 23 June 2020. It will continue to outline the progress being made to develop the environment and carbon priorities of the Plan, and the associated products and programmes.

- **Major Projects Update** – This item will provide an update on various projects and programmes helping the City Region to tackle the Climate Emergency.

Clean Growth Implications

- 3.1 The work outlined in this report is vital to ensuring that the city region can create clean growth and decarbonise key sectors by 2038, with significant progress by 2030.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Given the scale of the challenge to be outlined in the results of the emissions reduction pathways study, there will be significant financial implications for the Combined Authority and stakeholders/partners. Exploring and securing funding will form a large part of the work as it progresses.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

6. Staffing Implications

- 6.1 Given the scale of the projects identified in the ESDP, and scale of the challenge to be outlined in the results of the emissions reduction pathways study, there will be significant resourcing implications for the Combined Authority and stakeholders/partners. Exploring and securing resources to deliver the work required will be a key task of the Leeds City Region Climate Coalition.

7. External Consultees

- 7.1 None

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 That the report of the work of the Green Economy Panel be noted.

9. Background Documents

- 9.1 None

10. Appendices

- 10.1 None