

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GREEN ECONOMY PANEL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2020
AS A REMOTE MEETING**

Present:

Professor Simon Pringle (Chair)	Project Rome
William Firth	European Metal Recycling (EMR) Ltd
Richard Goodfellow	Addleshaw Goddard
Natasha Luther-Jones	DLA Piper LLC
Dr Alice Owen	University of Leeds
Leah Stuart	Civic Engineers
Ben Tongue	NHS Digital
Councillor Andrew Cooper	Kirklees Council
Councillor Sarah Ferriby	Bradford Council
Councillor Jack Hemingway	Wakefield Council
Councillor Scott Patient	Calderdale Council
Councillor Andrew Waller	City of York Council
Councillor Neil Walshaw	Leeds City Council
Jim Cardwell (Advisory Representative)	Northern Powergrid
Nevil Muncaster (Advisory Representative)	Yorkshire Water
Melanie Taylor (Advisory Representative)	Northern Gas Networks

In attendance:

Mark Roberts	Beer Hawk Ltd
James Brass	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Noel Collings	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Alan Reiss	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Ian Smyth	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Jacqui Warren	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Janette Woodcock	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

10. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence was received from Rosa Foster

11. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

12. Exclusion of the Press and Public

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

13. Minutes of the Meeting of the Green Economy Panel held on 7 July 2020

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Green Economy Panel held on 7 July 2020 be approved.

14. Chairs Update

The White Rose Forest item which was planned to be included at this meeting will now be brought to the next Panel Meeting in January 2021.

The Combined Authority Board, on the advice of this Panel, endorsed the findings of Task 1, detailed in Agenda Item 7, on 27 July 2020 and the Chair thanked Panel members for their input.

An Action from the last meeting of the Green Economy Panel was to engage with leaders and other panel members in terms of the Planet Emergency and an event was organised and attended by more than 50 people at which the Chair (Simon Pringle) gave a presentation which was very well received.

Engagement with members from other Panels has now taken place and will continue to be built upon.

The Chair announced changes in Panel Membership.

The Chair said that the biggest and most challenging change to the Green Economy Panel is that Jacqui Warren is leaving the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to take up a new role in Devon to move closer to family. The Chair wanted to thank Jacqui for her contribution, support, insight and leadership and on behalf of himself and the Panel again gave thanks and wished Jacqui good luck.

On a more positive note, the Combined Authority are recruiting new colleagues for the Technical Hub to provide technical support for projects and future funding.

There are a further two Panel Member changes.

Alice Owen will be tapering down her involvement and is taking up the appointment as vice chair in a new sustainable development role. Alice will, however, continue to engage with the Panel. The Chair thanked Alice for her involvement and contribution to the Panel.

Wallace Sampson is standing down following boundary changes. The Chair

thanked Wallace for being a superb advocate and adviser and for his involvement in green initiatives including a standard bearer for the Energy Accelerator.

On a congratulatory note the chair wanted to highlight the Achievement Award from the Municipal Journal for engagement in tabling the Climate Emergency. This is a reflection on Officers giving up their time freely and enthusiastically and a very well done. It is good to get noticed and have recognition.

15. Carbon Emission Reduction Pathways

The Panel considered an update on progress to develop the West Yorkshire Carbon Emission Reduction Pathways and the forthcoming engagement on the outputs of Tasks 2 and 3 of the Study.

The Combined Authority Board, on the advice of the Panel, endorsed the findings of Task 1 at their 27 July 2020 meeting.

A presentation was provided to the Panel to give an update on the carbon emission pathway. The Panel was advised that their input would help shape and steer engagement from now until February. Outputs had recently been received and conversations with stakeholders now needed to take place and initial thoughts on engagement from the Panel was welcomed. Additional sessions for Panel members will be arranged if required. Further information would be brought back in December / January 2021.

Further engagement with stakeholders on the outputs of Tasks 2 and 3 is planned over the next four months and includes one-on-one engagement with West Yorkshire councils, attendance at public meetings such as Transport Committee and LEP Board and a six-week period of public consultation.

The purpose of this engagement is threefold:

- To raise awareness of the outputs of the roadmap, policy recommendations and actions.
- To understand concerns, appetite and acceptance for the policies and actions put forward from a wide range of stakeholders.
- To inform the immediate priorities for delivery in West Yorkshire

Members said that this was a good presentation and that good progress had been made.

Members provided initial thoughts on how to virtually engage widely in the present circumstances when traditional methods cannot be undertaken at this time.

It was felt that how and what is done as a group was important and working collaboratively together in the future to embrace knowledge and learning already available would be a strongpoint.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That the emerging outputs of Task 2 and 3 be endorsed.
- (iii) That agreement to an extraordinary meeting of the Panel to review and discuss the findings of Tasks 2 and 3 of the CERP be endorsed.

17. Tackling the Climate Emergency - Major Project Updates

The Panel considered a report to update on the progress against the Green Economy Panel's major projects and programmes, all of which form part of the City Region's approach to tackling the Climate Emergency and was asked to note the progress.

This is an unprecedented time and the Combined Authority, staff, consultants, contractors and suppliers are all having to adapt to new ways of working. The impact of Covid-19 in programmes and projects are being seen and the report included a range of risks and mitigation actions

Members felt that the status update was extremely helpful and officers said that the Red, Amber, Green indicated either projects adversely affected or slowed down by the earlier and present lockdown, mainly due to not always being able to get site access.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted
- (ii) That the progress against the major projects and programmes helping to tackle the Climate Emergency be noted.