



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GREEN ECONOMY PANEL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT COMMITTEE ROOM A,
WELLINGTON HOUSE, 40-50 WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS**

Present:

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| Councillor Andrew Waller (in the Chair) | City of York Council |
| John Bradley | Crompton |
| Councillor Jenny Lynn | Calderdale Council |
| John Williams | S'Investec |
| Jim Cardwell (Advisory Representative) | Northern Powergrid |
| David Gill (Advisory Representative) | Northern Gas Networks |
| Nevil Muncaster (Advisory Representative) | Yorkshire Water |

In attendance:

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| Jon Brigg | Yorkshire Water |
| Dan Sadler | Northern Gas Networks |
| Wallace Sampson | Harrogate Borough Council |
| Martin Farrington | West Yorkshire Local Nature Partnership |
| Noel Collings | WYCA |
| Vincent McCabe | WYCA |
| Dathan Tedesco | WYCA |
| David Walmsley | WYCA |

1. Apologies for absence

In Paul Hamer's absence the chair was taken by Councillor Andrew Waller.

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrew Cooper and Lucinda Yeadon, William Firth, Paul Hamer, Natasha Luther-Jones, Dr Alice Owen and Simon Pringle.

2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Advisory representative Jim Cardwell made the meeting aware that in his role at Northern Powergrid he is associated with a group of organisations considering a bid for the ESIF Program: Low Carbon - Priority 4 call in Leeds City Region. He therefore left the meeting before it considered the appointment of an ESIF Sub-Committee Representative at agenda item 10.

3. Exempt information - Possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no exclusions of the press and public at the meeting.

4. Minutes of the meeting of the Green Economy Panel held on 29 June 2017

Resolved: That the minutes of the Green Economy Panel held on 29 June 2017 be approved, subject to the following additional clarification:

Under Governance, minute 4, to note the Panel's desire to add more private and third sector representation to the Panel.

5. Resource Efficiency Fund Update

The panel were provided with a presentation and update on the Resource Efficiency Fund (REF) by Vincent McCabe, WYCA's Programme Manager for Resource Efficiency.

As well as a full update on the performance of the fund since its launch, members were invited to discuss what the future of the programme may look like.

Resolved: That the update on the REF be noted.

6. H21 Update

The panel were provided with a presentation and update on Northern Gas Network's H21 programme by Programme Director Dan Sadler.

Resolved:

- (i) That the update on the H21 project be noted.
- (ii) That the Panel explore how it might continue to be updated on and offer support to this this regionally significant programme.

7. Esholt Circular Economy Demonstration Programme

The panel were provided with a presentation and update on Yorkshire Water's Esholt Circular Economy Demonstration Programme by their Manager of Innovation, Jon Briggs.

Resolved:

- (i) That the update on the Esholt Circular Economy Demonstration Programme be noted.
- (ii) That the Panel explore how it might continue to be updated on and offer support to this innovative programme and that officers consider how this and other innovative schemes might feed in to the City Region's asks to government around the Industrial Strategy and a potential devolution deal.

8. Green Economy Panel Major Projects Update

The Panel considered a report providing an update on the progress of major projects currently being delivered under the Strategic Economic Plan's priority 3 including:

- Energy Accelerator
- Better Homes Programme
- Resource Efficiency Fund
- District Heat Programme
- Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy and Delivery Plan
- Zero Carbon Energy Strategy and Delivery Plan

Resolved: That the contents of the report be noted.

9. Industrial Strategy and Inclusive Growth

WYCA's Head of Economic Policy gave an update on the city region's developing approach to industrial strategy and inclusive growth.

A presentation was given focusing on the opportunities provided by Government's modern industrial strategy in the context of the prevailing economic conditions, and the challenges to improving competitiveness and productivity while driving inclusive growth outcomes.

A further discussion on the challenge of improving productivity is set to take place at the LEP Board away day on 19 September and panel members were invited to attend.

Resolved:

- (i) That the update on the city region's developing approach to industrial strategy and inclusive growth and the plan to further engage on the productivity challenge be noted.
- (ii) That the work being undertaken to refocus established programmes and projects to drive inclusive growth outcomes be noted.
- (iii) That the plan to propose the continuation of several key Growth Deal programmes to government ahead of the Autumn Budget, in light of their impending expiry, be endorsed.

10. ESIF Sub-Committee Representative

The Panel considered a report outlining the need to nominate a new Green Economy Panel representative to sit on the Leeds City Region's European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) Sub-Committee.

Resolved: That Councillor Jenny Lynn be appointed as the new Green Economy Panel representative to sit on the Leeds City Region's European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) Sub-Committee.