



“Enabling climate action in a can-do city”

STRATEGY GROUP

Notes

Tuesday 20th October 16:00 – 17:30

Present: Andy Gouldson, Chair (University of Leeds), Lisa Mulherin (Leeds City Council), Tom Knowland (Leeds City Council), Margo Hanson (University of Leeds), Kate Lock (University of Leeds), Alice Owen (University of Leeds), Andy Scott (Consultant), Karen Stafeckis (CEG), Polly Cook (Leeds City Council), Mark Goldstone (Leeds Chamber of Commerce), Helen Thomson (Advisor in Social Finance), Neil Whalley (Northern Gas Networks), Jonathan Moxon (Leeds City Council), Richard Knights (ARUP), Neil Evans (Leeds City Council), Neil Walshaw (Leeds City Council), Chris Gorse (Leeds Beckett University), Gordon Rogers (Yorkshire Water), Elizabeth Edgington (Business in the Community), Noel Collings (WYCA), David Kilduff (Walker Morris), Gordon Rogers (Yorkshire Water), Libby Sutherland (Leeds NHS Trust), Simon Bowens (Friends of the Earth), Chris Thomson (CITU), Elliot Kilbride (YBS)

Apologies: Richard Flint (former Chief Exec, Yorkshire Water), Millie Duncan (University of Leeds), Rosa Foster (Environment Agency)

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1	<p><u>Welcome, introductions and apologies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elliot Kilbride was welcomed from Yorkshire Building Society and gave a brief overview of what YBS can offer the Leeds Climate Commission • Apologies were received from Richard Flint, Millie Duncan and Rosa Foster 	
2	<p><u>Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda</u></p> <p>Progress updates were provided on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeds Low Carbon Investment Prospectus - Since the last meeting, a 60,000 Euro funding bid has been submitted to the European Cities Facility which if successful, would support this work. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEIS: City Decarbonisation Delivery Plan Project – 6 cities will be involved in Phase 2 which will run to May 2021. A templated investment product will be prepared on 4 areas: domestic retrofit, non-domestic public buildings, schools and ground source heatpumps. Leeds will work with ARUP to develop the area of non-domestic public buildings but will have the opportunity to comment on the other areas. • Leeds City Council has procured £6million for deep retrofit and has an opportunity to bid for a further £13million to get homes to net zero. The focus is on external wall insulation but coupled with other measures. The Council is also intending to decarbonise heating in schools using funding accessed through SALIX. <p>ACTION: Anyone who wishes to discuss prospective funding for this area should contact Polly Cook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CEAC (Climate Emergency Advisory Committee) is pressing on with a number of areas including food & energy; the local Plan review which puts climate emergency at its heart, 15 mins neighbourhoods; the transport group is looking at low emission vehicles, implementation of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, the Clean Air Zone & 15 mins neighbourhoods. 	ALL
3	<p><u>Refreshed Carbon Roadmap for Leeds</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members received a presentation on the revised Carbon Roadmap for Leeds which has been refreshed to take account of the findings of the Citizens Jury. It had been circulated prior to the meeting. • Key findings are that the gap between where we are headed and where we need to be can be closed by 70% but stretch options to get to net zero need to be built in, such as changes to travel, diet etc. Consideration will need to be given to the city's consumption emissions, including flying. Exploratory work will be undertaken and a consumption based analysis will be brought back to the Strategy Group in early 2021. • The refreshed roadmap will be shared with members of the Citizens Jury. • Key point for the Commission is to think about the 30% stretch work. • WYCA, who is undertaking similar analysis at a city region scale, is keen to work closely with Leeds Climate Commission on the prioritisation of options. • The need for joined up thinking and drawing Commission members' expertise together was emphasised. 	

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	<p>ACTION: All members invited to feed back broader comments to Andy Gouldson though it should be noted that this version of the report is at the final proof stage.</p> <p>ACTION: Lisa Mulherin to check whether there are any governance issues re the signing off of the report.</p> <p>ACTION: Andy and Chris Gorse to have a follow up meeting to discuss the possibility of an event.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>LM</p> <p>AG/CG</p>
4	<p><u>Climate Action Readiness Assessment (CARA) results and work programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The results from the series of 8 CARA workshops completed over the Spring and Summer were presented together with the proposals for the targeted intervention action areas for the Commission. These will determine its future structure. • The 4 sectors assessed account for 85% of Leeds carbon footprint. The workshops reviewed at technical readiness, policy readiness, financial readiness, delivery readiness and community readiness. • The analysis suggests that the Commission needs a Housing Panel, a Transport Panel, as well as a crosscutting Finance & Investment group and the continuation of the crosscutting Engagement and Comms Working Group. Other areas for potential support include transport demand management, promoting mixed use redevelopment in the city centre, exploring the potential for uptake of electric vans and crowdsourced funded retrofit of owner occupied homes. • In terms of the restructuring, there are existing networks so the Commission will be careful to ensure that it's adding value to existing groups. Tom Knowland and Andy Gouldson will reach out to members of the Commission in the coming weeks to seek input on what work should be prioritised, who needs to be on which group/ panel, who will lead the groups/ panels and how the Secretariat can support them. The new workstreams will be presented to the Strategy Group in early December ensuring inclusion and diversity etc. It is envisaged that some of the members of the Strategy Group will be leading workstreams. There will be key stakeholders who will have links to the Commission. Everybody's membership of the Commission has now lapsed and a simple, straightforward membership process will be put in place. • Industry / manufacturing was not covered during this refresh but could be assessed in future. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A paper is to be presented to the Yorkshire Leaders Board on 22nd October proposing a region scale Yorkshire Climate Commission be established. • The positioning of resilience was discussed in some detail. It was noted that there may be a case for a Climate Resilience Group at both Leeds and Yorkshire scale. There is a proposal to run the CARA process for climate resilience so agreed that this issue will be picked up again at the next meeting. <p>ACTION: Tom Knowland to ensure an item on Climate Resilience is added to the December agenda.</p> <p>ACTION: Andy Gouldson to follow up with Liz Edgington re business engagement with the community.</p>	<p>TK</p> <p>AG/EE</p>
5	<p><u>Applying CARA methodology to other issues</u></p> <p>It is anticipated that the CARA methodology can be adapted to cover other activities and the Secretariat are working on proposals to apply it to the Cultural and Food sectors and also to cover Climate Resilience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAIL (Sustainable Arts in Leeds) is a really go getting youthful CIC led by Jamie Saye from Opera North and Phil from ITV. The cultural sector has already created a roadmap for the cultural sector. A CARA workshop to look at states of readiness will take place on 3rd November. • Members have received an invite to the Leeds Climate Commission's ESRC Festival Of Social Science event on 10th November. 	
6	<p><u>Proposals for a Yorkshire Climate Commission</u></p> <p>Leaders across Yorkshire have expressed an interest in building on the Leeds experience to establish a Yorkshire Climate Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key elements of work have been identified including on climate resilience and the just transition. It will also provide a good opportunity to position the region for the run up to COP, scope for influence on Westminster policy and an opportunity to multiply what the Commission has been doing. There will be quarterly meetings with representation from each region and working groups to progress key areas of work. As many areas in the city region don't have the expertise or capacity to run a Commission, a regional commission will ensure such areas are not left behind. • It is hoped that the Commission will be in place by January 2021. • Noted a big change in local governance taking place in the next year with the forthcoming election of the metro mayor so need to be careful of the timeline for establishing the Commission. 	

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	<p>One option might be to have a rolling chair with the chair rotating across the regions' metro mayors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A regional event in April 2021 would work well with the COP21 events being planned by the University of Leeds. <p>ACTION: Kate Lock to follow up with Polly Cook about the scope for an event demonstrating how a regional climate commission can help raising awareness and ambition.</p>	<p>KL/PC</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon Footprint of Working From Home - Leeds City Council used the UNO Housing model to model the Council's travel to work profile and did a comparison between carbon emitted by working from home as opposed to working in an office. Members welcome to contact Polly for further details. <p>ACTION: Polly Cook to provide the analysis to Andy Gouldson so it can be built into the Leeds Carbon Roadmap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates & Venues for future workshops and meetings to be confirmed <p>ACTION: Tom Knowland</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>TK</p>