



LEEDS CLIMATE COMMISSION

“Enabling climate action in a can-do city”

STRATEGY GROUP

Thursday 14th January 2021 15:30 – 17:00

NOTES

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), Millie Duncan (University of Leeds), Andy Scott (Consultant), Karen Stafekis (CEG), Polly Cook (Leeds City Council), Jonathan Moxon (Leeds City Council), Richard Knights (ARUP), Neil Walshaw (Leeds City Council), Elizabeth Edgington (Business in the Community), Simon Bowens (Friends of the Earth), Eliot Kilbride (YBS), David Kilduff (Walker Morris), Chris Gorse (Leeds Beckett University)

Apologies: Alice Owen (University of Leeds), Mark Goldstone (Leeds Chamber of Commerce), Chris Gorse (Leeds Beckett University), Noel Collings (WYCA), Gordon Rogers (Yorkshire Water), Libby Sutherland (Leeds NHS Trust), Neil Whalley (Northern Gas Networks), Chris Thomson (CITU), Bill Adams (TUC), Neil Evans (Leeds City Council)

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1	<p><u>Welcome, introductions and apologies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of colleagues from Kirklees Council which is establishing its own climate commission, joined the meeting as observers.• Apologies were received from Alice Owen (University of Leeds), Mark Goldstone (Leeds Chamber of Commerce), Noel Collings (WYCA), Gordon Rogers (Yorkshire Water), Libby Sutherland (Leeds NHS Trust), Neil Whalley (Northern Gas Networks), Chris Thomson (CITU), Bill Adams (TUC), Neil Evans (Leeds City Council).	
2	<p><u>Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda</u></p> <p>Notes of the last meeting had been circulated in advance. There were updates on the following items:</p> <p><u>Feedback from Carbon Roadmap Launch (7 Jan 2021)</u></p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 100 joined the webinar which was well received with positive comments in the chat and on social media. There was an unsurprising focus on Scope 3 emissions, primarily the airport. • Scope 3 and Consumption Based Emissions would be a priority for the Commission in 2021. • The Commission would seek to harmonise the Leeds Roadmap with the Commission on Climate Change's (CCC) national roadmap. • It was noted that people were keen to see a way of measuring progress on deliverables. <p>ACTION: Simon Bowens and Andy Gouldson to have further discussions on how to harmonise CCC, FoE and Leeds pathways to Net Zero.</p> <p><u>Leeds Low Carbon Investment Prospectus</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeds City Council's Euro 60,000 bid for EU funds to develop a Low Carbon Investment Prospectus had been successful. A Leeds City Council Project Officer was being identified to undertake this work. The Finance Panel of the restructured Commission would act as the Steering Group for this project. <p><u>Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission had been signed off by the Leaders Board and would launch on 13th March. The Leeds Climate Commission and other city commissions would feed into it. • The regional commission would lead on climate resilience. • The TUC would be looking at developing a skills plan to support job creation. • There would be a Yorkshire Universities Panel on skills and evidence. • The regional commission had been asked to develop a climate action plan for Yorkshire and the Humber to feed into COP26 in November. 	SB/AG
3	<p><u>Leeds Climate Commission Annual Report 2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Annual Report was presented for sign-off by the Strategy Group. The report would be appended to the Leeds City Council Executive Board report on 10th Feb 2021 and would be uploaded to the Leeds Climate Commission website. • Between 2000 and 2019, the city's emissions fell by 40% overall with early signs of acceleration in the rate of fall in 2018 and 2019. In 2020, emissions fell by 20% largely due to COVID. Emissions need to be declining at c11%/ year to 2030. 	AG/AS

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post COVID, the shift to homeworking with its reduced commuting was likely to be maintained which will impact on where emissions will come from. • A session to discuss non macro statistical data which can be used was proposed. All key stakeholders would have key data which would allow the Commission to produce a set of indicators which could show progress. <p>ACTION: Andy Scott/ Andy Gouldson to further explore the scope for creating a dashboard.</p>	
4	<p><u>Priorities of Leeds Climate Commission</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The restructured Commission would comprise a main Commission and four Panels: Housing, Transport, Finance & Engagement. • It would seek to work with the Leeds Property Forum, Leeds Anchors Network and the Lottery funded Climate Emergency Community Action Programme. • Policy Briefs would be produced for each key sector. • It was proposed that one or two members of the Citizens Jury be invited to join the Commission to ensure continuity from the Jury's findings in 2019. <p><u>Discussion points</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted is important that the Commission feeds into the WYCA conversation and there was liaison with the West Yorkshire Mayor. • Noted the should Commission look at city scale innovation, tech and digital to start addressing the 40% shortfall in the Net Zero roadmap. <p>ACTION: Karen Stafeckis, Andy Scott and Andy Gouldson to have a follow up conversation to look at city scale innovation and tech to start addressing the 40% shortfall in the Net Zero roadmap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted it would be worth setting up a foresight meeting to look at behavioural and other trends. Need to consider the greying of the population. <p>ACTION: Tom Knowland and Andy Gouldson to look at setting up a foresight meeting to look at behavioural and other trends.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted need to understand the costs of technologies eg offshore wind, have dropped massively over the past decade. • Proposed that there could be a public event on horizon scanning and tech that could be tied in with the Leeds Digital Festival. <p>ACTION: Kate Lock to follow up on the idea of look at city scale innovation and tech to start addressing the 40% shortfall in the Net Zero roadmap.</p>	<p>AG/AS/KS</p> <p>TK/AG</p> <p>KL</p>
5	<p><u>Restructure and Membership</u></p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The completed CARA assessment provided the basis for restructuring the Leeds Climate Commission to allow it to focus on the priority areas identified during the assessment. • The Terms of Reference had been refreshed and the proposed structure were presented for discussion. <p><u>Discussion points</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted need to consider how the Commission ensures a two way dialogue between it and the regional commission. <p>ACTION: Tom Knowland to review the terms of reference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted need to map out existing networks which might be able to support its work eg resilience networks, flooding forums. <p>ACTION: Andy Gouldson and Tom Knowland to follow up with Jonathan Moxon re mapping networks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted important to think about how to enable input from young people given that shoehorning young people onto these type of bodies does not always work. It was recommended that advice be taken from Hannah Lamplugh and Richard Cracknell at Leeds City Council, both of whom work closely with young people. <p>ACTION: Kate Lock to follow up with Hannah Lamplugh and Richard Cracknell at Leeds City Council re how best to involve young people. To bring an item back to the next meeting on this.</p> <p>ACTION: Anyone who has not yet confirmed they wish to continue with their membership and which panels, if any, they would like to be involved with, to email Andy Gouldson and Margo Hanson asap.</p>	<p>TK</p> <p>AG/TK</p> <p>KL</p> <p>ALL</p>
6	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was provisionally agreed that the next meeting would take place from 3.30 - 5pm, Wed 31st March to be confirmed with the Deputy Chair. 	