



# LEEDS CLIMATE COMMISSION

“Enabling climate action in a can-do city”

## COMMISSION

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 16:00 – 18:00

## DRAFT NOTES

**Present:** Andy Gouldson, Chair (University of Leeds), Helen Hayden, Vice Chair (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), Elizabeth Edgington (Business in the Community), Simon Bowens (Friends of the Earth), David Kilduff (Walker Morris), Chris Gorse (Leeds Beckett University), Mark Goldstone (Leeds Chamber of Commerce), Chris Thomson (CITU), Libby Sutherland (Leeds NHS Trust), Steve Belham (ARUP), Emma Beverley (Leeds 2023), Andy Boyle (Otley 2030), Neil Evans (Leeds City Council), Jamie Saye (Opera North/ SAIL)

**Presenter:** Nahim Ruhi-Khan (Leeds City Council)

**Apologies:** Alice Owen (University of Leeds), Helen Thompson (Consultant), Elliot Kilbride (YBS), Richard Flint (Ex Yorkshire Water) Pete Stevens (Yorkshire Water)

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1	<p><b><u>Welcome, introductions and apologies</u></b></p> <p>The following new Commissioners were welcomed to the Commission: Cllr Helen Hayden (Vice Chair), Steve Belham (ARUP), Emma Beverley (Leeds 2023), Andy Boyle (Otley 2030) and Jamie Saye (Opera North/ SAIL)</p> <p>Apologies were received from Alice Owen (University of Leeds) and Helen Thompson (Consultant)</p>
2	<p><b><u>Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda</u></b></p> <p>There were no amends to the notes of the last meeting.</p> <p>There were updates on the following items:</p> <p><b><u>Harmonising the Leeds Roadmap with the Commission on Climate Change’s (CCC) national roadmap</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Millie Duncan had undertaken a review of both documents, selecting comparable measures from the Leeds Roadmap and the Sixth Carbon Budget for comparison.</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall, the Leeds Roadmap is more ambitious than the Sixth Carbon budget for buildings, heat pump installations, electric vehicles. Afforestation rates are approximately double that of the Sixth Carbon Budget whilst there is good alignment for the phase out of gas boilers.</li> </ul> <p><u>Dashboard</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andy Scott, Millie Duncan and Tom Knowland met to discuss the need for a dashboard with KPIs to monitor progress. A first session has been planned for a few weeks time.</li> </ul> <p><u>Tech / city scale innovation</u></p> <p><b><i>ACTION: Andy Gouldson, Karen Stafekis and Andy Scott to follow up in another meeting.</i></b></p> <p><u>Behavioural trends</u></p> <p><b><i>ACTION: Andy Gouldson to follow up.</i></b></p> <p><u>Terms of reference</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These have been updated.</li> </ul> <p><u>Mapping out existing networks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A mapping of climate related networks had been carried out, starting at the regional scale. Very usefully, the CCC had produced a report on local authority scale actions which had provided a useful template for the analysis.</li> <li>It was noted that there was limited coordination across the layers of decision making and a need for joined up thinking within and between different scales eg city, city region, region, national scale etc.</li> </ul> <p><u>Involving young people</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kate Lock has been liaising with Richard Cracknell from Leeds City Council who had proposed several options for the involvement of young people.</li> <li>It was agreed that representatives from Leeds Youth for Climate should be invited to join the Engagement Working Group.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>ACTION: Kate Lock to liaise with Richard Cracknell re inviting reps from Youth for Climate to join the Engagement Working Group.</i></b></p>
3	<p><b><u>Update on Leeds Bradford Airport decision and future work for the Commission</u></b></p> <p>Andy Gouldson gave an update on the Leeds Bradford Airport decision and future work for the Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that the Commission's governance structure had stood up to the test of setting out the Commission's position on the LBA expansion decision.</li> <li>It was agreed that Andy Gouldson proposed that he write to the Government on behalf of the Commission, setting out the need for a national policy on aviation emissions.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>ACTION: Andy Gouldson to write to the Government on behalf of the Commission, setting out the need for a national policy on aviation emissions.</i></b></p>
4	<p><b><u>Presentation on Leeds City Council Housing retrofit scheme</u></b></p> <p>Neil Evans from Leeds City Council gave a presentation on the Council's housing retrofit scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>82% of the stock of 54,000 properties met C standard for energy efficiency, compared to the city average of 28%.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 25% of investment would be spent on decarbonisation / renewable energy over the next 5 years (check).</li> <li>• Much of the recent investment had been in the district heating network with a third of high rise blocks (35) now having this form of renewable heating.</li> <li>• There was a need to build expertise in the local area through colleges delivering training which would allow the creation of good, green jobs. This work by the Council could act as an anchor.</li> <li>• The work is making not just a big difference to the carbon agenda, but to the wellbeing of residents.</li> </ul> <p><u>Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important to try and align the different infrastructure projects being undertaken in the city and learn from efforts made to date eg combining improvements to the Headrow with the installation of district heating.</li> <li>• If we are to take our more deprived communities with us, stories about how changes are making lives better are very important eg. Feature residents whose newly insulated home mean they no longer have to make the choice between heating and eating.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>ACTION: Margo Hanson to circulate the presentation</i></b></p>
5	<p><b><u>Updates from Commission panels</u></b></p> <p><u>Housing panel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andy Boyle reported that the panel had made a good start. The first meeting had looked at new build and retrofit. Mark Elliot from Leeds City Council had given a presentation on changing planning powers. A key theme was the need for energy efficient new build to be commercially viable. Bigger developers were now coming out with their net zero plans.</li> <li>• Andy Boyle had given a presentation on retrofit at scale. There needed to be a systems approach with considerable capacity to allow scaling up.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>ACTION: Andy Boyle / Mark Goldstone to follow up to discuss how to coordinate this panel's work with what is happening in other local authorities in the city region.</i></b></p> <p><u>Finance and investment panel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Stafeckis reported that the panel would be supporting the development of the Low Carbon Investment Prospectus, scheduled to be complete by Autumn 2021.</li> <li>• The panel had discussed the scope for an investment strategy which tied solar bonds in with funding heat pumps. This would be piloted with an investment bank ahead of COP 26.</li> </ul> <p><u>Transport panel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andy Gouldson reported that this panel would focus on the demand side, by looking at the largest organisations' travel arrangements. There would be more to report at the next meeting.</li> </ul> <p><u>Leeds Anchor Network</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Knowland reported that findings from last year's CARA process were recently presented to the network and the Commission would continue to liaise with them via Louise Ellis from the University of Leeds.</li> </ul>

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	<p><u>Commercial property network</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This network had not yet met and would report back at the next meeting.</li> </ul> <p><u>Engagement Working Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kate Lock reported that the group last met in November 2020 at which it was agreed its main priority would be supporting the development of a city wide engagement strategy.</li> <li>Most existing members wished to continue with the group but new members would be being invited to join, including broadcaster Peg Alexander, Will Saunders of Goodwill studios and a rep from Leeds Youth for Climate.</li> <li>Commissioners were invited to consider who else should be invited to join the group.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>ACTION: Commissioners to email Kate Lock with suggestions as to who else could be invited to join the group</i></b></p>
6	<p><b><u>Yorkshire &amp; Humber Climate Commission</u></b></p> <p>Andy Gouldson provided an update on the recent launch of the Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It would collaborate with other city commissions, including York, Doncaster and Leeds.</li> <li>Its first priorities would be to prepare a climate action plan to present at COP 26 in November and to deliver a regional climate summit in September.</li> <li>There would be ongoing events to which Commissioners would be invited.</li> </ul>
7	<p><b><u>Resilience update</u></b></p> <p>Jonathan Moxon gave a quick update on resilience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were a number of ongoing work streams which would link well to other work going on in the city, particularly in relation to resilient infrastructure (heat, drought, floods).</li> <li>The bigger flood schemes in the city were progressing well with FAS2 due to start which would provide protection against 1 in 200 year floods.</li> <li>The largest SUDS scheme in the city to date had just been completed in the east of the city.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p><u>Update on BBC and Sky News</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conversations were ongoing with 5Live about a series of programmes looking at how Leeds residents were tackling carbon emissions and becoming more sustainable. It would consider transport, biodiversity, the home, stuff and waste, entertainment and leisure.</li> <li>The BBC would like to host a Citizens Summit and conversations had taken place with Shared Future about how this might work.</li> <li>SkyNews would be launching a Daily Climate show and had also been in touch seeking ideas for digital stories, expert analysis and eye witness reporting.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>ACTION: Commissioners to highlight to Kate Lock / Chad Newton forthcoming opportunities which could be linked to stories.</i></b></p> <p><u>Dates &amp; Venues for future meetings</u></p> <p>The next meeting would take place from 3.30 - 5.30pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June and the September meeting would take place from 3.30 - 5.30pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.</p>

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