

# Greater Lincolnshire LEP Energy Council

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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Via MS Teams

# Paper 0 - Agenda

Item	Brief description	Lead	Status
1	Introductions and update on Andrew Brooks replacement	Duncan Botting/ Ruth Carver	Verbal
2	COP26 - what opportunities does this present for legacy GLLEP action	Duncan Botting/All	Verbal/Discussion
3	GLLEP Green Energy Campaign	Ruth Carver	Verbal/Discussion
4	Update on Lincolnshire County Council Sustainability Summit	Duncan Botting/John Henry Looney	Verbal/Discussion
5	AOB	All	
	Meeting Close		

Attendees: Duncan Botting, Simon Green, Juergen Schaper, Cllr Barry Dobson,

Martin Haworth, John Henry Looney

Apologies: Mark Hutchinson, Jacqui Bunce

Officers: Ruth Carver, Amy O'Sullivan (Minute taker), Caroline Illingworth

#### Future focus of Energy Council - Pre meeting action

The recent announcements on the Green Revival Funding for the Greater Lincolnshire area can be found here:

- Western Power Distribution <a href="https://www.westernpower.co.uk/green-recovery/">https://www.westernpower.co.uk/green-recovery/</a> You will need to scroll down to the interactive map
- Northern Powergrid https://www.northernpowergrid.com/green-recovery

#### Energy Open Data - Pre meeting action

There is a separate paper for discussion on this subject.

### Local Area Energy Planning - Pre meeting action

The areas of focus identified at the last meeting to take forward for further planning work include

- Local Area Energy Plan's There was a unanimous view that the process of gaining a credible evidence base, from which you can take deep dives in to specific place based issues and development, was both vital and needed to be carried out immediately. The view around the Infrastructure Group proposals is that it was a subset of what is needed, but would be difficult to deliver without the wider approach
- **Digital Connectivity** The importance of getting this right, in terms of energy is paramount. Without the infrastructure and innovation to power data delivery and application, generation, storage and distribution, plus mobility will be impossible to deliver, against a backdrop of net zero and decarbonisation
- Clean Growth Discussions centered around a strategy which would supercharge the right market place to deliver GVA, productivity and growth for Greater Lincolnshire

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1	Introductions and update on Andrew Brooks replacement		
	DB - Lea James and Emma Bridge have stepped down from the Board		
	Newly appointed Strategic Advisory Board Coordinator for GLLEP Amy O'Sullivan will be supporting the Energy Council moving forward		
2	COP26 - what opportunities does this present for legacy GLLEP action		
	Leverage benefit spread from announcement at the Humber		
	DB - Plethora of events coming up in the lead up to COP26 and strategies released by government, especially around net zero and energy, as well as events across the county		
	What can we do to provide local businesses with signposting information to what support and opportunities are available? Including Climate Emergency Retrofit Guide launch		
	RC - The Growth Hub has good connections. In terms of this agenda, there's a joint growth hub between the County Council delivering this service. Two/three products are currently available for small to medium businesses to access, which includes 20 hours of in kind diagnostic and support.  Translations for current announcements need to come from the Growth Hub in order to create more understanding for local businesses (328 page report released from central government)		
	ACTION for all - gather upcoming events for summary collation ACTION RC, CI, AO - Gather information for what other support is currently available for businesses		
	MH - East Coast Carbon Cluster - still time for other cluster bid submissions Industry reliance on the power, steel, and lime industry Proposed routes for CCS pipeline - North Lincolnshire is currently under consultation - residents have been contacted Difficulty for businesses far from the main route in Northern Lincs in getting their captured CO2 into the pipeline. Businesses will relocate to be close to the pipeline for this reason Tankers would be suitable for small emitters, but not for larger emitters Need to develop infrastructure to enable access to the CCU pipeline from across the region		
	JS - C02 - aim to be carbon neutral by 2030/2035 Currently producing roughly 170,000 -190,000 tons of carbon dioxide Are Lincolnshire roads prepared for this transportation? We need to understand where the resource is best placed and what sectors are reliant on the Energy sector, particularly with food production producing more C02		

DB - Range of stories created surrounding the Humber - green or blue hydrogen?

What could Lincolnshire advocate for? Residential and/or Industrial

ACTION - Route map creation for delivery - identify how we can leverage output for Greater Lincolnshire? And support local SME's transition to green energy? (Paper) ACTION for all - Energy Council to support LEP strengthen selection/approvals criteria around green energy requirements, using the Green Book requirements as a basis, but making them more pertinent to Greater Lincolnshire needs and situations

DB - by 2030, the aim is for most homes to no longer have gas boilers, which will be replaced with heat pumps, which are deemed expensive and not sufficient for most homes. Heat networks become very expensive and inefficient. This could have big impact on a large part of society for Lincolnshire due to the consumption of a lot more electricity over a long period of time.

There is currently a skill gap for those education providers installing the pumps.

ACTION RC, CI, AO - skill gap identified within heating pump installation and housing insulation professions - Identify FE colleges and local education providers who are delivering these training programmes

# 3 GLLEP Green Energy Campaign

Hydrogen green summit - a whole range of different activities for COP 26, which meant that a hydrogen bus stopped on route up to Glasgow in Lincolnshire to provide a focal point for case stories from around the country

## 4 Update on Lincolnshire County Council Sustainability Summit

JHL - high attendance (several 100), created more awareness of the issue. It was apparent that the general public/students were unaware of the opportunities available, therefore, highlighting that there is still a long way to go

RC - awaiting actions and next steps regarding sustainability and climate change. Pat Doody was in attendance as key representation from the LEP; delivering a speech around the potential opportunities for the business community surrounding sustainability and climate change

Good audience interaction and stimulating debate, which provided real case studies of how businesses in Lincolnshire can get involved and take action

DB - good audience with stimulating debate, however, how can we be linked more to the work which is happening? We need to be seen more as within the loop

ACTION FOR ALL - gather case studies from small businesses who are currently demonstrating best practice, such as Bacchus Hotel

David Smith (Bacchus Hotel) and local radio stations have contacted DB since the summit

5	AOB
	Recruitment push - Who do we want on the Energy Council and are we sufficiently represented? ACTION for all - Board members to highlight potential new members
	Topic / Theme for each Energy Council Board meeting - creating discipline and structure, concentrating on one particular theme e.g. Infrastructure, green jobs, skills ACTION for DB, RC, CI - set topic/theme at next agenda setting meeting
	Date of next meeting discussed and confirmed as 14th December 2-3.30pm via Microsoft Teams
	Meeting Close