



# Greater Lincolnshire LEP Energy Council

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022, 3.30-5pm**

**Via MS Teams**

**Minutes**

## Paper 0 - Agenda

Item	Brief description	Lead	Status
1 3.30pm	<b>Welcome and introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declaration of interests</li> </ul>	Duncan Botting	Verbal
2 3.35pm	<b>Presentation: Low Carbon Market Snapshot</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greater Lincolnshire LEP Summary, 17/18 - 19/20</li> </ul>	James Baty ( <i>Greater Lincolnshire LEP</i> )	Presentation / Discussion
3 3.50pm	<b>LEP Update</b>	Ruth Carver	Verbal
4 4.00pm	<b>Governance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Priorities for the Energy Council</li> <li>Recruitment of members</li> </ul>	Duncan Botting / All	Verbal / Discussion
5 4.20pm	<b>Levelling up White Paper</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact on Local Energy Strategy</li> </ul>	Duncan Botting / Ruth Carver / All	Discussion
6 4.35pm	<b>First objective focus - UK Food Valley</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connection to Local Area Energy Plans</li> <li>Strategic direction required from the Energy Council</li> </ul>	Duncan Botting / All	Discussion
7 4.50pm	<b>Review of actions</b>	All	Paper 1 attached
8 4.55pm	<b>AOB</b>	All	
9 5.00pm	<b>Meeting close</b>		

**Attendees:** Duncan Botting, Arnold Craven, John Henry Looney, Marie Harley, Barry Dobson, Martin Haworth, Juergen Schaper

**Apologies:** Mark Hutchinson, Simon Green

**Officers:** Ruth Carver, Amy O'Sullivan, Caroline Illingworth, James Baty (*Presenter*)

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1	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>The chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Arnie Craven has recommenced his membership to the Board. Martin Haworth resigning from Board, Chair and Board members thanked Martin for his valuable contributions, and replacement member Christel Croft will shortly be endorsed by the Board.</p>
2	<p><b>Presentation: Low Carbon Market Snapshot</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greater Lincolnshire LEP Summary</li> <li><a href="#">Full Report</a></li> </ul> <p><i>Presentation by James Baty (Policy &amp; Research Executive Manager - Greater Lincolnshire LEP)</i></p> <p>Low Carbon Environmental Goods and Services Market Snapshot produced by kMatrix Data Services on behalf of the Midlands Energy Hub. Report covers 2017/18 to 2019/20</p> <p>Designed to help identify opportunities in current and future Low Carbon Environmental Goods and Services (LCEGS) markets. Study commissioned by Nottingham City Council on behalf of Midlands Energy Hub, sponsored by BEIS and stakeholders including LEPs and Local Authorities across the Midlands.</p> <p>Growth in the Greater Lincolnshire LEP has been variable across each of the three parameters between 2017/18 and 2019/20 when compared with the MEH Region as a whole. Worth £2.4bn to the local economy, as indicated by the value of sales in the sector, generating by over 1,000 businesses and employing 17,000 people.</p> <p>Overall, sector has a skills gap of 8.7%, in line with Midlands Energy Hub area.</p> <p>The most significant occupations where employers are reporting gaps are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Production Engineers</li> <li>Power Distribution Engineers</li> <li>Technicians</li> </ul> <p>The least significant occupations where employers are reporting skills gaps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General semi-skilled workers</li> <li>Maintenance Engineers</li> <li>Consultants</li> <li>Administrative Workers</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-left: 400px;"> <div style="font-size: 3em; margin-right: 10px;">}</div> <div> <p>Estimated growth in workforce in Greater Lincolnshire LEP to reach zero by 2030:</p> <p>Worst Case Scenario <b>+86%</b></p> <p>Best Case Scenario <b>+342%</b></p> </div> </div> <p><b>Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Need for more qualified Maintenance Engineers identified within the sector, current challenges of bringing in the next generation of skilled and semi-skilled engineers.</li> <li>❖ Ardent Gas opening 3 hydrogen training centres in 2024 (South, Midlands, North West)</li> <li>❖ Inconsistencies of the norm after lockdown, leading to changed behaviours of investors</li> <li>❖ Grid connection issues in North Lincolnshire is a barrier for potential investors and upon application to build on existing connections, there were none available. New grid connections at new sites with no export capacity able to have 190kw</li> <li>❖ Significant skill need - Blend of FE and HE training requirements</li> <li>❖ What is the timescale for particular technology approaches? And what can we do as an Energy Council to foresight these opportunities?</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ AC to deliver presentation on Hydrogen Humber, developments in the North and North East Lincolnshire gas networks, at next meeting</li> </ul>

3	<p><b>Governance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Priorities for the Energy Council</li> <li>• Recruitment of members</li> </ul> <p><b>Priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy and Infrastructure - LAEP (Local Area Energy Plan)</li> <li>• Place based designs of cluster plan, working with UK Food Valley</li> <li>• Skills Gap Implementation</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAEP (Local Area Energy Plan) delivery with focus on the UK Food Valley</li> <li>• Industrial decarbonisation</li> <li>• Working across each of the Boards predominantly Employment and Skills Advisory Board to identify skill capabilities for the sector</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Talent is often having to be poached from competitor companies, but with little uptake of vacant roles, the skills gap is being moved rather than filled</li> <li>❖ Marketing of roles and differences in uptake depending on language used, such as Renewable, Net zero, sustainable gaining more traction and interest, highlighting the environment and re-employability</li> <li>❖ We need to engage with education providers below university grades in order to promote the hands-on opportunities within the sector. Managing expectations of level of roles after further and higher education, as there is a current challenge of sourcing the right calibre of candidates for apprenticeships and vocational courses</li> <li>❖ Mid-career training opportunities</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Martin Collison from Food Board to attend next meeting to workshop opportunities surrounding cross-board collaboration priorities</li> <li>❖ AO to connect Chairs of Energy Council and Employment and Skills Advisory Board regarding key priorities and cross-board collaboration opportunities</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Levelling up White Paper</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact on Local Energy Strategy</li> </ul> <p>Brief overview of 330-page Levelling up White Paper, containing huge narrative on many agendas. Currently stands as a general direction of travel with no action plans or fiscal findings attached to it, apart from <a href="#">UKSPF</a> (interim guidance notes) which highlights the next European programme. The programme will go to districts, continuing the Towns Fund approach - 2.4 billion over a 3 year period - Year 1 Pride of Place, Year 2 and 3 focusing on employment and skills, supporting business and innovation. Full guidance notes on funding allocations to be released in the spring</p> <p>Main paper announcements include new missions (Jobs, Research, Transport, Technology/Connectivity, Education, Skills, Health, Wellbeing, Local Pride, Housing, Crime &amp; Safety, Devolution) and transformation of means to measure levelling up</p> <p>LEP futures are confirmed and will remain in place, with ongoing role; either in or outside of devolved structures</p> <p>Six factors identified to drive levelling up “capitals”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical capital - infrastructure, machines and housing.</li> <li>• Human capital - the skills, health and experience of the workforce.</li> <li>• Intangible capital- innovation, ideas and patents.</li> <li>• Financial capital - resources supporting the financing of companies.</li> <li>• Social capital - the strength of communities, relationships and trust.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roles of LEPs and next steps to be confirmed with Ministers in coming weeks, with wider process of engagement and informal consultation to inform levelling up delivery and future policy making.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•UK Government will create a new regime to oversee its levelling up missions, establishing a statutory duty to publish an annual report analysing progress and a new external Levelling Up Advisory Council.</li> <li>•New devolution framework to be set out</li> <li>•Over time, the UK Government will introduce a statutory obligation to report annually on progress towards meeting the Levelling Up missions for devolved administrations.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>GLLEP officers to:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Continue to analyse White Paper and brief strategic Boards</li> <li>•Consider scope of paper in relation to existing strategies</li> <li>•Assess Greater Lincolnshire Levelling Up ‘metrics’</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Comments:</u></b> Energy infrastructure and cluster development, upskilling, bootcamps and boosting productivity - relates well to skills gap key priority</p> <p>As a Council we need to influence where this growth will be - how can we do this and where are the opportunities to do this? The need for resource within local authorities addressing the climate change agenda needs to be understood more widely</p>
5	<p><b>Food Sector focus - UK Food Valley - First Objective</b> Connection to Local Area Energy Plans Strategic direction required from the Energy Council</p> <p>Greater Lincolnshire Food Board agreed three ‘big bets’:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Food Chain Automation &amp; Digitalisation</b> -lean supply chains &amp; productivity</li> <li>•<b>Low Carbon food chains</b> -leadership on the route to Net Zero by 2030</li> <li>•<b>Naturally Good for You Foods &amp; Protein Transition</b> -health &amp; market growth</li> </ul> <p>How are we going to add value to the Food Board’s key priorities and devise a workshop which would be beneficial for both Boards?</p> <p><b><u>Comments:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ What happens to Food waste? As it is a great source of energy for the anaerobic digestion industry to make biomethane</li> <li>❖ The Food Board are looking for a direction of travel to have renewable energy, hopefully through offshore wind. Eager to collaborate on rather than to compete, so that they can understand the cluster and what sources of future energy they could have.</li> <li>❖ Mapping - are we focused on the same resources, demand flexibility etc?</li> <li>❖ Controlled agriculture system proposal with UK Food Valley, LEP working with planners to map where the heat is</li> <li>❖ Water usage - pumped in and out, vital to the Food industry</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Actions:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Martin Collison to be invited to next Energy Council to facilitate workshop</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>Date of next meeting - 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 (1-2.30pm) via Microsoft Teams</b></p>
7	<p><b>Meeting close</b></p>