

Leeds Climate Commission

“Enabling climate action in a can-do city”

STRATEGY GROUP

Monday 17th June 16:30 – 18:30

CHARLES THACKRAH BUILDING, Seminar Room 5 (1.05), University of Leeds

DRAFT NOTES

Present: Andy Gouldson, Chair (University of Leeds), Cllr Lisa Mulherin (Leeds City Council), Neil Evans (Leeds City Council), Margo Hanson (University of Leeds), Kate Lock (University of Leeds), Tom Knowland (Leeds City Council), Andy Scott (Engie), Cllr Neil Walshaw (Leeds City Council), Jonathan Moxon (Leeds City Council), Chris Thomson (CITU), Jim Parker (Leeds Beckett University), Polly Cook (Leeds City Council), Gordon Rogers (Yorkshire Water), Mark Goldstone (Leeds Chamber of Commerce), Alice Owen (University of Leeds)

No.	Item	Actions
1	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <p>Cllrs Lisa Mulherin and Neil Walshaw were welcomed to the Strategy Group.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Bill Adams, Karen Stefakis, Neil Whalley, and Rosa Foster.</p>	
2	<p>Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda <i>Notes of last meeting attached</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Notes of the last meeting were attached. Any matters arising were covered within the main agenda items. 	
3	<p>Carbon Reduction roadmap & targets <i>The attached report was agreed by the Council's Executive Board and sets the framework for the city conversation over the summer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cllr Lisa Mulherin and Cllr Neil Walshaw outlined recent actions taken since the Council's Executive Board received the Carbon Reduction roadmap at its April meeting. It was noted that the Council had set a target of working towards being carbon neutral by 2030. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A cross party Climate Emergency Advisory Committee, chaired by Cllr Neil Walshaw, had been set up and would meet every 2 months. ○ Every executive report would need to make reference to the impact of any relevant policy / actions on the Council's target to reach carbon neutral by 2030. ○ The Council was committed to being a Climate Friendly city, following the format of being a child friendly city. 	
4	<p>Leeds City Council Climate Emergency Advisory Committee <i>One of the responses to the Climate Emergency has been to raise the profile of climate change within the Council, the Portfolio holders and the establishment of a Climate Change Advisory Committee.</i></p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Committee would meet on 2nd July when it would set out Terms of Reference. It would be a legal, political 'ideas factory' which operates in public. There would be symbiosis between the panel and the Commission. It would inform the process by which every council area of operation could become carbon neutral by 2030 and in order to achieve this, it would welcome evidence from across the piece. ➤ It was agreed that to be clear on their respective remits, it would be useful to have Terms of Reference for both the Panel and the Commission <p>ACTION: Tom to collate both ToR to be shared with the Strategy Group. ACTION: Kate to liaise with Chad about a clear comms story which distinguishes the Panel from the Commission</p>	TK KL
5	<p>City Conversation</p> <p><i>A 'City Conversation' was planned for the summer of 2019, to raise awareness, review and refine the options and to start to build public, business and political support for transformative action.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Many of the events would take place in August (Breeze, Pride) and would link in with Hubbub through on the go recycling. Key themes such as food waste / diet / biodiversity/ active travel/ use of energy etc would be used to engage with people. ➤ The bigger challenge would be to engage people who are not just disengaged but who may see themselves as negatively impacted. It needs to be demonstrated that the challenges of this transition are recognised - this can be achieved by focussing on a just transition. ➤ It was recognised that the transport transition in Leeds is going to be a significant challenge. ➤ The 'I will if you will' approach could be helpful when framing trade offs and getting people on board. We also need to be open with people about is needed for us all to thrive in the face of the climate emergency. ➤ It was noted that the infrastructure needed to allow changes to happen would not be in place for several years. ➤ It was noted that 'The rulebook has gone of the window and we are dealing with a very different climate'. The scale of the challenge needs to be clear to people but it's essential that we show a vision of a positive future. ➤ It's imperative that all parties ork together and hold people to account. We need to work with less engaged, less affluent communities and ensure that we make changes that benefit these communities, including climate friendly jobs. <p>ACTION: Kate to do a success story on CITU's decision to remove all company car parking.</p>	KL
6	<p>Citizens Jury</p> <p><i>There had been a proposal that Leeds should convene a Citizens Jury. Negotiations were ongoing to secure funding and a suitable delivery partner. We need to be clear how such a jury would operate, what additional benefit it would bring both to the outcome of the City Conversation and to the work of the Commission.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was confirmed that funding from several University of Leeds sources was in the process of being secured. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The jury would be comprised of a random stratified sample of 20-25 jurors from across the city which would meet 7 times. The process would be managed by an independent facilitator and an independent oversight group. ➤ There was widespread support for using a Citizens Jury approach as a contribution to the city conversation. <p>ACTION: Andy Gouldson to ensure that the Strategy Group are aware of the Terms of Reference</p>	AG
7	<p>Top 10 carbon leaders</p> <p><i>An important element of the roadmap would be for the Commission to engage with some of the largest organisations in the city, many of whom were represented on the Commission. A commitment to reduce carbon emissions by this group would deliver a significant element of the carbon reduction budget of the city.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A letter would be sent to the top 10 carbon emitters in the city inviting them to come together, share good practice and match the city's commitments on aiming for carbon neutral by 2030. The intention was that by December 2019, several other organisations in the city would also have carbon neutral roadmaps. <p>ACTION: Polly Cook / Andy Gouldson to draft a letter to the top carbon emitters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Commission needed to develop a system to track carbon reduction activity in the city. <p>ACTION: Andy Gouldson / Tom Knowland to discuss how this could operate</p>	PC/ AG AG/ TK
8	<p>Project Development and Finance workshops</p> <p><i>A series of workshops had been run over the Spring with mixed results. The content for these could be repackaged to secure interest at a larger 'programme' investment scale and might feed into the idea of a low carbon investment prospectus, similar to that which has been developed in Bristol.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was noted that participation in the workshops had dropped sharply and the fourth and final event has been cancelled. ➤ The positive outcomes were that there was now an excellent package of materials which could be delivered. The Church of England came through as an organisation with a large asset base (land and buildings) and were keen to develop biomass / solar on roofs etc, so there may be scope for one or more projects in the Diocese of Leeds. ➤ It was noted that Brexit uncertainty was stifling investment and this may have impacted in interest in the workshops. 	
9	<p>Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme</p> <p><i>An update on Phase 2 of the Leeds FAS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The proposed protection would cost £112 million. Step 1, which had just been approved, would deliver 100 year flood protection. Additional sources of funding were being sought to deliver a full 200 year scheme with a natural flood management scheme, which would be heavily linked to the White Rose and Northern Forest and would involve the planting of 2 million trees. <p>ACTION: Kate to liaise with Jonathan to write up as a success story.</p>	KL

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10	<p>PCAN <i>The Place-based Climate Action Network (P-CAN) would help the local delivery of the UK's climate change objectives by supporting action in UK cities through a partnership made up of the private, public and third sectors. The network of cities would seek to replicate similar commissions to Leeds in Edinburgh and Belfast and be a key influencer in establishing the optimum role and function of city-based climate action in the future.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Belfast Commission launched on Friday 14th June and the Edinburgh Commission would launch in November. Surrey CC, Lincoln CC, Cambridgeshire, Kirklees, Harrogate are all setting up similar Commission structures using the Leeds model. 													
11	<p>Standing Item: Student research projects <i>To update progress on recruiting students for various Climate Commission related work</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Current projects include one on Green Infrastructure and one on Sustainability for the Culture Sector 													
12	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The National Hydrogen Summit would take place on 27/8 June. The position paper on Hydrogen would be on the website by the start of the summit. ➤ Following some preparatory analysis on the projected airport emissions from the proposed expansion of Leeds Bradford airport, it was agreed that the Commission should prepare a position paper on Leeds Bradford airport's emissions. It was noted that the impact of airport emissions could not be treated as a local issue and it was suggested the Commission could lobby the Government, thereby contributing to national strategy. <p>ACTION: Andy Gouldson to prepare first draft of position paper on the airport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over the summer and early Autumn, there would be a review of the Commission structure and membership to accommodate increased interest from other organisations to join the Commission. It was agreed that the Commission must retain its key role of providing independent advice and catalysing action in the city. Members would be asked to feed in their views before the next Strategy meeting at which a paper would be presented. ➤ Dates for future meetings (venues tbc) <table border="1" data-bbox="268 1541 1214 1872"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="268 1541 456 1653">Low Carbon</th> <th data-bbox="456 1541 663 1653">Engagement & Comms</th> <th data-bbox="663 1541 852 1653">Climate Resilience</th> <th data-bbox="852 1541 1214 1653">STRATEGY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="268 1653 456 1809">Tue 10 Sept</td> <td data-bbox="456 1653 663 1809">Wed 18 Sept</td> <td data-bbox="663 1653 852 1809">Mon 23 Sept</td> <td data-bbox="852 1653 1214 1809">Date being rearranged to enable Cllr Mulherin to attend</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="268 1809 456 1872">Tue 19 Nov</td> <td data-bbox="456 1809 663 1872">Wed 27 Nov</td> <td data-bbox="663 1809 852 1872">Mon 2 Dec</td> <td data-bbox="852 1809 1214 1872">Mon 9 Dec</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Low Carbon	Engagement & Comms	Climate Resilience	STRATEGY	Tue 10 Sept	Wed 18 Sept	Mon 23 Sept	Date being rearranged to enable Cllr Mulherin to attend	Tue 19 Nov	Wed 27 Nov	Mon 2 Dec	Mon 9 Dec	
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