

## “Enabling climate action in a can-do city”

### STRATEGY GROUP

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 16:30 – 18:30

Merrion House Seventh Floor Room 3+4, Merrion Way, Leeds LS2 8PD

### NOTES

**Present:** Andy Gouldson, Chair (University of Leeds), Cllr Lisa Mulherin (Leeds City Council), Margo Hanson (University of Leeds), Tom Knowland (Leeds City Council), Andy Scott (Engie), Cllr Neil Walshaw (Leeds City Council), Karen Stafekis (CEG), Chris Gorse (Leeds Beckett University), Polly Cook (Leeds City Council), Gordon Rogers (Yorkshire Water), Mark Goldstone (Leeds Chamber of Commerce), Amelia Duncan (University of Leeds), Helen Thomas (Advisor in Social Finance), David Kilduff (Walker Morris), Neil Whalley (Northern Gas Network), Rosa Foster (Environment Agency), Elizabeth Edgington (Business in the Community)

No.	Item	Actions
1	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Apologies were received from Neil Evans (Leeds City Council), Noel Collings (WYCA) and Bill Adams (TUC). (Other apologies were sent to Catherine Graves but as she was absent, we were unable to note them).</li> </ul>	
2	<p><b>Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda</b></p> <p><i>Notes of last meeting attached</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Members were briefly updated on actions completed since the previous meeting. Other matters arising were covered in the main agenda items.</li> </ul>	
3	<p><b>City Conversation</b></p> <p><i>An update on the ‘City Conversation’ which has been running throughout 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"> <li>➤ Polly Cook gave an update on the Big Leeds Climate Conversation (BLCC), noting that there had been Council run stands at several events across the summer, including Leeds Pride and Leeds Carnival.</li> <li>➤ A numbers of forums had taken place or were planned, including with residents’ groups, the top emitting organisations, faith groups and unions.</li> <li>➤ The advertised closing date for the BLCC Survey was 31<sup>st</sup> October, after which a snapshot of the results would be made available. To ensure the widest possible participation, the survey would likely remain open for a further four weeks.</li> <li>➤ Key findings and Leeds City Council’s action plan, including asks of national government, would be presented at the State of the City event on 4<sup>th</sup> December.</li> </ul>	

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4	<p><b>Citizens Jury</b>  <i>The University has secured funding to convene a Citizens Jury which has commenced its series of meetings. The jury is comprised of a random stratified sample of jurors from across the city overseen by an independent facilitator and oversight group.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Andy Gouldson outlined the process and progress with the <a href="#">Leeds Climate Change Citizens Jury</a>. 25 jurors from across Leeds had been recruited by the Sortition Foundation.</li> <li>➤ The Citizens' Jury's recommendations will guide the future work of the Leeds Climate Commission and will be presented to the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee of Leeds City Council as well as a range of organisations across the city.</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Top 10 carbon leaders</b>  <i>An update on the process of contacting the largest carbon emitters in the city inviting them to come together, share good practice and match the city's commitments on carbon reduction</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Polly Cook explained that a first meeting had taken place with the involvement of a range of organisations, more than half of which had committed to developing low/zero carbon plans.</li> </ul>	
6	<p><b>Airport Position Paper</b>  <i>An update on the work to prepare an airport position paper setting out the evidence base for options on reducing aviation emissions</i></p> <p>Andy Gouldson presented the draft position paper on the airport.</p> <p>A number of discussion points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clear differentiation between expansion of infrastructure and increase of flights</li> <li>○ Incorporation of freight (and the over averaging of passenger flights)</li> <li>○ International offsetting</li> <li>○ Other natural capital potential such as peatland and salt marshes</li> <li>○ Further context of LBA position against the UK aviation as well as the north of England</li> <li>○ Context of flying for personal footprint (globally) and against other carbon intensive activities. Key comparison being road transport in Leeds as there is detailed data sources</li> <li>○ Proportion of frequent fliers at other airports</li> <li>○ Representation of the impact for Leeds (pie chart rather than line graph)</li> <li>○ Adapt actions to reflect other stakeholder ability to influence voluntary flight reductions, rather than just council</li> <li>○ Look into Heathrow offsetting targets and carbon reduction schemes</li> <li>○ Socio-economic impacts</li> <li>○ New technologies and grants to fund 'clean sky emissions'</li> <li>○ Behaviour change and attitudes towards flying, as well as LBA specific choice compared to other airports</li> <li>○ Reflection on commissions perspective/opinion</li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>ACTION – Andy Gouldson and Millie Duncan to review feedback and incorporate into the second draft of the position paper.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION – Andy Gouldson to share the paper with Ben Still, WYCA, after the Commission has signed off the final version.</b></p>	<p><b>AG/MD</b></p> <p><b>AG</b></p>								
7	<p><b>Refresh of Leeds Climate Commission</b></p> <p><i>The publication of the Carbon Reduction roadmap and the role of the Commission in monitoring and championing its delivery requires a recalibration of the Commission’s structure, membership and role of Commissioners in order to achieve this. Working Groups have been involved in this process and a paper will be presented for discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Andy Gouldson gave a presentation on the proposed revised structure of Leeds Climate Commission, at the heart of which was the need to align working groups with the themes of the roadmap and associated action plans.</li> <li>➤ A key point raised by several members was the need to ensure that the revised theme based structure took account of and linked to the work of existing thematic networks.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION – Andy Gouldson and Tom Knowland to reflect on comments and present a revised plan.</b></p>	<p><b>AG/TK</b></p>								
8	<p><b>Standing Item: Student research projects</b></p> <p><i>To update progress on various Climate Commission related projects</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tom Knowland gave a brief update on student projects.</li> </ul>									
9	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates &amp; Venues for future meetings</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="268 1211 1182 1482"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="268 1211 491 1413">Low Carbon</th> <th data-bbox="491 1211 724 1413">Engagement &amp; Comms</th> <th data-bbox="724 1211 954 1413">Climate Resilience</th> <th data-bbox="954 1211 1182 1413">STRATEGY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="268 1413 491 1482">Tue 19 Nov</td> <td data-bbox="491 1413 724 1482">Wed 27 Nov</td> <td data-bbox="724 1413 954 1482">Mon 2 Dec</td> <td data-bbox="954 1413 1182 1482">Mon 9 Dec</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Low Carbon	Engagement & Comms	Climate Resilience	STRATEGY	Tue 19 Nov	Wed 27 Nov	Mon 2 Dec	Mon 9 Dec	
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