

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GM LOW CARBON HUB BOARD HELD
ON FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2015 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

PRESENT:

Councillor Sue Derbyshire	GM Combined Authority (Chair)
Steve Rumbelow	GM Lead Chief Executive - Environment
Julian Packer	GMCA
Anne Selby	Wildlife Trust/Local Nature Partnership
Nigel Mellors	University of Salford
Helen Smith	TfGM
Cllr Elaine Sherrington	GMWDA
Paul Maher	Siemans
Ian McAulay	Viridor
Alison Gordon	New Economy Manchester
Mark Atherton	GM Environment Team
Councillor Kate Chappell	Manchester City Council
Dave Coleman	The Carbon Literacy Project
Susan Ford	GMIST
Kerry Bond	GMIST

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from: Louise Blythe, Steve Johnson, Robin Lawler, Roger Milburn and Cllr Eunice Smethurst.

LCH15/25 WELCOME

The Chair extended a welcome to those present, specifically Ian McAuley as a new member of the Board.

LCH15/26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Low Carbon Hub Board, held on 17 July 2015, were agreed.

Regarding the matters arising:

- i. Members were informed that the GMCA would appoint a Deputy Chair to the Low Carbon Hub Board.
- ii. An induction was held earlier in the week, a further board induction will be held on 19th October at 6pm, New Board Members and relevant District lead portfolio holders were encouraged to attend.
- iii. The report on health and environment devolution cross-over issues has been deferred to a future meeting.

Resolved/-

1. To approve the Minutes of the Low Carbon Hub Board held on 17 July 2015 as a correct record.
2. Confirmation of the GMCA appointment to Vice Chair of the Low Carbon Hub be brought to the next meeting.
3. Papers from the induction would be circulated to members.
4. Alison Gordon to bring a report to the next meeting of the LCH Board regarding health and environment devolution crossover issues.

LCH15/27 CLIMATE CHANGE AND LOW EMISSIONS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2016/2020

The Board received a report and presentation from Steve Rumbelow and Mark Atherton which provided an overview of the development of the draft Implementation Plan for the GM Climate Change Strategy and Low Emission Strategies; attached as annex to the report was the current version of the consultation report together with the proposed consultation production and approval timeline.

Resolved/-

1. To agree the consultation questions and pathway for the consultation as detailed in Section 4 of the report.
2. To note that the funding for the delivery of the low carbon investment ambitions are the subject of a Comprehensive Spending Review ask of Government.
3. That an update report be brought to a future meeting.

LCH15/28 CARBON LITERACY

Mark Atherton presented a report summarising the activity on Carbon Literacy since the last Board meeting, including suggested terms of reference for the Carbon Literacy Task and Finish Group (at annex 1 of the report) and an update on the discussions with the Transformational Action Programme. The report also sought support for Carbon Literacy's presence at the United Nations Climate Change Conference to represent Greater Manchester.

A member suggested that officers liaise with NHS officers to ensure carbon literacy is included on the health agenda at a Greater Manchester level.

Members of the Board asked whether there is an opportunity through the devolution agreement to include environment issues, including carbon literacy onto the curriculum. Councillor Derbyshire informed members that devolution can influence early years and post 16, but at this stage there is no authority to influence the school curriculum. Julian Packer gave an example of a carbon club that is run within a school, this type of work can only be initiated by the

teachers and pupils within the establishments. Charity funding for resource packs is available for primary and secondary schools.

Resolved/-

1. To note the progress made.
2. To agree the proposed Aims and Terms of Reference for the Carbon Literacy Task and Finish Group.
3. To endorse the Carbon Literacy Team's attendance at the United Nations Climate Change Conference to represent Greater Manchester.
4. That mark Atherton liaise with Warren Heppolette to assess the opportunities to embed Carbon literacy into the health agenda at a GM level.
5. That Julian Packer circulate a link to the charity funding available to schools.

LCH15/29 DISTRICT HEATING PROCUREMENT

Julian Packer presented a report outlining progress of the development of a District Energy Procurement Agency (DEPA) in Greater Manchester, including proposals with DECC on a business plan and proposed legal structure for a municipally owned procurement cooperative, led by Manchester City Council procurement, closely supported by the GM Low Carbon Programme Development Unit. It is proposed that DEPA will be based in Manchester and has received the support of other Local Authorities who are developing district heating/district energy projects. DECC are providing £99,000 of grant to fully fund the initial work.

Resolved/-

1. To note progress with developing a DEPA and associated promotional activities

LCH15/30 ENERGY ENTERPRISE

The Board received a presentation from Julian Packer updating members on work undertaken on the Energy Enterprise Concept for Greater Manchester by Cornwall Energy (East Anglia) and the Task and Finish Group to review models available to the market and next steps for a fully licensed Greater Manchester Energy Company (GMEC).

There is a significant potential for GMEC to be a supply company that can deliver long-term local social, economic and sustainable benefits for Greater Manchester, a fully licensed approach would ultimately deliver greatest benefits given the size of the conurbation.

Resolved/-

1. That an update report be brought to the Low Carbon Hub Board scheduled for 22 January 2016.
2. That Julian Packer discuss the reporting timeline with GMIST officers.

LCH15/31 GREEN DEAL UPDATE

The Board received a report presented by Mark Atherton providing a progress update on the Green Deal Communities (GDC) Programme.

The programme as of 11th September, has achieved the DECC target of 1,205 Greater Manchester households signed up for Green Deal Community installs.

In recent weeks, there has been a significant increase in household sign-ups for soft measures (e.g. room in roof insulation, cavity insulation), this is due to identifying and engaging with suitable residents and the recent flexibility that DECC have allowed in relation to soft household sign ups, i.e. one measure per household requirement rather than two.

Resolved/-

1. To note the update.
2. That thanks be given to officers involved in this work.

LCH15/32 TRIANGULUM

The Board received a report presenting the executive summary of the Triangulum Sustainable Cities Project which has received approximately £6m funded through Horizon 2020. The project will demonstrate how a systems innovation approach based around the European Commission's Smart Cities and Communities Strategic Implementation Plan can drive dynamic smart city development. It will do this through the integration of technologies from buildings, transport, energy and ICT within one district leading to a significant reduction of energy demand and local GHG emissions. It will also enhance the quality of life, delivering efficient and clean mobility to residents and local workers and providing the basis for economic growth and development.

Resolved/-

To note the Triangulum Executive Summary at annex 1 of the report.

LCH15/33 FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Board agreed the following future meeting dates –

- Friday 22 January 10-12am – Scrutiny Room, Manchester Town Hall
- Friday 1 April 10-12am – Scrutiny Room, Manchester Town Hall

LCH15/34 AOB

1. Funding: Mark Atherton advised board members that Greater Manchester had been successful in an Environment Agency led Life Integrated Project Bid worth €12m. Greater Manchester would be a significant beneficiary in the first 2.5 years of this project as it would initial focus on the River Irwell.
2. The Board were advised that the GM Mayor had recently signed two agreements relating to climate change and carbon reduction. The first, the Compact of Mayors, led by ex Mayor Bloomberg, compelled GM to report on its mitigation and adaptation progress each year. The second, the Under 2 MoU, set GM on a course to reduce its carbon emissions to a level which would keep global temperature rises to under 2degrees celcius.
3. The Chair asked members, particularly those who chaired Task and finish/subgroups, to consider nominating a deputy who could attend the Board in their absence