

# Norfolk Climate Change Partnership Minutes

**Date & Time: 21.06.2021 at 16:00**

**Location: Microsoft Teams**

## **Present:**

*Lorraine Gore (Chair) - Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk*

*Dave Robson - Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk*

*Henry Saunders - Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk*

*Richard Willson - Norwich City Council*

*John Jones - Norfolk County Council*

*Annie Sommazzi - North Norfolk District Council*

*Robert Young - North Norfolk District Council*

*James Wilson - Great Yarmouth Borough Council*

*Michel Bolabato - Breckland District Council*

*Kirsty Burns – Broadland District Council*

*Harry Mach - Broads Authority*

*Ellen Goodwin - New Anglia LEP*

## **Apologies:**

*Ged Greaves - Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk*

*Greg Pearson - Breckland District Council*

*Martin Horlock - Norfolk County Council*

*Trevor Wiggett - Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework Member Forum*

*Kate Watts - Great Yarmouth Borough Council*

*Alison Old - South Norfolk/Broadland District Council*

*Nigel Stannett - North Norfolk District Council*

## **Guests:**

*Matt Tracey - Norfolk County Council*

*Alex Templeton – Eastern New Energy*

*Rebecca Stafford – Energy System Catapult.*

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## **1. Welcome and minutes from last meeting**

Previous meeting's minutes were agreed, and officers were thanked for their work on the NCCP Community Renewal Fund application.

## **2. LEAR project presentation and questions**

Guests provided a presentation on the Norfolk Local Energy Asset Representation (LEAR) project.

Guests highlighted that the project was being produced by the Energy Systems Catapult with Norfolk County Council and Eastern New Energy providing 50% of costs each.

The LEAR was explained to provide a data foundation for developing net zero pathways, acting as a useful visualisation and mapping tool. This LEAR will provide a robust energy data base, for which evidence can build upon and opportunities can be established.

A timeline was given, with an interim report being provided to the steering group in August 2021 and final completion in September 2021.

A question was asked about the timeline and future project work. Work is intended with Eastern New Energy about possible projects with the goal being the end of 2022.

A concern was raised about potential duplication of work with Net Zero East and their gas grid mapping exercise. It was highlighted to the group that they were aware of this, and that there may be a small overlap on gas mapping but probably not any more than that, due to the 30 data sets being used in the LEAR.

It was queried how detailed the data would be. It was highlighted that the data and mapping would be at LSOA level. Norfolk would be split in 3 areas as the model is more efficient grouping areas to a 300k population. However, each Local Authority (LA) will have every map at their LA level which will be at a smaller scale. Each LA will also get all the background data.

It was queried how might the LEAR be useful for parishes. It was explained that it will be useful for all public and private sector bodies.

It was explained further that mapping will go down to low voltage substation level and though the map will highlight the number of buildings connected and the capacity. This should help to identify any capacity issues.

The LEAR will be reporting to Chief Execs in September.

It was suggested that they report back to the NCCP prior to Chief Execs. The Steering group was highlight which H.S. and E.G. sit on, who can also feedback during the interim update.

## **3. NCCP Workplan**

H.S. presented the draft work plan and talked through its layout and actions with the group.

The NCCP provided feedback on the draft and the following suggestions were given:

- Timeframe for the workplan needs to be established.
- Further information needs to be provided for some actions (sub-actions).
- We need to develop some metrics behind the actions (perhaps in an appendix)
- We need to reflect the different Net-Zero targets from all councils.
- There should be an action looking into dealing with residual emissions.
- Work at Great Yarmouth on refuse collection starting – J.W. to lead on this action.
- Innovation to be included in item 1.5.
- Add the LEAR as an action.
- Include green procurement as an action
- Offsetting links to residual emissions suggestion – H.S. to send link to EA webinar.

H.M. provided the following update on HVO fuel trials at the Broads Authority (BA).

- BA has purchased 3,000L for use with the equipment. Currently being trialled with our excavators and barges. Next trials will be with the patrol launches. This works as a drop-in replacement for Gas Oil (Red Diesel), so an estimated 90% drop in emissions. If used across our entire vessel & Equipment fleet this could remove about 50% of our Scope 1 and 2 emissions. Operations Team in the field have not reported any issues so far, we are monitoring fuel use to check for efficiency vs regular diesel.
- Main challenge is that it costs 20% more than regular diesel for the volume we normally receive (3000L per purchase) so we are looking for partners with storage facilities to make joint purchases with us in the Broads Area.

L.G. provided an update on the Norfolk Leader group and asked for all NCCP members to consider the workplan actions and which ones they feel they can take a lead on.

#### **4. NCCP Website**

H.S. presented the draft website to the group.

The NCCP provided feedback on the draft and the following suggestions were given:

- It was suggested that we need to link to each authority's related webpages.
- Domain name needs to be shorter and more explicit e.g. Norfolk Climate Change.

#### **5. CRF update**

H.S. provided an update on the CRF bid, highlighting that the NCCP bid had been chosen to go to government as part of Norfolk's final submissions.

It was highlighted that we need to establish an internal NCCP project work to carry this forward, should we be successful in obtaining the grant.

When establishing the project group, it was highlighted that it may make more sense to have a separate group per feasibility studies.

## **6. Membership**

H.S. highlighted that the EA offered input, and the group discussed membership of bodies outside of the current group members.

It was highlighted that there is merit bringing wider organisations in to help support the group, but it could get very difficult to manage if it became a multi-agency partnership.

It was agreed to remain with the group's current membership for now.

It was suggested that there may be merit in a stakeholder group to help other organisations understand our work and agenda, and vice versa.

Engagement in such a group would mean the NCCP should have an engagement plan. It was agreed to include an engagement plan in the NCCP work plan.

## **7. AOB**

H.S. to organise meetings for the remainder of the financial year.