

# Norfolk Climate Change Partnership: CRF Workshop Minutes

**Date: 19/04/2021**

**Venue: Microsoft Teams**

## **Present:**

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

*Ged Greaves - 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*

*Michel Bolabato - Breckland District Council*

*Richard Willson - Norwich City Council*

## **Apologies:**

*Greg Pearson - Breckland District Council*

*Harry Mach - Broads Authority*

*Ellen Goodwin - New Anglia LEP*

*Martin Horlock - Norfolk County Council*

*John Jones - Norfolk County Council*

*Annie Sommazzi - North Norfolk District Council*

*Nigel Stannett - North Norfolk District Council*

*Trevor Wiggett - Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework Member Forum*

*Tony Cooke - South Norfolk/Broadland District Council*

*James Wilson - Great Yarmouth Borough Council*

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## **1. Overview of CRF Criteria**

The following detail was provided regarding the Community Renewal Fund bid writing criteria.

- Innovation is key to success with this fund, i.e. a different, better, cheaper way of doing something.
- Scalability is also a key factor in a successful bid.
- Therefore, fund is looking for pilot projects, however, feasibility studies will also be accepted.
- The bid project teams need to show a clear track record of delivery, to help instil confidence that the money will be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.
- Obviously, the bids need to be evidence lead, with clear metrics to evidence the impact.
- Match funding is not a requirement, however, bids with match funding will receive a better appraisal score.

- Even if there is nothing at a delivery stage at the moment, they urge you to put in bids and provide information of possible projects that could be picked up in the future by the Shared Prosperity Fund.

## **2. Discussion of Potential Projects**

### **a. Discussion of any existing projects**

### **b. Opportunities to scale up any existing projects**

### **c. Initial thoughts on new projects/initiatives**

1. Hydrogen east group – work around hydrogen and decarbonisation of work on fleets esp. HGVs. Stranded assets? Landfill sites re-purposed into energy hubs?
  - Scale to get the EST to go and do a fleet review – Bring in partnership – energy catapult / UEA.
  - Each stranded asset sits need viability
  - SHIFT.
  - Tie into local logistics companies.
  - Phase 1 – feasibility study.
2. Norfolk community energy kick starter
  - Try to work out why community energy in Norfolk hasn't worked
  - LEP and Norfolk Chamber of commerce.
  - What could LA's do to further enabling.
  - Business needs to reduce emissions – purchase green energy an easy way.
  - Survey to look at Norfolk businesses and who could accommodate solar.
  - Trying to replicate what is going on elsewhere and bring into Norfolk.
  - Business gets a reduced costs and investors can get up to a 4% return.
  - Study about trying to identify potential and how to learn from a national level.
  - Bring in catapult to help.
  - Might be possible for Norfolk Pension Fund to Invest.
  - Need Tie in with the LEP.
3. Sleeving for DC energy

- Own an energy asset for all the district councils.
- Permanent fixed costs for energy
- Could also be open to businesses.
- CITB want to rationalise their site. Could be land and a willing partner in this.

How to encourage people to improve energy efficiency

- EV provision
- Few successful bids into the public sector decarbonisation scheme from schools across the region and none from larger town/parish councils. Might there be scope to pilot a decarbonisation audit for these with some capital for mitigation measures?
- Pick up home installations – Clean energy skills.

Net-Zero Norfolk – series of feasibility studies.

eparate proposal per council? – ask for small contribution to provide some match funding.

### **3. Bid writing experience**

Capacity and commitment to attend

### **4. NCCP CRF bid lead**

### **5. Actions going forwards**