



SUSTAINABLE GLASGOW

Green Economy/Private Sector Industry Hub

Chairman's Report to the Board – Guy Jefferson, SP Energy Networks.

March 2021

Purpose of Report:

To update Sustainable Glasgow Board on progress and actions associated with the Green Economy/Private Sector Industry Hub.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Sustainable Glasgow Board

- a) note the content of the report.

1. Background

Third meeting of the hub took place on 16th March 2021 with following representation:

SP Energy Networks, Glasgow City Council, Scottish Enterprise, University Of Strathclyde, Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow Chambers Of Commerce, Scottish Government, Clyde Gateway, SDS, Edrington Brands, ACS & Wheatley Group.

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2. Terms of Reference

Terms of reference for the Hub are approved. They include a link to the Climate Emergency Implementation plan to recognise it as the key document to guide our action over the coming year.

3. Membership

We have been joined by Deloitte, ACS, Edrington Brands, Glasgow Life, NHS Glasgow and University Of Glasgow since our last meeting. The Group believe we now have a strong core of support from public and private organisations covering a variety of sectors making the partnership very diverse and strong moving forward.

4. Work Programme

Progress in a number of the areas initially identified by the Hub members at the first meeting. Focus remains on ensuring that some initiatives are delivered for COP26 to shine a light on Glasgow Businesses and the work being completed to deliver our Net Zero target.

4.1 Green Recovery Charter Pledge (as attached).



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Green Recovery Charter Pledge has been updated(attached). Principle remains to publicise widely in run up to COP26 showing commitment of businesses to short and long term goals with real change prior to COP26 event. That could potentially culminate in presentation at one of the COP26 venues. Hub agreed some final changes for April to reflect a commitment to SMEs ambition. Hub will draft guidelines for signatories in April.

We have a number of new sign ups in principle from Deloitte, University Of Glasgow and Glasgow Airport. CEO, Chamber Of Commerce and Chair of Hub met with Glasgow Airport to ensure the Transport commitments were compatible with their Sustainability plans.

The Chair also presented the Charter at the March meeting of the GEL Board and received support for the principles of the Charter. Chair will follow up with members of the GEL Board in coming weeks to seek support in terms of sign on to charter. Hub members agreed

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that we should pursue as many sign ups to the Charter as possible in coming months to strengthen the commitment of the wider business community and then start to measure impact against commitments.

4.1.1 SME Initiative

Presentation this month from Scottish Enterprise as a follow up to previous commitment to support SMEs to sign up to the commitments within the charter.

SE have agreed that we can signpost their SME services as part of charter sign up. Will work with UoS to ensure sufficient resource is available to support.

4.1.2 Charter Launch & Data Management

Propose to launch Charter with new SG website. SPEN and GCC to discuss media proposal next month being drafted by SPEN.

Deloitte have agreed to present a potential solution to ensure capture of commitments progress for reporting purposes at April meeting.

4.2 Green Business Awards.

Proposal to be discussed/developed with Chamber Of Commerce and included as part of the existing Glasgow Business Awards Ceremony. Meeting will be arranged for April in line with GBA planning timescales.

4.3 Green Recovery – Top Infrastructure Projects

Fraser Of Allander Institute have joined the hub and will present at the April meeting on their work on defining a Green recovery in Glasgow. Our ambition remains to tie this research into defining and promoting infrastructure projects as part of the proposed City Prospectus introduced by GCC at the meeting.

4.4 Future Skills

SDS presented at March Hub on Climate Skills Emergency Action Plan. Unfortunately, time prevented a full debate, which will be re-engaged at April meeting. Hub need to consider how we are best placed to influence and support the development of these essential skills to create new jobs and ensure a just transition for existing companies and employees.

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5. Actions to progress for this month

- 5.1 Finalise Green Recovery Charter Pledge and continue to seek business sign ups.
- 5.2 Present proposal on Charter initiative launch to next Hub meeting.
- 5.3 Develop SME support proposal and resources for April launch.
- 5.4 Next meeting agreed for Tuesday 13th April.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Sustainable Glasgow Board note the contents of this report.