



Sustainable Glasgow

Green Economy/Private Sector Industry Hub

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

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

- note the content of the report.

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1. Background

Inaugural meeting of the hub took place on 19th January 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.

2. Terms of Reference

2.1 Previously circulated to all members of the Hub. Discussion on adjustments to include Just Transition, interaction with other hubs to ensure all are working in tandem, having a greater people focus and an ambition around communicating our work proactively.

2.2. ToR will be locked down for next meeting and circulated with February board report.

3. Membership

Hub members supported the suggestion by the Chair that invitations are made to Champion Businesses in Glasgow to join the hub across different sectors to ensure a wide base are involved in our work. Chair will work with Chamber Of Commerce to ensure potential invitees are co-ordinated with other activities, but ambition would be to have some of these businesses at next meeting.

4. Work Programme

Discussion on a number of potential initiatives for the hub members to work on over the coming months. Focus on ensuring that some initiatives are delivered for COP26 to shine a light on Glasgow Businesses and the work to deliver our Zero Carbon & Net Zero targets.

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4.1 Green Recovery Charter Pledge (as attached).



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Chair presented proposal for a Charter for Public & Private sector businesses to sign up to which included climate emission targets under four specific areas (Operations, Leadership, Transport, Buildings). Principle would be 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.

Initiative was welcomed in principle and University Of Strathclyde and Scottish Enterprise committed to sign on. Hub members suggested some areas where adjustments could be made to make the Charter more acceptable to other organisations and that there are a number of other potential charters in development across Glasgow City led forums that we need to synchronise with. Clyde Gateway committed to developing an SME version that could be integrated or Stand alone for discussion at next meeting. Ambition would be to ensure that new Hub members invited under section (3) above would also sign on. The pledges can ultimately be used to create best practice transfer among all of the participants.

4.2 Green Business Awards.

Hub members discussed developing a Green Business Awards initiative in which we would serve as the judging panel. This would allow an excellent opportunity to publicise exemplar work being undertaken in the city by the business community and inspire other organisations to engage. Proposal to be discussed/developed with Chamber Of Commerce and potentially be included as part of the existing Glasgow Business Awards Ceremony.

4.3 Green New Deal.

Glasgow City Council are developing a proposal to work with consultants to develop a Green Recovery New Deal proposal. Request made that the Green Recovery Hub

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act as a supporting expert panel for this work providing feedback and in-kind support. Agreed in principle.

4.4 Green Recovery – Top Infrastructure Projects

Some concern by members of the hub that the term “Green Recovery” was used often but there was some confusion regarding what it actually looked like. The Hub agreed that a potential initiative would be to create a list of infrastructure projects, which we all believe exist in Glasgow, that illustrate what a Green Recovery actually means. These could then be actively championed by the Hub and potentially presented at COP26. Further discussion required. Fraser Of Allander Institute have also been engaged to consider a project on evaluation of a Green recovery.

5. Actions to progress for this month

- 5.1 Draft Business Champions list for extending Hub membership and issue invitations.
- 5.2 Complete changes to Green Recovery Charter from Hub member’s comments and sign off prior to seeking signatories.
- 5.3 Continue discussions on suggested initiatives for work programme before finalising plan at next meeting.
- 5.4 Next meeting agreed for Tuesday 16th February.

6. Recommendations

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

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