INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Jim Lightfoot and Anne Selby.

TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY CONTRACT OR MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2017 AND ACTIONS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting of the LCHB, held on 3 October 2017 were considered, Members were requested to note the following:

- Andy Burnham will attend the Low Carbon Hub Board meeting scheduled for 2nd March 2018.
LCH17/45 - That members receive Green Summit updates on a monthly basis.

LCH17/51 - That the Environmental Impact of Inhalers report had been shared with Councillor Peter Smith, Lead Portfolio Holder for Health at a Greater Manchester level and John Rouse, Chief Officer of the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership.

LCH17/52 – That of the £4m Cadent Warm Homes Fund applied for the GMCA had been awarded £1.85m.

Resolved/-

That the Minutes of the LCHB held on 3 October 2017 be approved as a correct record.

LCH/18/04 PERFORMANCE REPORT (QUARER 3 OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2017)

Consideration was given to the report of the Lead Chief Executive, Green City Region that provided the usual updates on progress of the Low Carbon Hub for the third quarter of 2017/18).

Annex 1 of the report provided a progress update on delivery of the Climate Change and Low Emissions Implementation Plan (2016-20) for Quarter 2 of 2017/18.

The main points referred to were:

- In general progress was good. However, as Quarter 3 ended, it was clear that there were a number of actions required for which there was insufficient resources identified. Capacity to support public and commercial retrofit, identify and support low carbon sills and to move low carbon energy projects forward remained low.
- A further five expressions of interest had been received for the £21m ERDF SUD funds for energy innovation and low carbon transport.
- GM Local Energy Advice Programme was launched. The GM Environment Team had been able to secure £50K from Electricity North West to increase the number of home visits for GM residents. To date there have been: 225 Energy Advice visits, bill savings of £171 pa on average per household that goes through this scheme (average. £36K total lifetime bill savings per household).
- GM Big Clean Switch campaign was launched on 19 October 2017. So far 126 GM residents had switched. Average savings so far are £304 pa per switch.
- The Triangulum MMU Birley Fields Solar PV installation was complete.
- The PhD Action Research communications and engagement support commenced in October 2017.
- £600k over two years secured by Northwest LEPS from BEIS to increase capacity for energy generation and efficiency projects.
- City of Trees application to the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) Upland Peatland Restoration Fund was approved. This would provide resources for the restoration of a small amount of peatland alongside broadleaf woodland creation and community engagement and education.
- Chris Boardman’s (The Walking and Cycling Commissioner) 'Made to Move' report published outlining 15 steps to increase active travel in GM.
- This quarter saw the number of companies who have made the Green Growth Pledge exceed 100.
The second GM Digital and Tech Summit will be held on the 8 December 2017.

The GMCA’s response to National Infrastructure Consultation.

Resolved/-

1. The Board noted the updates from across the Low Carbon Hub’s accountable bodies, attached at Annex 1 of the report and agreed to receive a further update at the next meeting of this Board.

2. That thanks be conveyed to partners involved in the launch of the GM Local Energy Advice Programme.

3. That the GMCA response to the National Infrastructure Consultation be circulated to the group.

4. The Board endorsed and agreed the next steps.

LCH/18/05 GM CARBON BUDGETS - PRESENTATION

The Board received a presentation by officers from Tyndall, Manchester updating members on Downscaling the Paris Agreement to GM carbon budgets.

The main points referred to were:

- Proposals and rationale for GMCA and SCATTER
- Process of analysis
- Emission pathways for poorer countries
- Aviation and shipping at a national level
- Emission budgets for the UK and GM
- What this means for emission pathways for GM
- 5 year carbon budgets for GM and the difference to current UK policy
- Date of carbon neutrality determined by the end of GM’s carbon budget period 2037/38
- Period of low emissions

Resolved/-

That the presentation be noted.

LCH/18/06 SCATTER CARBON PATHWAY PROPOSALS - PRESENTATION

Consideration was given to a presentation provided by Brad Blundell, Anthesis Group updating members on the SCATTER Project, including:

- What is the SCATTER Project (Setting City Area Targets and Trajectories for Emission Reduction) and its purpose
- Project structure
- Project programme
Model development and status
Example interventions
Challenges

The SCATTER Project is designed to support strategic planning to develop plausible decarbonisation pathways at a regional and sub-regional level, which can be translated into actionable local policies.

The project will provide city regions with a suite of UK contextualised easy to use tools, to provide consistent and transparent data to enable comparability between city regions which will facilitate easier reporting to meet international commitments.

Intervention Workshops took place in November 2017, with model component selection and expert panel engagement in December 2017 and January 2018. The model will be developed from January to March 2018 with launch and rollout between March and May 2018.

Resolved/-

1. That the presentation be noted.
2. That a representative from the car industry be invited to the Green Summit and to a future meeting of this group.

LCH/18/07 MAYORAL GREEN SUMMIT OVERVIEW

The Board considered the report and presentation of the Assistant Director of Environment, GMCA that provided an update on the emerging proposals for the Mayor Green Summit, scheduled to be held on 21st March 2018.

The Board discussed the proposals within the report and the main points referred to were:

- Engagement: steering group, relevant audience, listening events, technology
- The need for facilitation on the day to be focused
- Who picks up the work that comes out of the day
- Technology and whether it is being used to its full advantage
- Future events/updates to be decided

Resolved/-

That the Board noted the report and agreed the proposals contained within the report.

LCH/18/08 LOW CARBON SECTOR - PRESENTATION

The Board received a presentation giving details of Greater Manchester’s Low Carbon and Environmental Goods and Services Sector (LCEGS) using data from 2015/16, which captures disparate low carbon, environmental and renewable energy activities spread across many existing sectors. The presentation also covered:

- Mapping LCEGS Sector Growth Over Time
- Strongest Performing Sub-sectors in GM
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- Growth Forecasts to 2020 / 2021 in GM
- Exports
- Global, National and Local Position
- Factors Affecting Future Growth
- Business Growth Hub

Resolved/-

That the presentation be noted.

LCH/18/09 ELECTRIC VEHICLE UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of Mathew Roberts, Carbon and Freight Lead, TfGM that provided a summary on the uptake and use of electric vehicles across Greater Manchester.

The uptake of ultra-low emission vehicles was key to the success of a future low emission transport network and Greater Manchester’s ambitions of climate change and air quality targets.

Resolved/-

1. That Board noted the report.

2. To receive a more detailed update at a future meeting.

LCH/18/10 FUTURE MEETING DATES

It was noted that the next meeting would take place on Friday 2nd March 2018, 10am-12noon, Workplace, 4th Floor, Churchgate House, Manchester M1 6EU.

Future meeting dates, to be held 10am-12noon at Churchgate House.
Friday, 6th July 2018
Friday, 12th October 2018
Friday, 18th January 2019