

## PROGRESS REPORT TO EXECUTIVE OVERSIGHT GROUP

Reporting Period: April 2021

Sector-Based Support Group: Clean Growth

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### Group Objective

The primary purpose of the Clean Growth Workstream is to use the breadth of knowledge, expertise and insights of its members to develop the actions necessary to deliver on the Clean Growth Key Objectives, taking into consideration the impact of COVID-19, and the steps that need to be taken to support recovery and renewal.

### Guidelines

### Milestone RAG Status

**Milestone completed**

**On target**

**Minor delays up to one month**

**Delays greater than one month**

### Key Milestones/Deliverables (e.g. establish group membership, communications plan agreed & by whom, strategic resources plan agreed & by whom)

### Due Date

### RAG Status

Energy Masterplan

1 August  
2021

Economic Support Portal

1 April 2021

Ayrshire Clean Growth Pact/Compact

1 June 2021

Addition of other milestones/deliverables relevant to the group (some examples provided above)

### Key Actions - update on activity:

Since the last reporting period, what development has taken place in terms of a recovery and renewal plan for the above sector?

- Workstream membership updated.
- The workstream agreed that Ayrshire Energy Zones for demonstration projects are to be build on Ayrshire Growth Deal (AGD) projects with NERD and Hunterston representing two major developments.
- Draft Ayrshire Clean Growth Pact/Compact has been produced, based on the Workstream objectives and planned actions identified in TOR.
- 3 Workstream meetings have taken place and AGD Projects workshop (29/1/21):
  - AGD projects: Participants considered specific opportunities related to clean growth deal projects and how they aligned with potential clean growth outcomes and synergies between projects. 5 key outcomes from current business cases:
    - Reducing Co2 emissions,
    - Reducing fuel poverty,
    - Increasing sustainable transport network,
    - Increasing use of renewable techniques
    - Energy storage and Increasing development of carbon conscious properties

The following workshops are in planning stages and to be confirmed in due course:

- Energy masterplanning & transport – dates to be arranged

- Supporting businesses through appropriate information (Clean Growth Portal) – date to be arranged
- Business and public engagement – dates to be arranged
- Strategic alignment – dates to be arranged

1. Since the last reporting period, what quantitative and qualitative information has the group identified, collated & interpreted with regard to the impact of Covid-19 on the sector?

- Ahead of the needed energy masterplanning, SPEN shared the distributed generation heat maps which provides an insight into the constraints on their network: [Distributed Generation SP Distribution Heat Maps Terms - SP Energy Networks](#)
- Economic Support Portal (<https://economicsuppothub.co.uk>) aggregates information from a diverse pool of sources across Scotland and beyond.

2. Since the last reporting period, what support has been provided to the sector in terms of a response to the pandemic?

- UWS Business Innovation team volunteered the development of the Economic Support Portal and information aggregation. In its final form, the portal will cover the whole of Scotland and include other Higher Education institutions. The Beta version of the portal has been demonstrated to various business groups with significant interest spanning across Scotland. Apart from the portal being very positively received by the industry/business groups, the key feedback includes recognition that a portal of this kind can alleviate fragmentation challenges associated with numerous similar portals that limit information to a very targeted set of support mechanisms.

3. Since the last reporting period, what actions have been identified and/or implemented to support recovery and renewal within the sector, including financial implications of measures proposed?

- Energy Masterplan for Ayrshire is now an urgent priority to enable the realisation of Workstream's purpose and objectives, and through this support the development of clean growth with a desire that Ayrshire becomes a role model. As the group progresses with the workshops identified above they will use the output from these, coupled with the knowledge and expertise of workstream members to identify business development and/or other opportunities for the range of sectors involved in Clean Growth for inclusion in the Plan.

4. Since the last reporting period, what collaborative work has taken place with the other sector-based recovery and renewal groups to ensure a joined-up approach?

- The Workstream leads meeting organised by the Chair of the Space and Aerospace Workstream took place in March 2021. Given the breadth of Clean Growth, the workstream recognises the importance of engaging across all workstreams and plans to engage with them all in the coming months.
- The Chair of this Workstream met with AGD Project (Hunterston) and agreed an approach to align the project with the objectives of the Workstream and create greater connectedness.

<p>5. What engagement has taken place since the last reporting period with local businesses and the wider community, and what support has been realised from this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Chair of this Workstream has held several meetings with industry representatives expressing interest in Ayrshire hydrogen and clean energy developments.</li> <li>○ The workstream now has representation from the Ayrshire Chambers of Commerce with an opportunity to connect with the wider Ayrshire Business Community.</li> </ul>
<p>6. Since the last reporting period, what work has been identified or undertaken that has linkage with / impact on the Ayrshire Growth Deal?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Workstream leads meeting identified the need to continue with regular meetings as activities are intricately connected since any developments in a particular Workstream impact other Workstreams (e.g. growth in specific digital capabilities have an impact on clean growth). These interdependencies will be explored further as part of the upcoming workshop scope.</li> </ul>
<p>7. What work has been identified or undertaken since the last reporting period that has an impact on climate change?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The need for the energy masterplan has been reported to the Ayrshire Economic Partnership during this period. The Chair of this Workstream will meet the three local authority Chief Executive Officers during May 2021 to agree on funding. As reported before, the Workstream's Terms of Reference specify the development of a framework (an energy Masterplan) for investment in energy infrastructure (power, heat and transport) that will underpin economic growth and resilience to provide a pathway to net zero by 2045 (recognising also the interim target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 75% by 2030).</li> <li>○ Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce suggested a joined-up approach to the organisation of a series of events ahead of COP26 in November 2021.</li> <li>○ SE provided an update to COP26 at the AGD steering group – they have put in 3 bids NERD, HALO and Hunterston for a place in COP26 (results to be published in May 2021). Additional opportunities may become apparent such as the utilisation of Ayrshire assets e.g. Dumfries House.</li> </ul>
<p>8. What work has been identified or undertaken since the last reporting period that has an impact on skills and training within the sector?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sills Development Scotland was involved in the AGD project Clean Growth Workshop on 29<sup>th</sup> January. The 5 key outcomes from current business cases are all linked to the need for upskilling in support of clean growth. The workshop outcomes will inform Higher and Further Education providers' training portfolios.</li> </ul>
<p>9. What work has been identified or undertaken since the last reporting period that has an impact on digital infrastructure within the sector?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The meeting with Workstream leads has identified the need to understand economic developments across Workstreams to be able to determine appropriate clean growth pathways.</li> </ul>

<p>10. What work has been identified or undertaken since the last reporting period that has an impact on business support for the sector?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ None at this stage.</li> </ul>
<p>11. What work has been identified or undertaken since the last reporting period that has linkage with / impact on Community Wealth Building?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ None at this stage.</li> </ul>

What issues have been identified since the last reporting period?	What mitigating actions have been taken/considered to overcome these issues?
<p>We expect issues to be identified as part of the series of workshops referenced above and these will be notified in due course.</p> <p>Illness has affected SE representation on the Workstream, which has led to some delays.</p>	<p>Date TBC (Provisionally Mid May)</p> <p>Brian Connolly representing SE in Theresa Correia's absence.</p>

What actions/support/resources/decisions are required by the Executive Oversight Group or the Ayrshire Economic Partnership Board?
<p>There is a need to fund and support the development of the Ayrshire Energy Masterplan.</p>