

LOW CARBON HUB BOARD

Date: **15th July 2016**

Subject: **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE UPDATE – Q1 (Apr-Jun)**

Report of: **Steve Rumbelow, Lead CEX Environment**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an update on progress of the Low Carbon Hub in the last quarter. The report is in a new format to reflect the finalisation of the Climate Change Low Emissions Implementation Plan (2016-2020).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board are recommended to:

- i) Note the updates from across the Low Carbon Hub's accountable bodies, attached at Annex 1 to this report;
- ii) Provide feedback on the format of the Performance report.

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TRACKING/PROCESS		[All sections to be completed]
Does this report relate to a Key Decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution or in the process agreed by the AGMA Executive Board		No
EXEMPTION FROM CALL IN		
Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the AGMA Scrutiny Pool on the grounds of urgency?		[Please state any reasons here]
AGMA Commission	TfGMC	Scrutiny Pool
15 th July 2016	[Date considered at TfGMC; if appropriate]	[Date considered/or to be considered at Scrutiny Pool; if appropriate]

1.0 REVISED FORMAT OF PROGRESS REPORT

The report at Annex 1 provides a progress update on delivery of the recently approved Climate Change and Low Emissions Implementation Plan (2016-20). For each of the actions in the Plan, an annual Action has been added and progress against this action within the last quarter has been reported with an associated RAG rating. Some items are not due to commence this year and have been left blank. Other items are blank as we need to seek feedback and input from external colleagues; this will be rectified in time for the next Q report.

Green = on track

Amber = progressing but either behind target or with some issues to be addressed

Red = stopped or stalled

General progress is good for the first quarter. Only one item is highlighted as Red and this reflects the lack of any resource to engage with the private sector on commercial building retrofit.

Feedback from the Board on the format of the report would be welcomed.

2.0 OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS

The updates attached at Annex 1 to this report highlight areas of progress across the themes of the GM Climate Change Low Emission Implementation Plan over the last quarter. The updates detail a number of successes; key successes include:

- Climate Change Implementation Plan 2016-2020 now finalised, subject the new Chair's approval;
- The £6.1m domestic energy efficiency work under the Green Deal Communities Project has been completed, under budget, over target and ahead of all other GDC schemes nationally. GM's GDC programme was awarded second place in the NW Energy Efficiency Awards.
- Input to the development of the evidence base for the GM Spatial Framework to ensure Low Carbon risks and opportunities are appropriately reflected is ongoing.
- The DECC funded project to accelerate community energy projects in GM has commenced (see separate paper)
- Work to develop and energy masterplan for Greater Manchester under the Smart Systems and Heat programme has been commissioned and commenced.
- TfGM have completed lighting upgrades to traffic signals
- The Guided busway is now operational with over 150k users in the first month
- The Clean Air Zone (CAZ) feasibility study is now underway
- TfGMs 'Get Me There' multi modal use card has been introduced
- A deep dive study into GM's Low carbon Environment Goods and Services Sector has been completed by New Economy.
- Draft submissions for key external commitments (eg Carbon Disclosure Project) have been submitted and will be finalise in Q2.
- MoU with WRAP has been signed to deliver the GM Resources project with a focus on food waste in flats.

3.0 KEY ANTICIPATED ACTION IN THE NEXT QUARTER

As a priority, the following activities will be delivered in the next Quarter:

- Soft launch the Climate Change Implementation Plan 2016-2020
- Engage with potential funders to support development and test tools for setting 2020+ targets for climate change
- Initiate the Demand Side Response trials under the NEDO Smart Communities project
- Finalise recruitment of key staff for the LIFE IP project and commence delivery.
- Complete the business case for a submission to the Transformation Fund to support health, warm homes and fuel poverty
- Accelerate promotion of the E.ON free boiler and energy efficiency measures programme to deliver 1000 measures in GM this year.
- Stakeholder engagement with key actors to assess priority infrastructure to be assessed for climate impacts under the RESIN project
- Complete tender preparation for GM EV Charging Stations
- Substantially complete procurement of MCC Civic Quarter Heat Network

4.0 IDENTIFIED RISKS AND EMERGING ISSUES

4.1 Officers and sub-groups have identified a number of risks to existing, and particularly future, programme delivery. Mitigation of these risks, as far as possible, will be managed by the responsible Accountable Body:

- BREXIT - Failure to attract future project funding from EU sources and potential policy changes as a result of referendum decision to leave EU (see separate paper);
- Reduced GM-wide capacity to deliver policy, building retrofit and renewable energy activities across both the domestic and non-domestic sectors without identified external revenue and capital funding.