

Clean Growth Working Group
for the South East Local Enterprise Partnership

Terms of Reference
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Introduction

Clean economic growth, to help reduce carbon emissions and build climate change resilience, is a cross cutting theme in SELEPs emerging Local Industrial Strategy. This demonstrates the step change required across industry, business and society, to successfully respond to the Government's Industrial Strategy Clean Growth Grand Challenge and meet the ambitious Climate Change Act 2050 net-zero target for greenhouse gas emissions.

The South East Local Enterprise partnership is well placed to help coordinate and galvanise clean growth across the region, building on the South2East Local Energy Strategy 2019 and delivering against SELEPs Local Industrial Strategy policy themes and actions across all five foundations of productivity.

Aim

To collaboratively help to deliver clean growth at pace for the South East LEP region, given the climate emergency and net zero challenge.

Objectives

- To provide a strategic and coordinated approach to clean growth activities and interventions across the SELEP region
- To drive forward the implementation of the South2East Local Energy Strategy
- To build a project pipeline and identify priorities, opportunities, constraints and issues
- To explore, access and inform funding opportunities for strategic action, based on Government and LEP priorities
- To update and advise the SELEP Strategic Board, Federated Areas and key stakeholders on progress and issues
- To seek to utilise the SELEP Sector Support Fund in a way that is appropriate and relevant to the Group's aim
- To communicate to and engage with key stakeholders across the LEP region on progress

Operation

Members of the group will:

- Attend each meeting, or if unable to attend, endeavour to send a representative
- Share and cascade information from this group to the organisation, sector and/or network they represent, and consult them on key issues and recommendations
- Treat any information received and discussed with sensitivity and where appropriate in confidence

Membership

The Working Group will have a fixed membership comprising:

- Chair (to champion the Group at SELEP Strategic Board level) and vice Chair
- Local Authority Officers from across the federated areas
- Business and industry representation
- Utilities representation
- Skills Advisory Group representation
- Community Energy representation
- Links to other relevant SELEP Working Groups (Housing, Rural, Coastal)
- Priority low carbon project leads
- Academic representation
- Greater South East Local Energy Hub Energy Projects Manager

Meeting Arrangements

- The group will meet quarterly (subject to change as deemed necessary) in a central location
- Tasks from each meeting will be agreed by the group and will be reviewed at each meeting
- Members agreeing to undertake tasks will liaise with the group where necessary and feedback on progress

Support

The SELEP secretariat will offer support in terms of administrative duties and agenda planning, production of minutes, forward/ action planning, and review of these Terms of Reference when deemed necessary.