

Hull and East Yorkshire LEP Business Support Board Paper D – Net Zero Hub Activity Report to the Board, 8th February 2023 Report from Phil Glover



1. Summary

1.1. This report updates the Business Support Board in relation to the recently commissioned Industrial symbiosis feasibility study and wider Net Zero Hub activity.

2. Recommendations

2.1. That the Board notes the latest progress report.

3. North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub activity update

- The North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub (NEYNZH) represents a collaboration between six Local Enterprise Partnerships with the aim of accelerating the transition to 'Net Zero' and facilitating further clean growth through local energy delivery. Previously referred to as the Energy Hub the BEIS funded initiative represents a Hub and spoke model with management and admin support hosted in the Tees Valley Combined Authority region with Project Managers (the spokes) hosted throughout the geography of the Combined Authorities/LEP's.
- BEIS has recently announced a 3 year funding deal for the Net Zero Hubs across England and as such the NEYNZH will be issuing MOU's to its 6 partner regions for the continuation of Project Manager support in their respective areas. These MOU's will reflect the drive for accelerating decarbonisation and green technology roll out at the local level as well as developing projects that can lever in commercial investment.
- Nationally the Hubs are currently being evaluated by consultants Steer Group to understand where they can add the most value in a rapidly changing and challenging environment
- At a more local level the NEYHZN management has recently appointed Jacobs consultants to highlight areas of best practice and understand where further capacity and specialist capability may be required to support the Net Zero transition in each of the 6 regions.
- The HEY PM continues to engage with the Local Authorities to understand the barriers and opportunities for delivery of clean growth energy generation and decarbonisation.
- An Industrial Symbiosis study has now been commissioned and the successful consultants International Synergies Ltd have completed the initial desk top study and are now consulting with key stakeholders on approaches to maximising the industrial resources within the region. The report, which is funded through the North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub, is due to be completed by the end of March 23. The study will investigate the potential for developing a model for the strategic incubation of industrial symbiosis

opportunities supporting the development of a sustainable circular economy approach within Hull and East Yorkshire.



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