

## **Renewables & Energy Efficiency Advisory Group**

**Tuesday 23 September 2014**

**BRE Innovation Park @ Ravenscraig**

### **1. Introduction & Welcome**

Cllr Ramsay Milne welcomed all to the meeting in Ravenscraig and thanked those who had made the journey.

### **2. Attendees and Apologies**

As per attached.

### **3. Minutes of meeting 30 April 2014**

It was agreed that the minutes from the last meeting were a true and accurate record and there was no matters arising.

### **4. Scottish Government's Local Energy Challenge Fund**

**Speaker: Chris Morris, Project Manager, Local Energy Scotland**

Chris provided background on the work of Local Energy Scotland with Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) that provides advice, support, grants and loans to communities, rural businesses, local authorities, etc to increase their local benefit from renewable energy. Chris went on to speak about a new stream of CARES called the Local Energy Challenge Fund which has a wider eligibility and has been allocated by the Scottish Government to fund major demonstrator projects providing transformative and innovative local energy solutions; Chris finished by guiding the group through the application process.

### **5. STEP-UP Project & Glasgow's Energy & Carbon Masterplan**

**Speaker: Graham Pinfield, Project Manager STEP UP, Glasgow City Council**

Graham outlined Glasgow's involvement in STEP UP, an EU funded energy planning project, the key outcomes of which included their Enhanced Sustainable Energy Action Plan, their training in sustainable city planning to cities' learning networks and their approach to integrated energy planning which addresses economics, stakeholders and wider policy objectives. Graham also talked about the processes behind creating Glasgow's Energy and Carbon Masterplan from the overall strategy through to the monitoring plan, along the way outlining the issues and opportunities with different areas of interest (e.g. city centre). Graham's presentation ended with a look at citizens' and stakeholder views on Glasgow's energy vision.

## **6. Resource Efficient Scotland activities in the Built Environment**

**Speakers: Michael Hilarion, Key Account Manager – Built Environment, Zero Waste Scotland**

Michael's presentation provided an overview of Resource Efficient Scotland, a demand-led service providing free specialist advice and support to help the public/third sector and businesses to use their resources more efficiently. This included an overview of resource efficient construction, the sector's significance in the generation of waste and their current and upcoming Built Environment projects – existing: halving waste to landfill, RES House and case studies on non-domestic refurbishment (retro fit Scotland) upcoming: ensuring sustainable construction. Michael concluded his presentation by outlining Resource Efficient Scotland's energy related projects, their toolkits and their education services.

## **7. APSE Update includes an APSE Energy update**

**Speaker: Louise McMillan, Principal Advisor (Scotland), APSE**

Louise McMillan provided a comprehensive update on the work of the Association. This included an update on the research projects which had been recently completed by APSE including the Local Water publication.

The group were also informed of upcoming research projects taking place including the bespoke report for Scotland on the Future Role of Elected Members which would be due for release at the start of November.

Louise provided the group with an update on the work of APSE Energy including June's launch in the House of Commons, the current membership (38 Councils), meetings with Scottish Government and DECC and recent workshops in Middlesbrough and Portsmouth. Louise provided an overview of the vision, aims and services offered for those in the group unfamiliar with APSE Energy. Louise informed the group that APSE Energy were currently looking into a Scottish launch which will be taking place before Christmas.

Louise also updated the group on the various forms of advocacy undertaken by APSE recently including a meeting with Scottish Government civil servants on the work of APSE Energy, meeting with the Improvement Service in relation to the Local Government Benchmarking Framework as well as our continued work with Scottish Government with regards to Better Eating Better Learning and the NHS Health Scotland/ Scottish Government free school meals evaluation.

Louise completed the presentation by updating the group on APSEs services including APSE Solutions, APSE Training, Performance Networks and the upcoming seminars.

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**Attendee List**

Louise McMillan	APSE
Garry Lee	APSE
Cllr Ramsay Milne	Aberdeen City Council
Mai Muhammad	Aberdeen City Council
Cllr Donald Balsillie	Clackmannanshire Council
Lawrence Hunter	Clackmannanshire Council
Sarah Farrell	East Ayrshire Council
Neil Grant	East Ayrshire Council
Gbemisola Taiwo	East Dunbartonshire Council
Jimmy Gray	East Dunbartonshire Council
Adekoyojo Olugbile	Falkirk Council
Graham Pinfield	Glasgow City Council
Jackie Sayer	Highland Council
Chris Morris	Local Energy Scotland
Linda Johnston	North Lanarkshire Council
Jim Reilly	North Lanarkshire Council
Elaine Scott	Renfrewshire Council
Angela Coyle	Renfrewshire Council
Craig Thorpe	Renfrewshire Council
Peter Rogers	West Lothian Council
Michael Hilarion	Zero Waste Scotland

**Apologies List**

Cllr Jean Morrison	Aberdeen City Council
Mark Reilly	Aberdeen City Council
Kathleen Allan	Aberdeenshire Council
Elaine Murray	Aberdeenshire Council
Emma Dondaldson	Aberdeenshire Council
Cllr Les Sharp	Clackmannanshire Council
Brenda Roddy	Falkirk Council
David Hammond	North Ayrshire Council
Gordon Laing	North Lanarkshire Council
Paul Jukes	North Lanarkshire Council