

ENERGY SUB-GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE:

- To plan and co-ordinate a joined up strategic approach to energy across North Wales, including development of the Regional Energy Plan.
- To plan and co-ordinate the delivery of strategic interventions, including relevant Growth Deal projects under the Low Carbon Energy Programme.
- To report to the NWEAB on progress, performance, outcomes and funding issues.

RELATIONSHIP WITH ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD:

- The Chair of the Sub-Group will be invited to meetings of the NWEAB to report on progress, performance and outcomes.
- The Sub-Group will require relevant updates from project sponsors for each of the Low Carbon Energy projects, namely Morlais, Smart Local Energy Networks, Trawsfynydd Power Station and the Nuclear Centre of Excellence.

MEMBERSHIP:

Core Members

The core membership of the Sub-Group will comprise:

Organisation	Representative
North Wales Economic Ambition Board	Link Member & Low Carbon Project Sponsor
Local Authority	TBC
Welsh Government / UK Government	TBC
Business Delivery Board / North Wales Mersey Dee Business Council	Chair
Marine energy sector representative	TBC
Nuclear energy sector representative	TBC
Community energy sector representative	TBC
Offshore wind sector representative	TBC
Distribution Network Operator / Transmission System Operator	TBC
Transport sector representative	TBC
Heat sector representative	TBC
Welsh Government Energy Service	Strategic Lead
Higher Education	TBC
Natural Resources Wales	TBC

The NWEAB link member will Chair the first meeting of the Sub-Group, at which a decision will be taken by members regarding the Chair for future meetings.

Representatives will be nominated by the relevant sector or body. They should have sufficient seniority and or sectoral presence to fully participate in the work of the Group.

Conflict of Interest

To allow the Group to undertake all its function, a clear distinction will be drawn between those involved in specific project development and those preparing recommendations on those projects to the North Wales Economic Ambition Board. A robust system of declaration of conflict of interest will be put in place.

The Sub-Group will engage with other key partners in the area who have a material interest in the projects under development and in the development of the regional energy plan and are involved in the preparation, implementation and delivery of work in this area. These partners will include, but are not limited to:

- Industry
- Natural Resources Wales
- Individual Local Authorities
- Mid Wales Growth Partnership
- Liverpool City Region
- Cheshire and Warrington LEP
- Further education
- Tidal energy developers

The Sub-Group can consider what other bodies, if any, it wishes to invite to contribute to its work and to what extent.

Membership should be reviewed regularly to ensure the purpose identified is supported and resourced for delivery.

Other people may attend the meetings as an observer with the agreement of the Sub-Group.

SECRETARIAT:

Administrative support for the Sub-Group is provided by the NWEAB programme management office. This includes:

- Ensuring the Sub-Group is established and meets regularly;
- Preparing the agenda and papers for meetings;
- Inviting participants and managing attendance.

REVIEW:

- Terms of reference will be reviewed annually.