

## COMMISSION MEETING: 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019

Meeting No: 8  
Date and time: 10th October 2019; 09:00-13:00  
Place: 11-15 Thistle Street EH2 1DF

Attendees: Ian Russell, Chair  
Grahame Smith  
Iain Docherty  
Jan Webb  
John Trower  
Mary Pitcaithy  
Rachel Skinner  
Sara Thiam  
Tony Rose  
Jonathan Moore  
Lynne Ward  
Paula Richardson  
Angela Scott (presentation)

Apologies: Ken Gillespie  
Benny Higgins

No	Item
1	<p>The Chair welcomed the Commissioners and Angela Scott, Chief Executive of Aberdeen City Council.</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Ken Gillespie Benny Higgins</p> <p><u>Declaration of interest</u> John Trower advised of change to Declaration: has become Director of Utopi.</p>
2	<p><b>Angela Scott, Chief Executive, Aberdeen City Council</b></p> <p>Angela gave a presentation to the Commissioners, with the theme of the “lift experience of a city”. Some areas discussed included: being resilient to economic shocks; net migration challenges, around Brexit concerns; changes to support the transition to a low-carbon economy; focus of Authority’s spend and role of independent economic policy panel; and the appropriate urban governance model and local governance bill.</p> <p>The Chair and Commissioners thanked Angela for a very interesting and invaluable presentation.</p>
3	<p><b>Minutes from Previous Meeting</b></p>

	Approved, no comments.
<b>4</b>	<b>Actions from Previous Meeting</b>
	TR spoke through the action list, highlighting actions which were ongoing.
<b>5</b>	<b>Schedule of Stakeholder Meetings</b>
	It was noted that Commissioners should schedule key stakeholder meetings, including media discussions, for the second half of November.
<b>6</b>	<b>Evidence &amp; Research Update</b>
	LW updated on the 3 research reports: Net Zero Carbon (NZC), Inclusive Economic Growth (IEG) and Ipsos Mori (IM). Drafts of each of these have now been circulated. It was agreed that final versions will be circulated by 21 <sup>st</sup> October.
<b>7</b>	<b>Phase 1 Report – Key findings</b>
	TR discussed the draft executive summary which highlights areas of priority, but also signposts final areas of work and clarification. Commissioners discussed areas for development which included the importance of setting the scene of the Commissioner’s focus more explicitly e.g. on the combination of inclusive economic growth and net zero carbon; and development of the draft recommendations. Revised draft to be circulated by 11 <sup>th</sup> October. A draft full report will be prepared for the November meeting.
<b>8</b>	<b>Phase 1 Report – Handling Strategy</b>
	JM presented the report which had a detailed timeframe and handling options, as well as highlighting follow-up activities for early 2020, to support the report launch. The recommended approach was agreed.
<b>9</b>	<b>Phase 2 Scoping</b>
	TR gave a verbal update of the remit for Phase 2 and discussed potential scope and methodologies. A future report will detail out more clearly the Phase 2 activities for agreement.
<b>10</b>	<b>AOCB</b>
	TR tabled the executive summary which had been designed, for illustration. This will be further developed, with the December report being fully designed.
<b>11</b>	<b>Close</b>
	The Chair thanked the Commissioners for their contributions.