

Energy and Clean Growth Group

27th June 2022

Net Zero Forum

Patrick Alcorn from BEIS and Hannah Bartram gave an overview of the first meeting which covered TOR and focus areas. There are four main areas of focus which Hannah can update on briefly at the Board.

Data

There was further discussion around the issues of data collection and the importance of reliable data for net zero. This will be one of the key areas that the Net Zero Forum will look at and ADEPT will work with BEIS on this

Ichooser

Ichooser delivers Solar Together- a bulk buying solar scheme. There have been some issues around capacity and delivery leading to delays. A further meeting is being arranged to discuss options.

County Deals

Many members are involved in developing County Deals. How to get a consistent approach to climate change and net zero and the value of this was discussed. As a result a meeting was arranged by Hannah Bartram with those already negotiating County Deals to see if a more collective approach on this issue to provide consistency would be useful

Green Finance – what new mechanisms are people developing e.g. Green Bonds.

There was a general discussion on who was doing what on finance and it was recognised this is a cross cutting ADEPT issue. This will also be an area of focus for the Net Zero Forum.

Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill – SPF – Feedback from Public Bill Committee

Carolyn McKenzie gave feedback on the session. There are some significant omissions with regards to environment and net zero.

BEIS assured that some of these issues were being addressed but it was agreed there should be a follow up by ADEPT.

Land Use Framework (Gov)

Carolyn McKenzie gave feedback on the Lords Select Committee on a potential Land Use Framework nationally. There were some really positive discussions around ecosystem services and the links to nature recovery. A follow up would also be useful.