

Net Zero Vision – City Leadership Board – Proposed Terms of Reference

This document sets out a Terms of Reference for delivery of the Net Zero Vision and the Strategic Infrastructure Plan – Energy Transition. It proposes a membership and objectives for the Board.

<p>Vision</p> <p>The Net Zero Vision for city is: <i>We want Aberdeen to become a climate positive city at the same time, helping to lead the world on the rapid shift to a net zero future by leveraging its unique assets and capabilities to support the global energy transition.</i></p> <p>The vision for the Strategic Infrastructure Plan - Energy Transition is: <i>To outline infrastructure projects which will contribute to the city’s energy transition from fossil based to net carbon zero public sector; net carbon zero city and ultimately a climate positive city over the next few decades.</i></p> <p>To achieve these visions, Aberdeen City Council, working with leading experts in the field from across the United Kingdom and the world , will provide a renewed focus and strength of leadership that will see the city lead the way in managing the energy transition of a city as well as leading the way in the transition of our economy from one reliant on oil and gas to one leading the way in alternative energies.</p>
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The City Leadership Board - Proposed Membership
Aberdeen City Council - Chair
Centre for Cities
ONE
Crown Estate Scotland
Fraser of Allander Institute
Scottish Hydrogen Fuel Cells Association (SHFCA)
Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult
SGN
Oil & Gas Technology Centre
BP

Terms of Reference

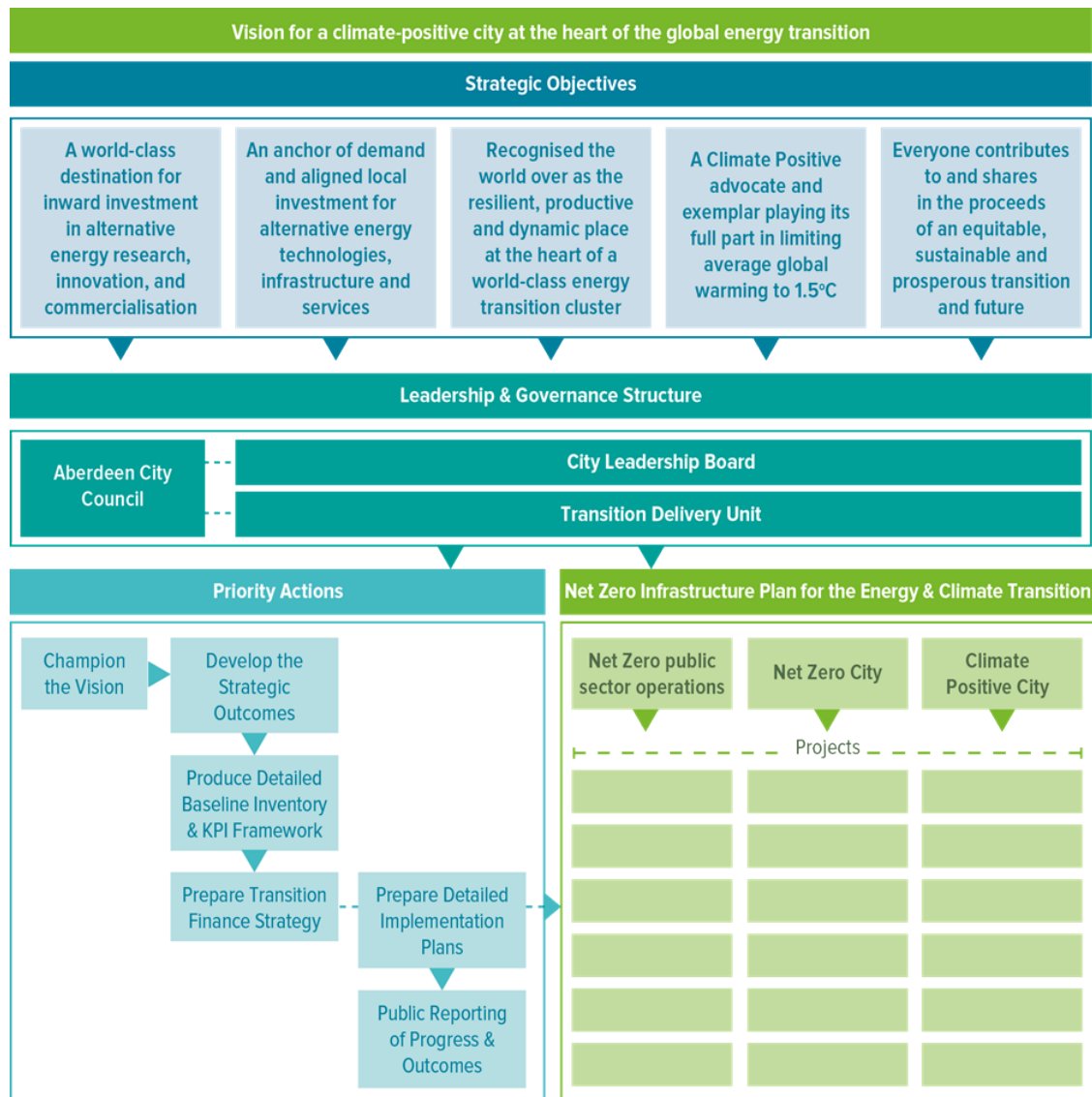
The terms of reference will be kept under review by the members.

1. Name of Group – City Leadership Board – Net Zero Vision

2. Purpose

To provide a platform for collective leadership of the drive to a net zero city, and to build consensus and champion the vision. It will lobby and promote the Vision and the ambition of the city ‘as one’ to the UK Government and the Scottish Government, making clear the scope and scale of the transition opportunity in Aberdeen. The UK and Scottish climate change targets will not be reached if cities like Aberdeen, as source of emissions, and in Aberdeen’s case having a competitive advantage in energy production, technology and innovation, are not successful. The Board will promote the Vision as a national infrastructure and economic development priority, particularly in response to the challenges of Covid-19, fluctuating oil prices and ensuring that the transition towards a net zero city is at the heart of national and regional economic recovery.

The diagram below illustrates the proposed City Leadership Board and its links to the proposed Delivery Unit.



3. Scope

The City Leadership Board will provide its leadership and expertise to:

- To ensure that Aberdeen is at the forefront of the UK and Scotland's return to growth and is bringing a pipeline of projects forward for fiscal or innovative financial instruments that are likely to come on stream eg Green Growth Accelerator Model (GGAM) for local authorities;
- Articulate the case for investment in Aberdeen's transition to a climate positive city, engaging all potential sources of investment capital;
- Ensure that all strategies, plans, investments and operational decisions affecting the city are conceived and executed with carbon emissions reduction, climate positive and energy transition outcomes at their heart;
- Raise a collective and unified voice on the transition opportunity in Aberdeen by encouraging all partners and stakeholders to align their activities with, and act as ambassadors for, the Vision;

- Raise awareness of the transition opportunity in Aberdeen with the UK Presidency of COP-26 and the rescheduled conference and supporting events in November 2021;
- Agree delivery milestones and work plans of the Delivery Unit;
- Monitor the effectiveness of implementation and delivery of the Strategic Infrastructure Plan towards the achievement of the overall vision.

4. Membership and Frequency of Meetings

The City Leadership Board will meet quarterly, taking place in Aberdeen and/ or virtually to accommodate attendance from all members. All meetings will be chaired by Councillor Laing, Co Leader of Aberdeen City Council.

5. Resources

The Board will be supported by officers of Aberdeen City Council, with resources from a range of stakeholders will be required to support the operational activity delivered by the workstreams within the Delivery Unit's work plans. Meeting agendas and minutes will be provided by Aberdeen City Council, including preparing agendas and supporting papers/ information.