

## APPENDIX 1

### International Travel Annual Update

<b>Event</b>	<b>ONS Stavanger</b>
<b>Date</b>	30 – 31 August 2022
<b>Attendees</b>	2 x City Growth Officers
<b>Overview</b>	<p>Advance meetings set up at ONS with local authority representatives from the Øygarden, Stavanger and Hammerfest regions of Norway, and Esbjerg in Denmark.</p> <p>Sessions around hydrogen financing, hydrogen supply chain, circular economy, energy start-ups and offshore wind supply chains were attended.</p> <p><b>Øygarden</b> – an island municipality in Vestland Country stretching along South-West coast of Norway. There is no existing relationship with Øygarden, the meeting was undertaken at the request of Procurement colleagues. Bergen’s cargo port will be moving to Øygarden and thus the region is poised for development and involvement in offshore wind projects, hydrogen and particularly CCUS, thus interested in establishing connection with Aberdeen.</p> <p><b>Stavanger</b> – a network member of WECP and annually involved in Aberdeen’s Christmas Tree and Light Switch-on celebration. Arrangements for the Christmas Tree activity on 17 November were discussed, Stavanger hope to bring over a wider energy-related delegation to meet with stakeholders and conduct site visits having not been able to do so for the past few years. In relation to WECP, Stavanger support moving the Working Group meeting to coincide with CERA Week and are keen to work with Esbjerg/Aberdeen/Stavanger as European member meetings on specific collaboration, possibly around university connections or energy solutions.</p> <p><b>Hammerfest</b> – an MoU partner. Updates on energy and transitioning projects in both cities were given, Hammerfest are undergoing port investment and development; Horisont Energi have launched Barents Blue project around production of ammonia and carbon capture and Nussir are constructing the world’s first fully electrified copper mine. Offshore floating wind around Hammerfest coast future potential. Future virtual and in-person meetings discussed.</p> <p><b>Esbjerg</b> – introduction made to new president city of WECP. Esbjerg also in support of Working Group meet to coincide with CERA Week. Esbjerg Mayor driving specific collaboration between European cities of Esbjerg/Aberdeen/Stavanger, particularly around university connections. Also keen to expand membership of WECP and hear more about MoU new and potential connections Aberdeen has.</p>

<b>Follow-up</b>	<p><b>Øygarden</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send HPO brochure around hydrogen</li> <li>• Retain contact for future follow-up once cargo port is established and trade or export opportunities for Aberdeen businesses can be explored</li> </ul> <p><b>Stavanger</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish wider itinerary for Christmas Tree Light visit</li> <li>• Regular Stavanger/Esbjerg/Aberdeen virtual meet set up to progress ideas for a European WECP project, with support from Scottish Government obtained</li> </ul> <p><b>Hammerfest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitation to Mayor of Hammerfest to attend WEC Summit in Aberdeen in October</li> <li>• Update MoU action plan and circulate for approval</li> <li>• Connection of Ports</li> </ul> <p><b>Esbjerg</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular Stavanger/Esbjerg/Aberdeen virtual meet set up to progress ideas for a European WECP project, with support from Scottish Government obtained</li> <li>• Meetings with suitable cities, interested in WECP membership (Kaohsiung, Taiwan)</li> </ul> <p><b>New contacts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norwegian Energy Partners, to follow up with RE business-to-business events.</li> <li>• Possible electrolyser production – City Development to follow up</li> </ul>
<b>Future attendance</b>	ONS is still dominated by oil and gas operators and related companies. Impact of attendance is more limited without a wider presence from Scotland or UK trade bodies.

<b>Event</b>	<b>WECP Annual General Meeting, Esbjerg</b>
<b>Date</b>	5 – 8 October 2022
<b>Attendees</b>	Lord Provost plus one supporting City Growth Officer
<b>Overview</b>	<p>Attendance at the WECP Officers' Meeting and the AGM. Agenda items included WECP strategy review, bylaws update, marketing and communications, member reports, business to business co-operation and academic partnerships. Full minutes documented and received.</p> <p>Attendance at a Green Transition event with the Danish Energy Agency, to make connections with Danish and global developers in renewable projects.</p> <p>Guided tour of Port of Esbjerg.</p> <p>Delivered presentation at Aalborg University event on research-based knowledge as key to the green transition, raising profile of Aberdeen's involvement in the World Energy Council just transition project; Net Zero Technology Centre's innovative programmes and the</p>

	decommissioning, subsea and transition-based centres at the city's universities.
<b>Follow-up</b>	<p>To share outputs of Phase 1 of the World Energy Council Just Transition projects with WECP member cities and investigate potential to widen consortium membership at later phases to include other cities.</p> <p>To continue to promote Aberdeen's WECP network links to local businesses through engagement and participation in SDI and DIT supply chain events and field officer visits. WECP intends to reconvene on a business-to-business cooperation workstream at the Board Meeting during CERAWeek in March 2023, to engage with AREG and other city stakeholders as a potential conduit to facilitating collaboration between Aberdeen businesses and those from WECP cities.</p> <p>To support Esbjerg who will lead the workstream on furthering academic partnerships. To facilitate initial engagement with University of Aberdeen, RGU and NESCOL to determine interest in student/teacher exchange in courses related to energy production and technology.</p> <p>To continue to promote Aberdeen's projects and progress in renewables and to share those achievements of WECP network cities on our own social media channels, through maintaining active links with the WECP Marketing and Comms postholder.</p>

<b>Event</b>	<b>WECP Board Meeting at CERAWeek, Houston</b>
<b>Date</b>	6 – 10 March 2023
<b>Attendees</b>	1 x City Growth Officer
<b>Overview</b>	<p>Attendance at the WECP Working Group Board Meeting and the CERAWeek Conference. CERAWeek proved to be a valuable learning experience due to the diverse conference agenda which featured high-level speakers and attendees including presidents of notable energy companies and holders of Secretary of State positions.</p> <p>WECP hosts a schedule of events within the CERAWeek programme, and WECP members receive free access to the Executive Conference and Innovative Agora sessions.</p> <p>Participation as panel member in session “European Energy Security: What role for green hydrogen?”, chaired by S&amp;P Global.</p> <p>Chaired a table at WECP's Hydrogen Leadership Dinner, leading discussions with other governments and business leaders around generating inward investment for cities and hydrogen collaboration opportunities.</p>

<p><b>Follow-up</b></p>	<p><b>Calgary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Growth to follow up on connection made with the Mayor of Calgary around energy transition and city centre regeneration</li> </ul> <p><b>Perth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential collaboration opportunities focused on hydrogen, City Growth to follow up with Govt of Western Australia officers</li> </ul> <p><b>Boston Consulting Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivered presentation at WECP Board Meeting which is to be shared</li> </ul> <p><b>German Federal Government</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential collaboration opportunities focused on hydrogen, City Growth to follow up</li> </ul> <p><b>Greater Houston Partnership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement with representatives of Greater Houston Partnership at Aberdeen-Houston Gateway, to connect local businesses looking to export with the Partnership</li> </ul>