

Regional (EPN) Group meeting



Date: Tuesday 01 September 2020

Time: 1.00pm to 4.00pm

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Attendees

CEG

Peter Bennell
Nigel Cornwall
Andrew Mackintosh

UK Power Networks

Ian Cameron
Nuno da Fonseca
Neil Madgwick
Max Taylor
Sam Bould (KPMG)

Agenda

1.00pm	Introductions to the session
1.10pm	Challenges facing EPN customers and stakeholders and UK Power Networks' emerging thinking about how the ED2 business plan will address them.
2.30pm	Cambridge and Peterborough deep dives.
3.50pm	AOB.

Meeting summary

UKPN and the EPN group met to introduce the EPN region. This meeting included:

- (i) An overview of the investment planning process with worked examples of this in practice;
- (ii) Key overviews and summaries of the EPN region, including the regions challenges, data, businesses, engagement to date and examples of how these will be supported within ED2;
- (iii) An overview of the Cambridge region deep dives with detailed overview and work-throughs of the investments and growth being supported by UKPN within these regions; and
- (iv) A detailed overview of the makeup of vulnerability within the region.

Discussion

Key discussions and steer focused around:

- (i) Discussion around the potential key challenges and changes the region might see to strategic planning, development and vulnerability across ED2;
- (ii) Discussion on the use of smart data and how this is influencing development of strategic planning and investment within EPN;

- (iii) Discussion and steer around the development of heating technologies and EV deployment support across ED2; and
- (iv) Discussion specifically on the Cambridge area, and the key challenges around development in this high growth area. The EPN group also provided steer and support around managing complex stakeholder relationships in this region to address potential investment issues.

Actions and next steps

Action – UKPN to invite EPN CEG (and other regional group members) to the 15 LEP / Local Investment Planning meetings areas across September / October.

Action – UKPN to schedule a session with CEG (all groups) around the SSMC approach to strategic investment and local and centralised energy planning (with UKPN leads on SSMC response).