

Regional Group meeting



Date: Tuesday 22 September 2020

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Attendees

CEG

Peter Bennell
Ann Bishop
Nigel Cornwall
John Hargreaves
Andrew Mackintosh
Peter Atherton
Dan Byles
Ashleye Gunn
Julie Pyke
Ralitsa Hiteva
Nikki Stopford
Peter Vicary Smith

UK Power Networks

Max Taylor
Daniel Saker
Neil Madgwick
Colin Nicholl
Luke Hughes
Sam Bould (KPMG)

Agenda

11.30am	Introductions and overview of session
11.40am	Overview of UKPN regionally focussed engagement events
12.40pm	Overview of UKPN DFES regional engagement
1.20pm	AOB

Meeting summary

UKPN and the joint regional groups met, with UKPN presenting on:

- (i) An overview of UKPNs regional ED2 engagement and how these would be feeding into development of the DFES and regional strategic investment;
- (ii) An overview of the regionally focused engagement events taking place to inform development of the ED2 business plans and early findings in this area; and
- (iii) An overview of the strategic investment process and how this interacts with facets of the DFES and wider roles functions of network planning.

Discussion

Key discussions and steer focused around:

- (i) Provided steer to UKPN on the scope, depth and input being sought from regionally focused engagement events (such as with Local Authorities), specifically around the

specific stakeholder groups UKPN would be seeking to engage with recommendations for an increased scope;

- (ii) The format and process for running regional Local Authority DFES workshops and other regionally focused engagement events being used to inform development of the Business Plans;
- (iii) Steer and discussion around the differences in the levels of PSR sign ups between the UKPN networks, with desire from the regional groups to see further information and context on the drivers of differences; and
- (iv) Further discussion and steer around delivery of local level engagement.

Actions and next steps

Action – UKPN to develop a simple 1 pager on the different ongoing engagements including those outside of the core engagement programme.

Action – UKPN to provide an overview of the “completeness” of their engagement activities and who they engage with in excess of the LA / LEP focused engagements.

Action – UKPN to present some examples around how they focus on and support specific issues identified below the local authority level, such as localised problems and worst served customers.

Action – UKPN to consider further discussion / response to explain the differences in levels of London region PSR sign up.

Action - UKPN to supplement the 5 categories of evidence being sought for regional investments with an additional category around the identification and mitigation of customer and connection specific barriers to involvement / take up of technologies.