

Regional Group meeting



Date: Monday 09 November 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
Neil Madgwick
Colin Nicholl
Luke Hughes
James Hope
Sam Bould (KPMG)

Agenda

1.30pm	Introductions and overview of session
1.40pm	Overview of UKPN regional approach to local level engagement
2.20pm	Overview of UKPN feedback from DFES workshops
3.00pm	Overview of UKPN approach to strategic planning for ED1 and ED2
3.40pm	AOB

Meeting summary

UKPN and the joint regional groups met, with UKPN presenting on the recent DFES local authority engagements. This included:

- (i) An overview of the approach UKPN will be taking to local level engagements across ED2 and their alignment with business plan development, including the key engagement routes, stakeholders and process to be followed;
- (ii) A feedback session / overview of the views UKPN had received from Local Authorities as part of the 15 DFES engagement sessions on strategic investment and alignment across the ED2 planning process; and
- (iii) An overview of the other local stakeholders and wider support to be provided by UKPN around strategic planning and investment for ED2.

Discussion

Key discussions and steer focused around:

- (i) The group discussed regional dimensions and how regional messages feed into plans. UKPN outlined they generally develop non-regional specific strategies (such as the co-design workshops which are topic aligned);
- (ii) The CEG provided positive feedback on the delivery and discussion within the sessions taking place so far, with some additional considerations for future sessions; and
- (iii) The group discussed the tradeoffs associated with the strategic investment process, and how UKPN balance conflicting stakeholder views.

Actions and next steps

Action – UKPN to add additional / new DFES regional engagements to wider engagement tracking spreadsheet and the ongoing CEG newsletter to inform the CEG.

Action – CEG to consolidate the Regional Data Request following the session.

Action – CEG members who received feedback from stakeholders on the DFES sessions to encourage those stakeholders to feed these views back to UKPN.