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Liverpool City Region APPG: Building Energy Resilience in the Liverpool City Region

Towards a resilient, affordable, and efficient City Region

Tuesday 19th July 12:00-14:00

Rewatch the session here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouPKFsnP6Eo>

The meeting commenced with a short Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to confirm the appointment of Baroness Gloria Hooper as an officer of the Liverpool City Region APPG.

Introductions and welcome

- Welcome and introduction by Vice Chair, Mick Whitley MP (Birkenhead) standing in as Chair for Kim Johnson MP (Liverpool Riverside)
- Introduced context of fuel poverty in Liverpool

Presentation of research

Sue Jarvis, Co-Director of the Heseltine Institute for Public Policy, Practice and Place presented the research paper, 'Fairness, resilience and prosperity: addressing energy and net zero challenges in Liverpool City region'.

- Explained that with the UK facing a multidimensional energy challenge, the LCR is particularly vulnerable, and net zero transition be done fairly
- Highlights LCR's geographical assets which should be harnessed for skilled jobs

Panel discussion

The Chair introduced the panel: Steve Rotheram, Mayor of the Liverpool City Region; Mick Blakeley, Service Delivery Manager, Liverpool Citizens' Advice; Guy Jefferson, Chief Operating Officer, Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN); and Liam O'Sullivan, Director of SP Manweb, SPEN.

Key points made were:

- Mersey Tidal Power would provide jobs and energy security (SR)
- HyNet is not perfect, but we cannot wait for perfect technology (SR)
- Citizens' Advice is seeing significant rises in people with energy concerns (MB)
- Many homes are in disrepair so boosting efficiency only goes so far (MB)
- SPEN's £3.3bn business plan is about efficiency, not just new infrastructure (GJ)
- SPEN investment beneficial for net zero and good jobs in LCR and elsewhere (LO)



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Questions

There was a wide range of questions, and the main themes were:

- Whether HyNet is the most efficient solution: SR reiterated we cannot 'wait for perfect', and it is one solution of many; GJ concurred
- SPEN's role: as a network provider not retailer but must ensure costs to consumers are minimal (GJ), and can assist Glass Futures (LO)
- Current government 'afraid of start-up costs' (MW)
- Tidal: enough for 1m homes but flawed business case requirement forces this to be understated (SR)

Closing remarks

Chair summarised the meeting, thanking the panel, secretariat and sponsors, and notified of the next APPG session on housing scheduled for 19th October.