

Worcestershire Energy Strategy

Stakeholder Engagement Workshops

Draft Agenda

- 09:30 Refreshments available
- 10:00 Welcome and Introduction
Worcestershire LEP
- 10:05 Worcestershire LEP Energy Strategy: Context & Progress
Encraft
- 10:35 Introduction to Energy Vision and Key Priorities
Encraft
- 10:50 Group workshops – actions and targets in each priority area
- Worcestershire's low carbon energy potential
 - Growth of Worcestershire's low carbon sector
 - Fuel poverty in Worcestershire
 - Grid capacity in Worcestershire
 - Energy related planning policy
- Facilitated by Sustainability West Midlands
- 11:35 Feedback from group workshops
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- 11:55 Next steps and close

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Background to the development of Energy Strategy

Encraft and Sustainability West Midlands (SWM) have been commissioned by Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to produce an Energy Strategy and Implementation Plan for the county.

The Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (WLEP) is developing the energy strategy to build awareness of the LEP's role in the context of energy, provide a pathway for the LEP to build on previous work, capitalise on the area's strengths and address the challenges of decarbonisation to deliver affordable energy and clean growth for Worcestershire.

The work will inform the development of Worcestershire's Local Industrial Strategy and other relevant local strategic plans including development planning. Its aim is to identify local power, heat and transport opportunities and to take forward a strong pipeline of low carbon projects.

The energy strategy will be closely aligned with emerging priorities outlined in the government's Industrial Strategy white paper and the Clean Growth Strategy. WLEP has secured funding from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to develop the energy strategy and implementation plan. The funding will be used to ensure that the strategy is based on current and relevant evidence, to develop a comprehensive action plan (including funding sources), to consult with key stakeholders and to highlight sectors, industries and areas where energy could potentially drive most economic growth.

Scope of work

- Develop the evidence base for Worcestershire LEP bringing together previous studies into one document that also identifies any relevant gaps necessary to inform strategy development.
- Develop an energy strategy taking into account the updated evidence base and stakeholder engagement in order to shape the following outcomes:
 - The LEP's long-term ambitions, aims and objectives to develop Worcestershire's low carbon economy and energy system
 - Identifying opportunities to invest in energy efficiency and decarbonisation, and low carbon energy generation projects
 - Growing Worcestershire's low carbon sector through business support and eco-innovation
 - Tackling fuel poverty and provision of affordable energy

Next steps

Feedback from the workshops will be taken into account in the development of the Energy Strategy.

- Provision of draft WLEP Energy strategy: September 2018
- Provision of final strategy: November 2018