

## Zero Carbon Future symposium

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**10-5pm, 21 May 2019, Pitt Building, Cambridge. 30-40 expert participants**

### Outline

A participative expert symposium organised by Carbon Neutral Cambridge on behalf of South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council (TBC) supported by the Cambridge University's Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, South Cambs District Council, Cambridge City Council (TBC) Further sponsorship is anticipated from local businesses.

### Objective:

- To help inform policy development for the new joint Greater Cambridge Local Plan.
- To help councils become confident and well informed in using their leadership, local planning powers and partnerships to accelerate the transition to Net Zero Carbon.

We understand that among the key questions that local councils would like to address are:

- What should a Zero Carbon target mean in practice to Councils?
- What powers (both soft power and statutory) are available to Councils to help achieve this?
- What examples are available to support the use of these powers.

To allow participants to share experiences freely, the symposium discussions will be held under the Chatham House Rule. It will be followed by the production of a professionally written 2-3000 word report on the recommendations arising from the day, to be used for public engagement purposes.

### Draft Agenda

**9:30 Registration:**

**10:00 Welcome and introductions**

**10:10 Overview: climate policy**

Chair: Professor Laura Diaz Anadon, Professor of Climate Policy, Department of Land Economy, Cambridge University.

Speaker from The Committee on Climate Change (subject to confirmation): to discuss the legally binding national targets, and The CCC's recently launched (2 May 2019) Net Zero recommendations to HMG

Stephen Kelly of SCDC (subject to confirmation, or a deputy from Shared Planning Service) to give an overview of local policy objectives and outline issues on which the participants' input would be useful.

Discussion.

**11:10 Break**

### **11:25 Zero Carbon local planning in the housing sector**

Chair: Professor Laura Diaz Anadon, Cambridge University.

Richard Twinn, Senior Policy Advisor, UK Green Building Council. Overview on how other local authorities are using their local planning powers. The new industry led net zero carbon building standard.

Speaker from a housing association (subject to confirmation) on their practical experience of providing very high sustainability standards in social housing.

Carly Leonard CEO of Peterborough Environment City Trust on their collaboration with local councils to address fuel poverty in Fenland and Cambridge City.

Discussion.

### **13:00 Lunch**

### **13:45 Building the partnerships: The experience of other cities**

Chair: Terry Macalister, Freelance Journalist and Ex-Energy Editor, The Guardian

Professor Andy Gouldson, Chair, Leeds Climate Commission.

Tim Sadler, Executive Director, Sustainable City, Oxford City Council (subject to confirmation)

Discussion

### **15:00 Break**

### **15:20 Transport, energy and equity**

Chair: Terry Macalister

Town and Country Planning Association speaker (subject to confirmation) on designing new settlements for transport and equity

Bouygues UK speaker (subject to confirmation) Overview on what local authorities are doing on energy. How to use it as a source of revenue

Discussion

### **16:30 Summary**

### **16:45 Council Leaders**

A few words from Lewis Herbert (subject to confirmation) and Cllr Pippa Heylings, (on behalf of Bridget Smith)

### **16:50 Closing comments**

### **17:00 end of formal agenda**

Drinks and networking (subject to sponsorship)

### **18:00 end**