
WPD CEG MEETING MINUTES - SUMMARY

MEETING	WPD CEG Meeting
DATE	12 March 2020
TIME	0845 – 1600
THEMES FOR THE MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RIIO-ED2 Business Plan Preparation• Local Energy Plans• Lessons learnt from GD2 / T2• Writing the Business Plan• Meetings of the research / innovation and competition / regional drivers and net zero / workforce resilience subgroups	

OPENING REMARKS AND REVIEW OF LAST MEETING [CLOSED]

The CEG chair opened the session. The apologies were recorded. No conflicts were raised. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. In terms of matters arising, there was a discussion about availability of certain members to attend these meetings.

- All members were asked to revisit the TOR and reconfirm their conflicts with the Secretariat.
- It was noted that a lot of the value delivered by the CEG will be in changes to the process and not just the outcome and that we must record this.
- Members of the research subgroup raised that they had attended WPD's recent stakeholder workshops and focus groups. The point was made that WPD had really responded to the need for 'co-creation'.

SESSION ONE: RIIO ED2 BUSINESS PLAN PREPARATION [OPEN]

WPD presented an overview of the roadmap for producing the first draft of the company's RIIO-ED2 Business Plan. The comments and questions raised by members included:

- What was meant when WPD said it wanted its Business Plan Owners to be 'ambitious and stretching'.
- Clarity on what WPD's strategic vision for the Business Plan is, as well as the underlying objectives that sit behind it.
- That WPD would need an adaptive plan to manage current uncertainties in the industry and that this requires the balancing of cost of adaptability versus the risk of not having it.
- How the subgroups would engage with the chapter leads as the Draft Business Plan is developed.

The actions, clarifications and challenges from this session include:

- WPD to set out its strategic vision, as well as the criteria through which it will internally assess the quality of its Business Plan.

SESSION TWO: LOCAL ENERGY PLANS - A BOTTOM UP-ED2 BUSINESS PLAN [OPEN]

WPD provided an overview of how the company is responding to challenges raised in relation to the local energy plans that will inform future energy scenarios and investment decisions. The comments and questions raised by members included:

- The scale of investment WPD anticipate needing to make in network capacity and how this might change depending on different decarbonisation targets – as well as who will pay for it.
- The importance of ensuring WPD does not act as a brake on the development of local authority decarbonisation plans.
- How to manage trade-offs between the different stakeholders involved.
- That the evolution of WPD's engagement in this area represented a step change in response to a CEG challenge.

The actions, clarifications and challenges from this session include:

- WPD to set out the principle and methodology behind how it will manage the trade-offs inherent in the delivery of local energy plans.
- WPD to explain how the required capacity delivered in previous Business Plans was funded and what scale it was.

SESSION THREE: LESSONS LEARNT FROM GD2 / T2 [OPEN]

This session was an open discussion, led by the Chair, to examine the lessons learnt by the CEGs and User Groups in GD2 and T2. The comments and questions raised by members included:

- The importance of ensuring that as a CEG we set out the decision-making process for reaching conclusions in our final report.

No actions, clarifications or challenges were raised during this session.

SESSION FOUR: WRITING THE CEG REPORT [OPEN]

One of the CEG members briefed the group on the subgroup TOR as well as the proposed approach to writing the report chapters. The comments and questions raised by members included:

- Members agreed with the TOR for the subgroups.
- There was a discussion about whether the CEG should be publishing reports alongside WPD's draft Business Plan in December 2020.

SESSION FIVE: SUBGROUP MEETINGS [OPEN]

During this session, four of the subgroups met with relevant WPD leads for their chapters.

SESSION SIX: WRAP UP [CLOSED]

During this session, the subgroups provided an update to members on the outcomes of their meetings.