

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECONOMIC GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (GEGSC)

REPORT TO O&S OF THE MEETING HELD IN SHIRE HALL ON TUESDAY 31ST MAY 2022

Background

Some years ago, the **Gloucestershire Economic Growth Steering Committee (GEGSC)** was created to enable the six Districts and GCC to come together to agree the strategic priorities across the county. As you can imagine, having six District councils competing against each other trying to attract National funding was not entirely successful, particularly when National Govt is trying to find every excuse not to spent money.

The work of this Joint Committee is scrutinised by the **Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee (GEGSC)**. This scrutiny committee has County Council members plus six District Councillors, one from each of the six Districts.

Meetings in May 2022

The Agenda and papers for the GEGSC meeting can be found here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/online-meetings/gloucestershire-economic-growth-scrutiny-committee-tuesday-31-may-2022-1000-am/>

The recording of the meeting is here:

https://gloucestershire.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/673325

Normally I would summarise the meeting, but it is so jam-packed full of information, I would just suggest you watch the meeting. In particular:

[2:30seconds in] Cllr Tony Dale Chair of the GEG Steering Committee (who was attending virtually) who gives a very succinct report of the happenings at the Steering Committee held on 19th May. Highlights included an update on the decisions made about:

- The new low carbon & skills centre
- The central Gloucestershire Mass transit Scheme
- The GEGSC's response to the Transport decarbonisation plan.

The questions/debate starts at 7minutes 30 seconds, and there is then a description of the Transport Decarbonisation plan. (The GEGSC joined the Environment Scrutiny Committee for essentially the same presentation earlier in the month. Links to all the background detail are towards the end of this report.)

At 10:00 minutes in, there is discussion of electrification of local railways, other railway improvements and Luisa's Transport De-Carbon presentation. Essentially, nearly 50% of County CO2 emissions are transport related.

The main meat of the Scrutiny meeting starts 22 minutes in. This is a presentation from two developers about the pros and cons of MMC. (Modern Methods of Construction) A previous

presentation had been from manufacturers of MMC, extolling the benefits. This presentation delves into the practicalities of building houses using these methods. It's worth highlighting that the Govt's interest in MMC, is that it speeds up the build process. (Or at least it has the potential so to do!)

This presentation, should be of particular interest to those Members on Planning.

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5th June 2022

Links to the various papers and meeting recordings

The scrutiny meeting follows on from the meeting of the Steering Committee which met on Thursday 19th May. Link to papers and video here:


<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/online-meetings/gloucestershire-economic-growth-joint-committee-thursday-19-may-2022-1000-am/> But I would highlight the following items from the Joint Committee which give a good indication of the wide range of activity being considered at County level:

7. [SEDF Bid - Low Carbon and Skills Training](#)

[Centre](#)  PDF 111 KB

To consider the funding request.

Additional documents:

- [SEDF Bid Assessment - SOG Feedback - Berkeley Low Carbon Training Centre May 2022](#) , item 7  PDF 49 KB

8. [SEDF Bid - Central Gloucestershire Mass Transit](#)

[Scheme](#)  PDF 90 KB


To consider the funding request.


9. [SEDF Bid - The Royal Agricultural University's](#)

['Innovation Village' project](#)  PDF 114 KB

To consider the funding request.

Additional documents:

- [35332B RAU 3ppA4 InnovationVillage Flyer v4](#) , item 9.  PDF 3 MB

- [SEDF Bid Assessment - SOG Feedback - RAU University Gate May 2022 , item 9](#)  PDF 47 KB

Information Reports

10. Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee Update.


11. [UK Shared Prosperity Fund](#) PDF 75 KB

To consider an information report on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, including opportunities for Gloucestershire.

12. [Transport Decarbonisation](#) PDF 470 KB

To receive a presentation on transport decarbonisation.

Additional documents:

- [Transport decarbonisation presentation , item 12](#)  PDF 4 MB

Item 12, Transport Decarbonisation covers the same ground as the presentation given on 24th May to a special joint meeting of the Environment and Economic Growth scrutiny committees. Link to meeting here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/online-meetings/environment-scrutiny-committee-tuesday-24-may-2022-1000-am/>

The Sustainable Transport presentation starts about 9 minutes 45 seconds in. If you have two screens available, you can get Luisa's PowerPoint presentation up on the bigger screen, whilst watching the actual presentation on your laptop.

One recurring item, which is always towards the end of the scrutiny group's meeting is the Director's Report. Tucked away within it is a wealth of information about ongoing activity. It is well worth a glance, particularly if you are interested in cycling infrastructure. Link here: <https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/s81702/Executive%20Directors%20Report%20EEI%20Scrutiny%20-%20May%202022.pdf>