

Innovation Alliance for the West Midlands Innovative Low Carbon Working Group and Smart City Alliance

Thursday 7 June, 14:00 – 17:00

[Coventry City Council](#), One Friargate, Coventry, CV1 2GT

Register of attendance

Name	Initial	Organisation
Gareth Deakin	GD	Advanced Propulsion Centre
David Brown	DB	Aston University
Ric Bravery	RB	City of Wolverhampton Council
Colin Knight	CK	Coventry City Council
Sam Fraser	SF	Coventry City Council
Sara Wilkes	SWi	Coventry City Council
Sarah Watson	SWa	Coventry City Council
Shamala Evans	SE	Coventry City Council
Andrew West	AW	Coventry University
Mark Tyrer	MT	Coventry University
Teresa Jolley	TJ	DEFT153 Ltd.
Suzanne Coles	SC	Energy Systems Catapult
Iain Mansell	IM	Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP
Mike Woollacott	MW	Greenwatt Technology
Ashley Bijster	AB	Imperial Civil Enforcement
James Trotter	JT	Imperial Civil Enforcement
Mark Matchett	MMa	Innovate UK
Jane Holmes	JH	Innovation Alliance
Jenni McDonnell	JM	Knowledge Transfer Network
Tom Hendy	TH	Sustainability West Midlands
Alan Carr	AC	Sustainability West Midlands / Innovation Alliance
Andrew Page	AP	Transport for West Midlands
Martin Mizera	MMi	Unicorn Power Ltd.
David Terry	DT	University of Birmingham
Mike Ahearne	MA	University of Warwick

Please see accompanying slides for more information about each of the agenda items:

- Coventry City Council: low carbon transport innovation in practice
- Deft153 Ltd: The national overview: smart, low carbon transport activity
- Transport for West Midlands: The regional overview: smart, low carbon transport activity
- Consortium for the Demonstration of Intelligent Systems project
- Birmingham Smart City Alliance – introduction

Actions

1. JM provided an update on current/future relevant funding opportunities associated with the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund (ISCF). These are:
 - [Prospering from the Energy Revolution](#) (closes 25 July – Innovate UK and Energy Systems Catapult) includes:
 - Smart local energy systems demonstrators and designs
 - Innovation accelerator fund
 - [Energy Revolution Integration Services](#) (coordinated by Energy Systems Catapult); applicants interested in this element of the fund should contact ESC using [this email address](#) by 18 June
 - [Energy Revolution Research Consortium](#) ([workshop](#) in Birmingham on 9-10 July).
 - The themes of the third wave of the ISCF will be announced in July.
 - A new round of the [Energy Entrepreneurs Fund](#) is due to open in a couple of weeks.
 - A new round of the [Energy Catalyst](#) is due to open late summer.
 - [Open programme funding competition](#) (closes 11 July).
 - A new BEIS Industrial Funding Programme is due to open soon, with an event in September.
2. ILCWG members to [contact JM](#) for more information on any of the above.
3. JM to get in touch [with AW](#) who was particularly interested in the ISCF.
4. Reminder that a [consultation](#) on the draft Clean Air Strategy closes on 14 August.
5. DT to send contact details to CK of the University of Birmingham's [National Buried Infrastructure Facility](#) which could help with the infrastructure aspects of their innovative transport work.
6. JT referred CK to the example of [Project Heineken](#) which could help with the assistance around engaging communities with the smart transport agenda.
7. JH raised her experience with cabling as part of the [Plugged in Midlands](#) programme; JH will discuss further with SE to help with their trailing cable concerns.
8. MW is gathering interest in a rural steering group around Mobility as a Service; [get in touch](#) if you're interested in being involved.
9. [Coventry University Enterprises](#) provides support and funding for businesses, including on low carbon activities; [contact JL](#) for more information.
10. [Enterprise Europe Network](#) can help organisations find partners for projects across borders; [contact JL](#) for more information.
11. [Imperial Civil Enforcement](#) has experience in Low Emission Zones and smart city solutions along with other transport initiatives; [contact AB](#) for more information.
12. JT has contacts with experience in bid management from the organisation [Excellence in Business](#); [get in touch](#) for more details.
13. MT to send details to AC of a Low Emissions Zones in Neighbourhoods event on 27 June.
14. Energy Systems Catapult is running a Transforming Places Conference on 19 June, which will include links to the ICSF and Energy Innovation Zones. [Register here](#).
15. Energy Systems Catapult is open to conversations with organisations considering accessing the [Strength in Places Fund](#); [contact SC](#) for more details.
16. DT highlighted the Greening Birmingham's Transportation: Opportunities for your business event taking place on 14 June; [register here](#).
17. MMA provided an introduction to [Knowledge Transfer Partnerships](#) that can help businesses plug knowledge gaps to help them grow. [Contact MMA](#) for more information.
18. GD highlighted that the [APC10 fund](#) is open for the next three weeks and APC11 will open on 6 August. [Get in touch](#) for more details.
19. The Advanced Propulsion Centre also runs a [SME programme](#); [GD can](#) provide more details.
20. TJ to send an electronic copy of forthcoming smart transport events to AC for circulation, in particular [Things Camp](#) on 16 and 19 June and the [Digital Transport Exchange](#) on 12 July.

21. MMI seeks collaboration with partners on waste to energy, particularly from organisations that handle waste production. [Get in touch](#) for more information.
 22. The [Black Country Smart City Network](#) meeting takes place on 9 July; [get in touch with RB](#) for more details.
- To view the outputs and slides from this ILCWG meeting, visit the [SWM website](#).
 - To keep up to date with current funding opportunities, collaboration opportunities, events, good practice case studies and resources related to low carbon innovation, join [the ILCWG mailing list](#); [contact AC](#) to sign up.

Future meeting dates (venues sought!):

Tuesday 18 September 2018, 14:00 – 17:00

Thursday 6 December 2018, 14:00 – 17:00