**Actions from 24 October Low Carbon Meeting**

24th October 2017, 2pm to 4pm

EirGrid, The Oval, 160 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

Attending:

* Fintan Slye, CEO, **EirGrid** (Chair)
* Robbie Aherne, Strategy Programme Manager, **EirGrid**
* David O’Flynn, Group CSR Manager, **Dawn Meats**
* Niall Hogan, Head of Strategy, **ESB**
* Pat O’Sullivan, Head of Shared Services, **Eir**
* Denis O’Sullivan, Head of Commercial, **Gas Networks Ireland**
* John Curran, Head of Sustainability**, Musgrave** (dialling in)

From **Business in the Community** and **UCD**:

* Bernadette Phelan, Head of Advisory Services, **BITC**
* Nick Reynolds, CSR Advisor**, BITC**
* Aideen O'Dochartaigh, **UCD Michael Smurfit Business School**

Apologies:

* Geertje Schuitema, **UCD School of Business & Energy Institute**
* Patrick Custers, Director of Engineering & Maintenance, **Janssen Sciences**
* Mark Coyne, Director of Innovation & Best Practice, **Veolia**

*The Low Carbon Pledge:*

This was seen as the most pressing issue for the Low Carbon Group and was discussed in depth during the meeting on the 24th October. A three page document highlighting the Low Carbon Pledge and its commitments will be developed and sent around to the Low Carbon Group.

The Aim is to have the Low Carbon Working Group state that they agree to signing-up to the Pledge before the next CEO meeting on the 15th of November. The Pledge can then be expanded to the reminder of the BITCI Leaders Group.

*The 3 Action Areas:*

The following actions will support delivery of the Low Carbon Pledge and a brief discussion was had on the progress of each of them at the meeting on the 24thOctober.

* ***The B2B Platform – Denis O’Sullivan,*** *Gas Networks Ireland*

GNI will be putting together a one page document outlining what the B2B Platform will entail. This will include both the development of the Low Carbon Webpage to provide guidance on best practice, as well as a series of network events hosted by leading signatory companies, to share carbon management knowledge within the group.

SEAI have been approached to see how we can align the Low Carbon Webpage to include what they already have in place. We are currently waiting to hear back from SEAI on this, as they are in the process of re-developing their Website and specifically the ‘Business Responsibility’ section.

Planning for the first Network Meeting, which will be host by GNI, is underway and will be taking place during Q1 of 2018.

* ***Supporting Local Transition to Low Carbon Economy – Mark Coyne,*** *Veolia* ***& David O’Flynn,*** *Dawn Meats*

A number of meetings have been held with SEAI to best understand how Businesses can get involved in a number of their community schemes. This has led to very positive discussions and a one page document has been developed and sent through to SEAI, to see how this may work, with signatory companies engaging with these programmes.

We are currently waiting for feedback from SEAI.

It will not be compulsory for signatory companies to engage in one of these SEAI schemes, but they will need to show how they are supporting local communities in becoming more energy efficient and carbon conscious. These SEAI schemes can be seen as opportunities for companies to support the local push to the low carbon economy if they are not already involved in any other similar actions/projects.

* ***Young Low Carbon Leaders***

Not much progress has been made in this particular action area. However, a one page document highlighting what the Young Leaders Group would entail is being put together and will be sent out to the Low Carbon Group for comments and feedback.