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Comments from the Chair of the Local Enterprise Partnership

These comments relate to agenda item 13 – West of England Energy Strategy

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Written statement to Joint Committee – 1 February 2019

From: Steve West, Chair, West of England Local Enterprise Partnership

This written statement sets out the Local Enterprise Partnership's support for the West of England Energy Strategy.

Our shared goal is a diverse, resilient and affordable energy system that enables economic growth whilst reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with national targets. It is the LEP's view that this Strategy creates the right high-level framework to deliver this.

The Strategy is underpinned by a wealth of data, evidence and analysis - as well as conversations with businesses, people and communities across the region.

The challenge for us now should be how we make this Strategy happen; attracting private and public finance and capturing the economic opportunities of climate change action will be key.

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