



# Greener Transport Council

Terms of reference | January 2024

## 1. Purpose / role of the Council:

- An independent group of experts focused on accelerating the decarbonisation of transport and the transition to net zero in a fair and just way.
- The primary purpose is to help ensure that emissions reductions are delivered at the scale and pace required to achieve net zero, including crucial interim targets. The Council's focus is on how the 2030 net zero transport targets can be achieved.

## 2. Remit

- The Council considers whether the process by which net zero strategy and policies are developed is evidence based and robust and will deliver decarbonisation in the shortest time possible whilst mitigating any unintended consequences such as negative social and/or health impacts.
- The Council may from time-to-time release public statements and make recommendations to the Government on net zero policy, transport decarbonisation and the switch to a greener future.
- The Council seeks to engage with key decision makers including senior civil servants and national and local politicians.

## 3. Key Principles:

- Our whole economy needs to change.** We need a whole-systems approach that reflects the shift to digital connectivity, and the integration of transport with planning, energy, green finance and all the trip generating sectors of the economy. We need reform of appraisal and a net zero test for public policy.
- We must reduce energy demand.** Energy efficiency and energy demand reduction will be critical. We must reduce embedded carbon and avoid rebound effects. Technical solutions will be insufficient, traffic reduction is also needed. We need to reform road taxation to encourage more efficient use of roads.
- We should price properly for carbon.** We must incentivize consumers to lower their carbon footprint. Personal carbon allowances and other behaviour change approaches should be explored. We should strive to price properly for carbon. Pricing also generates revenues to help mitigate any negative social impacts.
- We must ensure a fair and just transition.** The energy and cost-of-living crises will reduce carbon consumption but not in a progressive way. Targeted support must be provided for low income households. An equitable approach to net zero transport will require more support for walking, cycling and local public transport.
- We must strengthen local leadership.** Government should enable local areas to plan and invest on an integrated long-term basis. Strengthening devolution would drive faster delivery of net zero targets. We must build a mandate for change. Strong public support for action will be critical to deliver on net zero.

## 4. Membership:

- The Council is comprised of leading academics and other experts [Annex].
- Members are invited to serve in a voluntary and personal capacity.



- A maximum of 20 Council members may serve at any one time.
- The Chair is elected annually at the December meeting.

#### **5. Meetings/Secretariat:**

- Four meetings are held annually (typically March, June, September, December).
- Quarterly meetings are arranged by the Chair's office.
- Greener Vision hosts information about the Council on its website.

#### **6. Review:** Terms of Reference/ future meetings reviewed at the December meeting.

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### **ANNEX – Greener Transport Council Members**

Professor Greg Marsden, Professor of Transport Governance at the Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds (Chair)

Claire Haigh, Founder & CEO of Greener Vision & Executive Director Zemo Partnership

Professor Jillian Anable, Chair in Transport and Energy, at the Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds.

Stephen Glaister, Emeritus Professor of Transport and Infrastructure at Imperial College London, Associate of the London School of Economics

Professor Peter Jones, Professor of Transport and Sustainable Development in the UCL Centre for Transport Studies

Stephen Joseph, Visiting Professor at University of Hertfordshire and Trustee of the Foundation for Integrated Transport

Professor Glenn Lyons, Mott MacDonald Professor of Future Mobility at the University of the West of England

Hannah Bartram, CEO of ADEPT Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport

Paul Campion, CEO of TRL

Hilary Chipping, CEO South East Midland Local Enterprise Partnership

Leon Daniels OBE, Chair, Highways Sector Council

Andy Eastlake, Senior Technical Advisor, Zemo Partnership

Victoria Hills, CEO Royal Town Planning Institute

Paul Hirst, Head of the Transport Sector Group at Addleshaw Goddard

Jonathan Morley, CEO Trueform Manufacturing & Technologies Group

Kamal Panchal, Senior Adviser on Transport and Local Growth Policy, LGA

Anna Rothnie, Senior Transport Planner

Anthony Smith, CEO of Transport Focus