

THE ROAD FROM COP26: HOW INNOVATION IS LEADING THE WAY

Steve
Rotheram

Metro Mayor of the
Liverpool City Region

Led the regional delegation to
the 2021 UN Climate Change
Conference in Glasgow

Liverpool was the first City Region
to declare Climate emergency

Seeking to achieve
net zero carbon
by 2040

RIVER MERSEY
tidal Potential
sustainable energy
for 1 million homes

HOW?

equivalent of removing
4 MILLION CARS
each year

Ambition to triple
offshore wind energy

Growing Liverpool City Region's
reputation in leading action
to tackle Climate Change



Making
an Impact 2022
9 May – 10 June

Dan
McGrail

CEO Renewables UK

Renewables UK is
a Trade Association
representing 450 companies
(primarily wind and tidal)

Geopolitical
Conflict → Energy
Security → Climate
Change
DRIVERS IN RAPIDLY CHANGING
ENERGY POLICY

Investment in renewable
energy technologies



to meet ambitious targets...
50 GW offshore wind energy
x5 current output

Innovation is required to

scale up

partnership with
Industry and Academics

- 1 Hydrogen power emergent technology
- 2 Floating offshore wind (^{utilising deeper} water)
- 3 Use of sustainable materials
- 4 Digitally enabled demand management
- 5 Net zero maritime industry

Opportunities

Prof. Anthony
Hollander

Pro-Vice Chancellor for
Research and Impact
University of Liverpool

We must take
action now!!!

led the University's delegation to COP26
and leads N8 - Net zero North

Climate Futures

new research theme established in 2020
Interdisciplinary focus on climate, environment
and energy research across the University
160+ staff responded to contribute to
this theme

Theme facilitates partnerships and
optimises ability to respond to funding opportunities



Some Examples

Funding to design and
build six prototype houses
→ Carbon zero
→ plastic-free
→ environmentally sustainable

£13m investment to develop low
carbon chemistry laboratory for the future

University pledge to achieve
net zero by 2035

Delivering
SKILLS
to equip
future
workforce

Better
placed to
deliver innovation

Prof. Andy
Plater

Environmental Sciences
University of Liverpool

UoL Academic lead for
ECO-INNOVATORY
and ECO-I NORTH WEST

linking to
academic
expertise

SMEs

mitigation
adaptation
Collaboration
finance

Support the
development
of low carbon
innovation and
skills

Supported 700+ businesses
created 300+ jobs
developed 120+ new low carbon products
and services

Some Examples

Farm Urban

(local social enterprise)

Hydroponic technology
to grow food for local
businesses (4-mile radius)

Uses 90% less water
no pesticides

EcoInnovatory
developed a
strategic
tool to support
vertical farming

Preventing Coastal Erosion

Normal coastline defences
huge carbon-intensive
structures

Technology and
modelling allows better
effective use of natural defences



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