

North Somerset Partnership Steering Group – Transport Environment Economy

**Thursday 24th September 2009
The Campus, Weston Super Mare**

Notes of Meeting

Present

Andy Hicklin	Chair – Environment Agency
David Glynn	Wrington PC
Colin Medus	North Somerset Council (Transport Policy & Programmes)
Kim Herivel	NSC (Adult Services & Housing)
Geoff Coombs	Barrow Gurney PC
Rosemary Dowie	TENONS
Charles Walker	North Somerset Industrial Association
Simon Gregory	NSC (Economy & Regeneration)
Jess Harper	NSC (Economy & Regeneration)
Nicky Sutton	Job Centre Plus
Ed Bradley	Barrow Gurney PC
Stella Milsom	Government Office South West
Karuna Tharmananthar	North Somerset Council (Development & Environment)
Peggy Tovey	Weston College
Chris Borne	NHS North Somerset

Apologies

Angela Hicks North Somerset Enterprise Agency (Business West)

1 Notes of previous meeting and matters arising

- Change – Noted correction to Geoff Coombs surname, no 'e'.
- Item 2 – re Climate change progress to be followed up with Jess Harper
- Item 5, Issue of openness and accessibility to NSP Board – Executive discussed issue and felt that opportunity for issues to be raised at delivery partnerships. The breadth and detail of some of the NSP business needed some sensitivity – notes of meetings are put onto the website. Identified opportunities for parish council involvement needs to be agreed through ALCA, Voluntary Sector Forum provides further opportunity for Third Sector to be engaged.
- Unfortunately speaker unable to attend from Transition Langport, hope to be at November meeting. Transition Towns – increased interest – Long Ashton, Nailsea, Weston and Wrington either Transition towns or developing. Suggested possible Reward Grant Bid to enable partnership to promote.

2 Green Shoots to Recovery

At April Board Meeting, 3 priorities identified for further action, particularly in light of the economic downturn. These were:

1. Voluntary sector support grants from partners
2. Information and advice services – bring together better and easier access.
3. Recession and sustainability - Economic/ sustainable lifestyles.

Chris Borne had been asked to take forward priority 3; his paper was presented to the Group for comment and agreement on role for the Group in auctioning where relevant.

Discussion

Transport and Travel Plans

- Ed – issue around access from north to Weston to hospital, Travel sustainability implications
- Chris – public service to get services accessible through recession difficult.
- Strategic activities and how to influence their programmes not just add ons. Message to go back to Board.
- Public Sector agencies signing up to carbon reduction programme, audit – useful to monitor/ learn/ do different
- Discussion on what already done EA/ NSC
- Change in thinking on recruitment where people live.
- Look at organisations existing vehicle use/ travel & cost of carbon footprint
- Stella - wheels to work in Wiltshire – young people support to work
- BANES - LSP link to carbon reduction agreement

ACTIONS:

- **Champion within organisations, businesses etc who can push the travel plans**
- **Scope out existing work – impact/ effectiveness where travel plans exist**
- **Identify if able to build in whole day ‘cycle’**
- **Parish Councils role in facilitating Travelwise/ plans possible options**
- **Stella to follow up at GOSW as to support available**
- **Andy to follow up with Audit Commission**

Local Purchasing

- Already identified as a priority for TEE Group.
- FSB concordant is being promoted by business.
- Possibility to see if any potential in future for linking different business needs i.e. mail rounds.

ACTION

- **Charles and Simon to follow up procurement activity in line with main TEE Group Action Plan that links across**

Home Insulation

A number of existing actions around two of the national indicators linked to fuel poverty and Climate change mitigation are relevant to this – being picked up by TEE.186

ACTION:

- **Kim will lead on warmfront/ warm streets**
- **Potential future proposal within future jobs Fund bid (Nov/ Dec)**

Further general discussions on the paper:

ACTION:

- **Further work to be done to clarify what TEE group can support - Andy and Simon to look at.**

3 Board Feedback/ update

Board

- Governance Handbook agreed due to go on the website
- Comprehensive Area Assessment
 - 25th Sept evidence
 - 16th Oct publish paper
 - 27th Nov to NSC

NSP Executive

- Identified up to £4m reward grant likely to be received following meeting of local area Agreement stretch target. Grant expected to be available from June 2001. Proposal forms to be available April 2010, submissions by August 2010.
- 'Community Chest' for smaller group projects - £250k open to small bids from delivery partnership for local initiatives - panel to be set up.
- Decision expected Sept/ Oct 2010 on successful proposals.
- No cap expected on bids
- Bids expected from Delivery Partnerships
- 50% capital : 50% revenue

Discussion

- Agreed should link back to Action plan/ Green shoots ideas.
- Agreed where possible stronger proposals would come from joint bids between delivery partnerships.
- Indication funding won't be about subsidising existing work needs to be 1 off/ innovative/ legacy. Some discussion that this will not always address problems, needs some flexibility to be innovative, but not necessarily providing a legacy.

4 Any other business

- Geoff raised issue around problem of recycling energy efficient lights and release of the chemicals and metals into landfill when disposed. Could approach as West Dorset with bags for batteries be used for lights?
- Rosemary reminded group of Severn Tidal power event, organised by TENONS for next month, all welcome.
- Simon informed group of successful Future Jobs Fund bid, some problems with bureaucracy of setting up, but hoped jobs would soon be filled.

ACTION: Stella agreed to forward template from Wiltshire that had targeted private sector as employers.

- Peggy noted Bristol CC had take on ex offenders to renovate housing and the live in. Gave skills as well as a home. Weston College providing training.
- Noted 23rd November North Somerset Partnership annual event.
- Discussion around need to work closer with other Delivery partnerships, especially around proposals for Reward Grant. Agreed to invite reps to future meetings.

5 Next Meeting

Thursday 26th November 2009, Ashcombe Suite, Winter Gardens, Weston super mare.