

**North Somerset Partnership
Steering Group – Transport Environment Economy**

28 May 2009 10.00am
Ashcombe, Winter Gardens

Notes of Meeting

Present

Andy Hicklin	Chair – Environment Agency
David Glynn	Wrighton PC
Colin Medus	North Somerset Council (Transport Policy & Programmes)
Nicky Sutton	Job Centre Plus
Kim Herivel	NSC (Adult Services & Housing)
Karuna Tharmananthar	North Somerset Council (Development & Environment)
Peggy Tovey	Weston College
Simon Gregory	NSC (Economy & Regeneration)
Geoff Coombes	Barrow Gurney PC
Rosemary Dowie	TENONS

Apologies

Charles Walker	North Somerset Industrial Association
Ian Chancellor	Government Office South West
Angela Hicks	North Somerset Enterprise Agency (Business West)
Sarah Marshall	Learning & Skills Council
Ed Bradley	Barrow Gurney PC
Fiona Massey	Government Office South West

1 Notes of previous meeting and matters arising

Agreed as record of meeting

2 NSP Board Economic Recovery Plan (Attached)

Group considered the actions identified in an NSP Board paper resulting from a workshop held to consider impacts resulting from the recession and actions needed. Group comments:

- Fuel poverty issue important in respect to reducing household expenditure.
- Progress on education and retraining, skills pledge, train to gain/ apprenticeships now increasing across public sector.
- Find ways of unlocking funding and employers
- Issue of businesses taking up opportunities.
- Leadership and management grant
- College have potential individuals
- Business interest
- Engagement with businesses - network

ACTION: Programme of events needs mapping out/ joining up, meeting to be set up between Peggy, Angela and Simon re events.

- Investing in skills
- Beating recession
- Costs/ efficiency
- Energy/ resource efficiency – Future Jobs Fund discussion. Need to think of jobs beyond just energy efficiency. Local businesses – that maybe able to deliver jobs/ fitting solar etc. Tyntesfield – contractors open up craft apprenticeships, within contract = electricians etc. National Trust – have general requirements.

3 Local Economy Monitoring Form (Attached)

NSC now monitoring a number of indicators to show change in local economy. Further work to be carried out on interpreting the data and will be brought to future meetings to aid the work of the group.

ACTION: Simon to check availability on website

4 Group Action Plan

Agreed group to focus on a small number of activities and develop the other actions over time as capacity allows, also to focus action on a few areas to make improvements rather than casting efforts too thinly.

Initial focus

- Transition Town information as part of work on NI 186 (Climate Change Mitigation)
- Local purchasing
- Carbon Reduction Scheme

5 Local Area Agreement Updates (Attached)

Table useful to show activities and indicators relevant to Group. Need to check cross referencing of data as some differences between tables.

Need to agree on programme of information to be fed back to Group to aid monitoring

Some discussion on carbon reduction/ climate change indicators and to receive up to date at next meeting on activity around NI 188.

NI188 – promote to the group to reinforce what others could be doing

NI186 – transition town links

ACTION: Simon to clarify indicators and progress

6 Any other Business

Successful Business Insider event at beginning of May, 100 delegates attended a Question Time business breakfast to promote the area to developers, agents and businesses as a place to do business.

Next meeting : Thursday 23 July 2009, 10am, Conference Room 1, The Campus.
Future meeting: Thursday 24 Sept 2009 10am, Conference Room 1, The Campus.