

ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

**Tuesday 29 January 2013
15:00-17:00, Room 2 The Guildhall**

Present:

Mike Slater (MS) Chair CYC
David Warburton (DJW) CYC
Cllr Dave Merrett CYC
Kate Lock (KL) York Environment Forum
Philip Crowe (part) York Environment Forum
John Carr (JC) Quality Bus Partnership
Hugh Cripps (HC) Yorkshire Energy Partnership
Howard Cambridge (HC) SEI
Denise Sims (DS) (part) CYC

Observers:

Barry Otley (BO) Environment Forum
Jacqui Warren (JW) CYC

Apologies: Katherine Knox, Neil Redfern

1. Welcome and apologies / Minutes and matters arising

- Apologies – as above.
- All approved the previous minutes from the 15th May 2012.
- JW re-circulated the draft terms of reference and requested confirmation from the Board as to whether or not they needed revising.

Action All

2. WoW Board Update and SIA update (Denise Simms)

DS advised that there had been 3 WOW Board meetings since EPB last met, and they are working towards refocusing on only strategic city wide issues such as

- Fairness Commission
- Genius
- Financial Inclusion
- Housing

- Local Plan
 - Dementia WOW
- In terms of the SIA, DS confirmed that all comments received from EPB were fed into the final version of the SIA which was agreed at WOW Boards May 2012. It is available on the website <http://www.yorkwow.org.uk/meetings/>
 - WOW Board have requested 6 monthly updates and the next one would be March or June. MS asked for clarification in order to be able to produce the report in a timely fashion.
 - KL said that she would have preferred feedback before adoption and also asked how it was being promoted? DS advised that it had been circulated to all project leaders and she will send another reminder. DS/MS to check how it is being used and to obtain feedback on any issues with it's use.

Action DS/MS

3. Update on City Action Plan (CAP)

Actions 1 and 3 (JW)

JW advised that Board that these were well established see draft action plans.

Action 2 MS advised that CYC were progressing some actions through the Get York Building Group. There was a lot of discussion about the issues behind the stagnant house building situation and the issues around getting good design and sustainable homes. HC advised of the infrastructure design used in the Kings Cross urban regeneration. DM said that he would be lobbying the Planning Minister when he visits the Derwenthorpe project in the next few weeks. It was agreed that there should be a half day workshop to include i) highlight good building experience including European examples, ii) raising operation issues, iii) behavioural changes required, followed by a breakout session for builders to feed back their experiences and difficulties. The timescale of the workshop would need to coincide with Directors timescale.

Action MS to instigate dialog with GYB and JW to collate key contacts that could be part of such an event

JW advised of the work she was doing in preparing a heat map to inform CHP and district heating schemes, JW to email Board with latest information

4. 2012 half-yearly review of the Sustainable City Chapter of the Strategy for York (2011 – 2025).

JW quickly ran through all the information in the papers that had already been circulated. DM felt that more promotion of the copious good news stories should happen. JW said that this could happen in Climate Week. DM also confirmed that he expected to see a Green Infrastructure Strategy as part of the Local Plan.

5. Partner updates

Due to time constraints these were brief.

HC said he was concerned that budget cuts at CYC will threaten all the good work to date and in the future.

PC asked that Treemendous still be supported.

KL gave an update on the Environment Forum, offered to run a pilot to show the value of the green infrastructure, - to be on next meetings agenda. Also asked that a room be available in WO for Environment Forum to use for all future meetings..

Next meeting

- TBC – After WOW June meeting. Suggest July or September

Action JW