

ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Tuesday 14 February 2012
2:00pm – 4:00pm, Room 2 The Guildhall

Present:

Mike Slater (MS) Chair	CYC
Cllr Dave Merrett	CYC
Kate Lock (KL)	York Environment Forum
John Carr (JC)	Quality Bus Partnership
Hugh Cripps (HC)	Yorkshire Energy Partnership

Observers:

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

Apologies: David Warburton, Philip Crowe

1. Welcome and apologies / Minutes and matters arising

- Apologies – as above.
- All approved the previous minutes from the 20th December 2011. All outstanding matters were addressed or will be picked up as agenda items in this meeting.

2. Update from the WOW partnership meeting (8/02/2012)

- JW distributed the revised City Action Plan and gave brief overview of the document highlighting the positive changes that had been made at the request of the EPB. The Action Plan now i) utilises EPBs partners for various action in the Plan, ii) has adopted a SIA tool for all actions in the Plan, iii) EPB is to be represented on the WoW Board. There were some concerns still from members of the EPB that the document did not go far enough nor was inclusive. It was suggested that a list of partners could be put on the webpage. JW to speak to DS about any further additions to the Plan.
Action JW

- JW provided a brief overview of the WoW re-structure (as per the City Action Plan). JW also distributed a diagram created for the EPB to help understand the WoW re-structure. JW explained that project teams would be set up as a task & finish, time limited group, including relevant members with expertise to offer from any of the 7 thematic partnerships, but not exclusively. The WoW Board itself will continue to meet quarterly. The detail of the structure has yet to be worked out. JW to speak to DS and get more details.
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3. Future roles for the EPB

- JW outline 2 possible options for the future of the EPB (as per handout and to help discussions).

- These options were discussed and option 2 preferred.
- In addition to option 2, DM suggested that the EPB should concentrate and focus on the items they lead or are involved in within the City Action Plan. These actions should be the focus for EPB moving forward.
- HC also suggested that the EPB could act as a group to secure funding for city projects.
- Influencing the planning process was also suggested as a future possible role.
- JW to speak to DS about the next steps for the Action Plan, its timescales, and how the task and finish groups will be set up?
- A decision regarding EPB's representation on the WoW Board will be discussed at the next meeting. MS highlighted that EPB representation could vary (via an co-opt option. See Page 4 of the WoW Governance Handbook 2011).

4. Updates/Any Other Business

CYC

- JW outlined the programme for Climate Week.
- A partnership bid (CYC, SEI, YEP, Origin Energy and St Nicholas Fields) has been made to the Big Lottery Fund for Communities living Sustainably. St Nicholas Fields will be the treasurers as a charity must hold the funds. Successful candidates will be notified by 24 February 2012 and will receive £10k to develop a full business case for submission by June. If successful at the next stage, the partnership can then bid for one of 10 pots of up to £1million.
- DM advised that a bid had gone to the Better Bus Fund for i) smart ticketing on all York buses, ii) tackle bus reliability in the City Centre, iii) improve bus interchange facilities in 5 key areas in the city.
- LDF Core Strategy has been submitted today to the Planning Inspectorate.
- A list of projects under the Re-invigorate York scheme is being collated.
- JW advised of a consultation deadline of 17/2/2012 re Economic Strategy - JW to circulate link. JW has also met with Katie Stewart to try and improve environmental sustainability in the document and raise the need for a SIA assessment.
- MS reported that Chief Executive had set up an internal programme board looking at creating jobs and growing the economy.

QBP

- JC advised that Bus Users UK will be holding bus surgeries in Parliament Street 25 Feb 10-4pm and 2 March 10-3pm. He will email QBP to see if there is any interest in attending Climate Week
- JC advised that there should be an Easter launch of a multi-operator ticket on all buses in the CYC area.

Environment Forum

- KL advised that the Environment Forum were involved with Tremendous, Intelligent travel York and were hoping to produce videos promoting behavioural change. The Forum were also involved in settling up a new behavioural change campaign – Engage

- The Forum are also on facebook and have a website <http://yorkenvironmentforum.org.uk/>.

YEP

- HC reported that Warmer Winter campaign was still doing well (free loft and cavity wall insulation for residents in York)
- We are still awaiting Government response to Green Deal consultation that ended in January 2012.
- Funding nationally for the EST's Energy Advice centre that YEP run is being withdrawn and replaced by a national centre on 1st April 2012. A local service will be retained until December 2012 (through local authority partner funding).

Next meeting

- Next Meeting will be in about a month to progress a EPB work plan and delivery of the EPB's lead City Action Plan actions. JW to confirm dates and location **Action JW**