

ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

**Tuesday 15 May 2012
13:30-16:00, Room 2 The Guildhall**

Present:

David Warburton (DJW) Chair CYC
Cllr Dave Merrett CYC
Kate Lock (KL) York Environment Forum
Philip Crowe York Environment Forum
John Carr (JC) Quality Bus Partnership
Hugh Cripps (HC) Yorkshire Energy Partnership
Katherine Knox (KK) JRF
Anna Bialkowska (AB) St Nicholas Fields
Howard Cambridge (HC) SEI

Observers:

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

Apologies: Mike Slater, Neil Redfern

1. Welcome and apologies / Minutes and matters arising

- DW informed the Board that MS was unable to attend the meeting due to pressing matters. All were happy for DW to stand in for MS and act as the Chair for the meeting.
- Apologies – as above.
- All approved the previous minutes from the 14th February 2012.
- JW circulated the finalised structure of WoW Board
- A new draft CAP SIA and Equalities tool was circulated for comment.
- Members suggested that questions needed to be less positive and more negative to balance the information received from the assessments. All to feedback comments to JW by Friday 18th May (before the WoW meeting on 21st May)

Action All

2. Preferred future roles of the EPB

- JW circulated a condensed future roles and responsibilities paper for the EPB to consider (base on the previous discussions from the 14th Feb 2012).
- All agreed there would be 2 strategic meetings per year and to include evaluating progress on strategic level issues and inline with the long term Sustainable City objectives of the Strategy for York (2011-2025).
- Themed on the EPB lead actions as per the City Action Plan, 3 sub-groups will be set up. The sub-group meetings would focus on delivery of actions. JW will collate and distribute information for the sub groups.
- JW to redraft roles and responsibilities into draft terms of reference and produce a structural diagram and circulate for final comment.

Action JW

- The next strategic EPB meeting will be 3hrs to cover strategic issues and CAP updates (including SIA updates). The second half to include presentations from KN on JRF climate adaptation work and HC on the Green Deal. Other strategic themed requests to be sent to JW.

Action ALL

- The next EPB meeting should also co-inside with CYC budget processes (around September – November).

3. Partners Update

- **HC - SEI** are very involved with JRF's Good Life Initiative (based on the EPB's previous Green Neighbourhood Challenge). Currently working with Joseph Rowntree School for the Rio + 20 'Making it happen' Summit. Including a global linkup with Rio and East Africa, with young people's questions being put to 3 Nobel Laureates. Invites to be sent by KL to other interested EPB members.

Action KL

- **KL - YEF** have been involved in Climate Week and provided a stand supporting the EU's ENGAGE campaign; commenced dialog and meetings with CYC on the Mini-Stern Review for York: The economics of low carbon development; set up a new Natural Environment sub-group to focus on bees and insects; in partnership with BTCV made a funding bid for the Tremendous scheme to work with 14 schools in York.
- **AB - SNF** is focussing on fund raising. The Centre is open for events and team away days and can also offer volunteering opportunities.

- **JC - QBP** The All York bus ticket was not launched at Easter as was hoped but should be soon. York was successful in obtaining £2.9 million for bus infrastructure improvements.
- **KK - JRF** have funded a lot of work on climate change. KK to produce a list of these JRF publications for distribution to EPB. The York Good Life project has had difficulties in engaging with resident and is now refocusing the project towards their own housing stock improvements. They are also carrying out research at Derwenthorpe into, i) energy efficiency and performance ii) environmental behaviour, iii) digital inclusion. A study into climate change and social justice (of which York was a case study) has also been carried out and will shortly be producing some good practice guidance notes and support material for local authorities. JRF are also doing a think piece on future flood insurance and climate change.
- **HC - YEP**; YEP continue to run the Wrapping up York campaign. Investors in the Environment launched 2/05/2012 in Harrogate. JW stated that a launch date was to be confirmed for York. YEP are also running an event on 21/6/2012 to support North Yorkshire local authorities prepare for the Green Deal. YEP are also carrying out home energy audits on CYC's social housing stock.
- **DM – CYC** A full report on the proposed 20mph speed zone for York will go to Cabinet on 15/05/2012. The zone will be in mainly in urban, residential areas and larger villages only. There will need to be a marketing campaign to assist the culture change required. A consultation is planned with residents on a revised cycling strategy for York. The existing strategy was adopted by the council 15 years ago in 1996. The Low Emission Strategy for York is currently out for consultation. DM also stated he was pushing for Tree Strategy and other documents for the Green Infrastructure Strategy to go to LDF working Group in order to preserve verges. DM also stated commitment and funding to support a York Engage campaign.

4. Developing Lead Actions of City Action Plan (CAP).

Due to a lack of time, JW went through the 3 EPB lead CAP actions. Yorkshire Energy Partnership and CYC will lead on Action 1 but the other 2 actions have no lead partner at present. JW will co-ordinate 3 meetings with relevant YEP partners to progress delivery of the 3 actions and to support the EPB to deliver an action plan for all 3

actions (including looking at other delivery partners needed).

Action JW

Next meeting

- Next Meeting will be in October before the November WOW Board meeting.

Action JW