

Environmental Sustainability Thematic Group

Date: 23rd February 2010
Time: 10am-12pm
Venue: Backford Hall

Attending:	
Groundwork, Cheshire	Jane Staley, (Chair), Executive Director
Environment Agency	Nicky Rushton, Inner Mersey Environment Management Team Leader
Cheshire West and Chester Council	Peter Bulmer, Climate Change Team Leader Kevin Carrol, Network Manager Steve Kent, Director of Environment Helen De Lemos, Waste Strategy Manager Jeremy Owens, Strategic Manager, Spatial Planning Andrea Mageean, Partnerships Manager Gill Rogerson, Performance Manager Robin Wilson, Sustainable Development Officer

Apologies:

John Salt, CW&C Unitary Manager, Cheshire Fire & Rescue
Cllr. Neil Ritchie, Environment Portfolio Holder
Jim Hughes, Director of Knowledge Management & Performance, NHS Western Cheshire

Item 1 Welcome, Apologies & Introductions	Jane welcomed everybody to the meeting and apologies were noted.
Item 2 Minutes and actions from the last meeting (8 th January 2010)	The actions from the last meeting were updated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Based Grant: Raised but no answer • Second Homes taxation: questions over route of funding: Action PB/ JS
Item 3 LSP Board meeting feedback	Jane gave a brief feedback on the recent LSP meeting, which covered the Sustainable Community Strategy, Budgets etc. There is still a need to arrange to meeting with individual APB's to discuss common issues with this Thematic Group. Action: PB, JS to attend APBs Action: AM to supply dates of APBs.
Item 4: NI 188: Proposal for Local Indicator	Robin Wilson introduced the paper and outlined why NI188 should become a Local Indicator. There was consensus that this should be adopted as local indicator and it was recommended a recent report of the Oveiw and Scrutiny Committee be linked into this. The group agreed to workshop on the item across the LSP as all organisations will need to deal with the effect of Climate change.

	<p>SK agreed that this needs to be pursued across the LSP and CWAC are already incorporating issues of climate change adaption into its departmental business plans etc. There are important links to other Thematic Groups</p> <p>Action: PB/ JS to take paper to Thematic Leads meeting to agree 'adoption'</p> <p>Action: RW to set-up workshop</p>
<p>Item 5 Progress/ update on SCS/LDF/LTP</p>	<p>The final version of the LSP was going to the LSP meeting on Thursday with a public launch on 27th April 2010. Delivery plan now being developed.</p> <p>LDF: Core Strategy developed, Preferred Options stage by the end of 2010, followed by Indicative Policies, leading to Draft Policies and then on to the Secretary of State for public examination.</p>
<p>Item 6 NI updates: Verbal updates</p>	<p>Housing: revised targets for NI154 to be agreed, likely to exceed 704 units, working with developers to bring site forward for development. NI155 275 target to be revised</p> <p>Roads: Collating data should be on target. Next year's stats likely to be much worse due to recent bad weather and lack of funding.</p> <p>Waste: 48% target, examining stats to see impact of recent snow. WRAP workshop to look at priorities, Love Food Hate Waste Campaign, links to APB's</p> <p>Carbon: Energy Efficiency systems in place for CWAC, affordable Warmth Strategy in development, Warm Front scheme possible, Enworks programme extended, Public Sector partnership looking at carbon reductions, In house reductions planned via The Carbon Trust programme.</p>
<p>Item 7 Final year LAA, 10/11 plans Looking ahead to new LAA?</p>	<p>There is a need to complete the LAA templates for the Final year of LAA. The template has been changed from last year as the in-year reporting has been incorporated within the actual delivery plan which will avoid separate documentation. Time at the next meeting will be allocated to the challenging of the completed LAA delivery plans.</p> <p>It is unclear at this stage if the LAA will continue after this three year period but it is anticipated that there may be a mini version of the process.</p>
<p>Item 8 Any Other Business</p>	<p>Secretarial support need for group</p> <p>Action: Steve Kent</p>
<p>Item 9 Future Meetings</p>	<p>Either 20th April (am) or 21st (pm): Cancelled</p> <p>18th May (am)</p> <p>22nd June (am)</p> <p>27th July (am)</p> <p>24th August (am)</p> <p>21st September (am)</p> <p>26th October (am)</p> <p>23rd November (am)</p> <p>14th December (am)</p>

Signed (Chair):

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