

Meeting	Environmental Sustainability Partnership Board (ESP) Board
Date	6th Aug 2018
Time	15:00 start 17:00 finish
Venue	Kaposvar, Guildhall, Bath, BA1 5AW

Attendees

Board Members	Position
Chair Cllr Mark Shelford	Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment, Conservative Deputy Group Leader Bath Lyncombe Ward Councillor, Conservative, B&NES Council.
Cllr Bob Goodman	Cabinet Member for Development & Neighbourhoods, Combe Down Ward Councillor, B&NES Council
Cllr Patrick Anketell-Jones	Lansdown Ward Councillor, B&NES Council
Cllr John Bull	Paulton Ward Councillor, Labour Group, B&NES Council
Cllr June Player	Westmoreland Ward Councillor, Independent, B&NES Council
Cllr Paul Crossley	Southdown Ward Councillor, Liberal Democrat Group, Member Advocate for The Sustainable Environment, B&NES Council.
Peter Andrews	Community Board Member, Transition Bath and other community initiatives.
Shaun Carr	Executive Director of Property Service, Curo Housing Association
Bruce Laurence	Director of Public Health, B&NES Council
David Trethewey	Divisional Director, Strategy & Performance, B&NES Council
Martin Shields	Corporate Director, B&NES Council

Board Advisors	Position
Barry Smith	Sustainable Places Team Leader, Environment Agency
Peter Capener	Independent Sustainable Energy Consultant

Guests	Position
Gary Peacock	Deputy Group Manager – Highways, B&NES Council
Sara Grimes	Sustainability Officer, B&NES Council

Standing Officers	Position
Jane Wildblood	Corporate & Community Sustainability Manager, B&NES Council
Micaela Basford	Sustainability Officer, B&NES Council

Apologies	Position
Sara Banks	Standards & Support Officer, B&NES Council

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	Subject	Time	Presenter
1	Welcome, introductions and declarations of interest	10m	Cllr Mark Shelford
2	Minutes & Actions from last Board Meeting (minutes below)	5m	Cllr Mark Shelford
3	Community Leadership updates (Verbal update) Discussion Desired outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To update the Board on<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Environmental Sustainability motion taken to Council 12 July 2018○ Council approach on plastics	20m 10m	Jane Wildblood
4	B&NES Transport Policy & Projects (presentation) Discussion Desired outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide an overview to the Board on current transport planning policy and projects• To provide an opportunity for the Board<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ to consider the challenges and opportunities on this agenda○ and to provide feedback to the team on current policy, projects and future direction	15m 30m	Gary Peacock & Sara Grimes All
5	AOB & Review Actions and Next Steps	10m	Cllr Mark Shelford

Next ESP Board meeting:

*Wednesday 17th October 2018
Community Space, Keynsham.*

Agenda theme:

Government's 25 Year Environment Plan

**Note of the meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Partnership
(ESP) Board
Held on 25th April 2018
Kaposvar Room, Guildhall, Bath.**

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Chair Cllr Mark Shelford	Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment, Lyncombe Ward Councillor, Conservative, B&NES Council.
Cllr Bob Goodman	Cabinet Member for Development & Neighbourhoods, Combe Down Ward Councillor, B&NES Council
Cllr Patrick Anketell-Jones	Conservative Deputy Group Leader Bath, Lansdown Ward Councillor, B&NES Council
Cllr John Bull	Paulton Ward Councillor, Labour Group, B&NES Council
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Barry Smith	Sustainable Places Team Leader, Environment Agency
Peter Capener	Independent Sustainable Energy Consultant
Guests	Position
Sara Grimes	Sustainability Officer, B&NES Council
Richard Daone	Planning Policy, B&NES Council
Standing Officers	Position
Jane Wildblood	Corporate & Community Sustainability Manager, B&NES Council
Micaela Basford	Sustainability Officer, B&NES Council
Sara Banks	Standards & Support Officer, B&NES Council
Apologies	Position
Andrew Pate	Strategic Director, Resources, B&NES Council
Shaun Carr	Executive Director of Property Service, Curo Housing Association

1. Welcome, Introductions and Declarations of Interest

- Introductions were made.
- Pete Capener declared an interest as Director of Bath & West Community Energy.

2. Minutes & Actions from the last Board Meeting

It was agreed the minutes were accurate and a true reflection of the meeting.

The following updates on actions were provided:

1. ESP vision Statement update – refer to Agenda Item 5.
2. MS has briefed the conservative group and the motion is on the forward plan for July Council
3. The West of England response to the 25 Year Environment Plan is focused on the development of the WoE Green Infrastructure Plan. The Board will revisit the 25Year Environment Plan at the October ESP Board.
4. A Communications plan is being developed to flow from the new Vision Statement.

3. West of England Energy Study – update and consultation

JW presented to the Board a summary of the draft WoE Energy Study
The ESP Board was supportive of the emerging findings of the study and keen to be involved in next stages of strategy development and is looking forward to having a strong regional energy strategy in due course. The Board requested that the lead officer represent the ESP Board's views at the WoE Energy Strategy Steering Group meetings throughout the strategy development process.

There was a wide ranging discussion, the key points noted were:

- Re-carbonisation – how to fix more carbon, e.g. through better farming methods. This is called Carbon Farming.
- Issue of dealing with energy efficiency of existing buildings, especially historic buildings was raised, and the implications for fuel poverty.
- Clarification requested of the EV target referred to in the draft study.
- It was noted that electric vehicles are in the study due to their role in the energy system but the study doesn't include travel in the wider sense.
- Planning confirmed that the Local Plan will include policies on active travel and other low carbon policies.
- Points about public engagement and how you change people's behaviour are touched on in the study and will be considered during the strategy development phase.
- The Board will be kept up to date with the development of the study and the Strategy.
- Board members will be consulted as the strategy work unfolds including around the issue of 'locus for action'

Refer to the table below for actions.

4. Climate Change Planning Policy Update

SG & RD presented to the Board on the emerging Planning Policy options that relate to action on climate change for the new B&NES Local Plan. This included an outline of the broad policy direction proposed that will be going out to public consultation during the summer 2018.

There was a discussion, the key points noted were:

- Energy heritage is part of B&NES Heritage
- The Board expressed interest in more wind energy in the district, it was noted that there were some constraints including
 - The World Heritage site and setting.
 - The issue of turbulence in an urban environment means that more rural settings are better.
 - Many small turbine vs fewer larger ones – it was explained that the larger turbines are far more efficient. The output varies with the cube of the wind speed. And the wind speed is greater the higher you are. So, double the height, you get 8 times the output.
- How many households does a large wind turbine power, 2.5KW turbine powers approx. 1500 households.
- There was general support for the proposed approach to policy development in relation to zero carbon homes and renewable energy, including wind. Specifically the idea of identifying potential areas, rather than specific sites was agreed.
- It was noted that in determining potential areas it would be best to not constrain ourselves on technical factors, just environmental factors.
- It was noted that locally and nationally wind is crucial to achieving carbon targets.
- It was noted that we need to acknowledge that gaining community backing for wind, even where there is community support; there will still be those that don't support it.
- It was noted that an important factor in our ability to set ambitious policy is that land prices are being inflated at the expense of policy being met, because under current rules developers can use viability tests to show that they cannot afford to comply with policy
- It was noted that the policies being discussed only focused on the low carbon/carbon reduction aspect of climate change and not the other issues, such as water and natural environment. These parts of policy are being covered and it is hoped to have a Board discussion on those issues at a future Board meeting.

Refer to the table below for actions.

5. ESP Joint Vision Statement

The updated Vision Statement was circulated to the board, which Cllr Shelford is planning to take to full Council in July in the form of a Motion.

- Cllr Crossley offered to second the motion which was accepted by Cllr Shelford.
- Cllr Shelford clarified that this motion is being taken to Council in his role as Chair of the ESP Board and on its behalf.
- Cllr Crossley also advised to narrow the vision down to the strategic vision and avoid the detail to stop it becoming a distraction
- Detailed comments on content were noted and taken away.
- The vision statement will be tested at the Scrutiny panel 21st May prior to the Council meeting in July.

Refer to the table below for actions.

6. AOB & Review Actions and Next Steps

Cllr Anketell-Jones brought up the issue of communication and how we communicate what is discussed at this meeting with wider stakeholders.

Summary of Actions agreed at this meeting.

No.	Action and person responsible	Detail
1	Action (JW)	Consider the issue of Carbon Farming at the October Board
2	Action (JW)	Clarify EV WOE target – Update the proposed target is that half of all newly registered vehicles will be EV.
3	Action (JW)	JW is the B&NES representative on the WoE Energy Strategy Steering group and will ensure that the Boards views are represented during the strategy development process.
4	Action (JW)	Following the Policy Update item, consider JP's request to visit to a wind turbine.
5	Action (JW)	Re Appendix 1 of the Vision – investigate any wider partnerships beyond the WoE, with neighbouring areas, e.g Wilts & Somerset.
6	Action (JW)	To amend the Vision accordingly following board comments.
7	Action (Sustainability Team)	Consider best way to consult with wider ESP network and other suitable forums.

End

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**Agenda Item 3
Community Leadership updates**

Date

6 August 2018

Desired outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To update the Board on<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Environmental Sustainability motion taken to Council 12 July 2018○ Council approach on plastics
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There will be verbal updates on two items:

1. The Environmental Sustainability vision statement was taken as a motion to Council 12 July by Cllr Shelford (Conservative) and seconded by Cllr Paul Crossley (Liberal Democrat). See Appendix 1. The motion was based on the new Environmental Sustainability vision agreed at the ESP Board 25 April.

Statements relating to the Motion were also provided by:

Cllr John Bull (Labour)

Cllr Joe Rayment (Labour)

Cllr Patrick Anketell-Jones (Conservative)

Cllr Paul May (Conservative)

Cllr Lin Patterson (Green Party)

Cllr Lisa O'Brien (Conservative)

Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall (Liberal Democrat)

Cllr Tim Ball (Liberal Dem)

[Recording of the Council meeting](#)

[Minutes of the Council meeting.](#)

This new vision can be found in the [Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy 2016-2020](#) which the ESP Board oversees.

2. The Council recognises the importance of providing leadership on the issue of plastics and plastic pollution.

A cross-departmental task group has been convened, looking at:

- Latest Government and industry developments
- Strategic waste and operational approach
- Partnership working
- Awareness raising
- Community enablement

End

Motion on Environmental Sustainability Council, 12 July 2018

To be moved by Cllr Mark Shelford

This Council:

- Notes that, since last summer the Environmental Sustainability Partnership Board has been working on a new Sustainability vision statement to bring to Full Council as a motion to reaffirm the Council's position on, and commitment to, sustainability.
- Therefore resolves to adopt the following as its Environmental Sustainability Vision Statement, in recognition of the importance of sustainability to everything the Council does:

B&NES Environmental Sustainability Vision Statement 2018:

Environmental sustainability is about our ability to survive and thrive into the future. Everything else that we seek to achieve – such as improved health and well-being and economic prosperity - is dependent on a clean environment and stable climate. In Bath & North East Somerset, our ambition is to provide the leadership to enable the whole community to benefit from an environmentally sustainable, healthy, low carbon future that is resilient to changes in our climate. We seek to be a leading place for innovation and achievement in pursuit of these goals.

Benefits:

- Cleaner, greener and more affordable energy with more of it produced and owned locally
- Warmer and cheaper to run homes and businesses
- Less traffic and congestion, cleaner air & streets where people can walk and cycle easily, including increased pedestrianisation
- Healthier and more sustainable local food supply
- New jobs from increased local food and energy production, increased home energy retrofitting, growth in local circular economy
- Reduction in waste production, increase in recycling rates and energy from food waste
- Increased local stewardship of local water resources and better flood resilience
- Enhanced beauty of the local natural environment and increased public engagement
- Increased ability to withstand changes to the climate through greater local food and energy security

Enabling Partnerships, Strategies & Action Plans:

- There are a range of relevant partnerships, strategies and action plans that enable action on sustainability, locally and within the West of England. Please see Appendix (i) for the full list.

Approach:

The Environmental Sustainability Partnership's strategic approach to leading and supporting action utilises three principles:

- **Partnership Working:** Bringing together the right people to make things happen
- **Community Enablement:** Enabling residents and community groups to achieve their sustainability aims
- **Leading by Example:** Bold action from the Council and our partners.

Appendix (i): List of Enabling Partnerships, Strategies & Action Plans

- B&NES Environmental Sustainability Partnership:
 - Environmental Sustainability & Change Strategy
 - Local Food Strategy
 - Community Energy Strategy
 - Bath & West Community Energy Co-operation Agreement
 - Keynsham Community Energy Co-operation Agreement
- Other B&NES Partnership Strategies
 - Health & Well-being Strategy and Healthy & Sustainable Places Group
 - Green Infrastructure Strategy
 - Fit for Life Strategy
- Council Service Delivery Strategies & Plans:
 - Transport Strategies
 - Air Quality Action Plans
 - Waste Strategy
- Planning Framework:
 - Core Strategy & Place Making Plan
 - Local Plan
- Beyond B&NES Partnerships & Plans:
 - West of England Nature Partnership
 - Bristol Avon Catchment Partnership
 - West of England Energy Strategy (in development)
 - West of England Joint Strategic Plans and Joint Transport Plans

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**Agenda Item 4
B&NES Transport Policy & Projects**

Date **6 August 2018**

Desired outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide an overview to the Board on current transport planning policy and projects• To provide an opportunity for the Board<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ to consider the challenges and opportunities on this agenda○ and to provide feedback to the team on current policy, projects and future direction
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The item will consist of a three parts:

- 1. Overview:**
 - a. Structure of Highways and Transport service in B&NES
 - b. Overarching strategies and themes (incl West of England/WECA)
- 2. Local Plans:** including electric vehicle infrastructure
- 3. Projects:**
 - a. Go Ultra Low West (electric vehicles)
 - b. Local cycling and walking infrastructure project (LCWIP)
 - c. Metro West
 - d. Behaviour Change

There will be a short slide presentation for each of the three parts, giving further background and detail, with ample discussion time following each presentation.

End