

Draft
Note of the meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Partnership
(ESP) Board
Held on 6th August 2018
Kaposvar Room, Guildhall, Bath.

Board Members	Position
Chair Cllr Mark Shelford	Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment, Lyncombe Ward Councillor, Conservative, B&NES Council.
Cllr Bob Goodman <i>(Attended first part of meeting)</i>	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
Bruce Laurence	Director of Public Health, B&NES Council
David Trethewey	Divisional Director, Strategy & Performance, B&NES Council
Board Advisors	Position
Barry Smith	Sustainable Places Team Leader, Environment Agency
Peter Capener	Independent Sustainable Energy Consultant
Guests	Position
Sara Grimes	Sustainability Officer, B&NES Council
Gary Peacock	Deputy Group Manager, Highways & Traffic, B&NES Council
Alasdair Yule	Observer from the Highways & Traffic team, B&NES Council
Standing Officers	Position
Jane Wildblood	Corporate & Community Sustainability Manager, B&NES Council
Micaela Basford	Sustainability Officer, B&NES Council
Apologies	Position
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

1. Welcome, Introductions and Declarations of Interest

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

- Cllr Shelford & Cllr Bull declared an interest that they are shareholders in 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.

No.	Action Update
1	Carbon Farming – we've asked for this to be covered at the October Board Meeting as part of the focus on Natural Environment.
2	Action complete.
3	JW has fed the Board's views on the Energy Strategy development. The Board will be consulted further when WECA provides the draft strategy, timetable unclear.
4	SG developing a visit, to include a wind turbine and sustainable housing development – expected November 2018
5	Revisit wider partnerships beyond the WoE boundary as part of the October Board Meeting.
6	Action complete.
7	Stakeholder event proposal to be circulated to the ESP Board for input. Likely date end of September 2018.

3. Community Leadership updates

a) The Motion

The Chair thanked all the Cllrs for their support on taking the motion to Council and for their positive response on the evening.

JW explained next steps regarding the communications work planned as follow up, which includes the stakeholder event in September.

b) Plastics

JW provided an update.

- Council is performing a leadership role, good action happening across services.
- FAQs being prepared for public & staff so that people are aware of what the real solutions and to avoid greenwash.
- Investigating refill points with the water companies and the BID.
- Waste Services enforcement campaign across B&NES.
- Agreed to include examples of good practice in our communications.

c) Our Power in B&NES tariff

JW provided update on the Our Power In B&NES tariffs. The Council procured the fully licenced (regulated by OFGEM) energy supplier Our Power, via a thorough EU compliant procurement process in order to deliver both green and more affordable energy in B&NES, to the benefit of the community and the local economy. Bath & West Community Energy are working with Our Power & the Council to deliver community marketing and access to the energy generated from their local, community-owned energy schemes.

Refer to the table below for actions.

4. B&NES Transport Policy & Projects

GP & SG presented to Board.

Items covered included:

- Strategic overview, WoE coordination and policy harmonisation
- Local Plan development with a particular focus on EV charging infrastructure
- Summary of a range of active projects delivering more sustainable transport
- Explanation of the role of WECA in cross-boundary working and through the gateway funding available
- Demonstrating the contribution of this work to air quality improvement and carbon reduction.

During the discussion the following was noted:

- Grid capacity and the definition of passive provision in new build developments were both issues that need to be considered. This has been noted in the WoE Energy Study.
- B&NES should be aspirational with regard to the approach for passive provision.
- It was reported that current supply of public EV charging points in B&NES is sufficient to meet current demand for charging.
- It was confirmed that the learning from the city bike rental scheme (currently run by Next Bike) is being taken into account in future procurement through the Go Ultra Low West project. For example, in future schemes it is intended that bike starting point locations will be at the top of hills.
- Transport Team noted that in the Go Ultra Low West projects, they will take account of the different circumstances in B&NES in regard to local energy and the provision of power to active EV charging points in the WoE.
- Noted that the Council will be promoting the car sharing and lift sharing to the public in the autumn.
- Members and officers are working hard within West of England Combined Authority (WECA) to maximise funding for sustainable travel.

- It was confirmed that the JLTP is subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment
- GP explained that WECA has £30m per annum to spend on transport. This is gateway funding, i.e. to pump-prime projects which are then used to unlock greater funding, e.g. in B&NES for our Local Cycle & Walking Infrastructure Plan.

Refer to the table below for actions.

5. Summary of Actions

Summary of Actions agreed at this meeting.

No.	Action and person responsible	Detail
1	Action (MB)	Circulate proposal to ESP Board about the Stakeholder event in September
2	Action (BL)	To produce a one page note on ways to move forward on the food issue, ref the reference in the vision.
3	Action (MB/JW)	Explore the potential from community enterprise in the Local Food arena, at the Stakeholder Event.
4	Action (BS)	Liaise with Environment agency Plastics work group to share learning, BS to provide introduction
5	Action (MB/CH)	Provide an information package for Board members to enable them to promote the scheme.
6	Action (PC)	Explore potential for community enterprise models for EV charging infrastructure.
7	Action (SG)	Consider the different local energy circumstances for the GUL projects, in B&NES especially given the relation with Our Power and BWCE.

6. AOB & Next meeting

No AOBs.

Next meeting confirmed:

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

Agenda theme: Government's 25 Year Environment Plan

End