

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Environmental Sustainability Partnership Board (ESP) Board</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>14:00 start 16:00 finish</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Kaposvar Room, Guildhall, Bath, BA1 5AW</b>

### Attendees

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Position</b>
Chairman Cllr Martin Veal	Cabinet Member for Community Services, Bathavon North Ward Councillor, Conservative, B&NES Council, B&NES Council
Cllr Mark Shelford	Cabinet Assistant for Economic Development, Lyncombe Ward Councillor, Conservative
Cllr Robin Moss	Westfield Ward Councillor, Labour Group Leader
Cllr June Player	Westmoreland Ward Councillor, Independent
Peter Andrews	Community Board Member, Transition Bath and other community initiatives.
Donna Baddeley	Executive Director, Transformation & Business Improvement, Curo Group
Bruce Laurence	Director of Public Health, B&NES Council
Andrew Pate	Strategic Director, Resources, B&NES Council
Louise Fradd	Strategic Director, Place, B&NES Council
David Trethewey	Divisional Director, Strategy & Performance, B&NES Council
Cllr Paul Crossley	Southdown Ward Councillor, Liberal Democrat Group, Member Advocate for The Sustainable Environment

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

<b>Guests</b>	<b>Position</b>
Jeff Tatum	Energy Manager, B&NES Council
Cathy Hough	Corporate Sustainability Officer, B&NES Council

<b>Standing Officers</b>	<b>Position</b>
Jane Wildblood	Corporate Sustainability Manager, B&NES Council
Micaela Basford	Corporate Sustainability Officer, B&NES Council
Sara Banks	Standards & Support Officer, B&NES Council

<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Position</b>

## Agenda 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017

	Subject	Time	Presenter
1	<b>Welcome, introductions and declarations of interest</b>	5m	Cllr Martin Veal
2	<b>Minutes &amp; Actions from last Board Meeting</b> (minutes below)	5m	Cllr Martin Veal
3	<p><b>Changing strategic context in energy and low carbon issues.</b></p> <p><b>Presentation to explore the issues</b></p> <p><b>Desired outcomes:</b> An opportunity to reflect on the changing international and national context which the ESP is operating in.</p>	45m	Jane Wildblood
	<b>Break</b>	10m	
4	<p><b>Update on the West of England work on energy and low carbon.</b></p> <p><b>Desired outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To update the Board on the work undertaken on low carbon economy and energy issues for the next Devolution Deal (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ JSP/JTP</li> <li>○ WoE Energy Strategy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• To seek Board members thoughts to inform that thinking</li> </ul>	15m	Jane Wildblood Sara Grimes
5.	<b>AOB</b>	5m	All
6.	<b>Review Actions and Next Steps</b>	5m	Cllr Martin Veal

**Next ESP Board meeting:  
Agenda theme: to be decided  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 2pm – 4pm. Aix en Provence, Guildhall, Bath.**

**Note of the meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Partnership Board  
Held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
Mulberry Park Visitors Centre, Foxhill, Bath, BA2 5QN**

Present

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Position</b>
Cllr Martin Veal	Cabinet Member for Community Services, Bathavon North Ward Councillor, Conservative Banes Council
Dr Bruce Laurence	Director of Public Health, B&NES Council
David Trethewey	Divisional Director, Strategy & Performance, B&NES Council
Donna Baddeley	Executive Director, Transformation & Business Improvement, Curo Group
Cllr Robin Moss	Westfield Ward Councillor, Labour Group Leader
Peter Andrews	Community Board Member, Transition Bath and other community initiatives
Cllr Mark Shelford	Cabinet Assistant for Economic Development, Lyncombe Ward Councillor, Conservative

<b>Board Advisors</b>	<b>Position</b>
Peter Capener	Independent Sustainable Energy Consultant

<b>Standing Officers Present</b>	<b>Position</b>
Jane Wildblood	Corporate Sustainability Manager, B&NES Council
Micaela Basford	Corporate Sustainability Officer, B&NES Council
Sara Banks	Standards & Support Officer, B&NES Council

<b>Guests</b>	<b>Position</b>
Jonathan Poole	Mulberry Park Development Manager, Curo
Sophie Kirk	Sustainability Officer, Food, B&NES Council

<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Position</b>
Cllr Paul Crossley	Southdown Ward Councillor, Liberal Democrat Group, Member Advocate for The Sustainable Environment
Cllr June Player	West Moreland Independents, Member advocate for Cleaner, Greener Streets
Louise Fradd	Strategic Director, Place, B&NES Council
Andrew Pate	Strategic Director, Resources & Support Services, B&NES Council
Dave Crowson	Environment Agency

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Declarations of Interest**

1.1 Introductions were made and Curo were thanked for hosting the meeting.

1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

## **2. Minutes & Actions from the last Board Meeting**

2.1 These were agreed.

## **3. B&NES Local Food Partnership Update**

3.1 Presentation by Sophie Kirk

3.2 Sophie reported on the progress made on the delivery of the B&NES Local Food Strategy (2014 – 2017). The Board were then asked for their input into the strategy which will be refreshed next year.

3.3 The main strategy will be concentrating on these themes

- Health and Wellbeing
- Environmental Sustainability
- Food Security
- Economic Prosperity

### **3.4 Questions and Comments**

- Peter Andrews – requested that the refreshed strategy be promoted in the community to raise awareness of it.
- Pete Capener – would be helpful if we could quantify with some of the statistics used in the report. Such as the percentage of food produced within a 20 mile radius.
- Bruce Laurence – improving the health of the less wealthy by encouraging them to eat a healthy diet can only be done if people know how to cook.
- Donna Baddeley – Could we look at good practice in other areas? Employers could help by encouraging healthy lifestyles at work.
- Jane Wildblood – Does the Partnership think the strategy is going in the right direction remembering this is a strategy not an action plan.
- Cllr Veal - Education is a key driver of this, teaching people to cook and them being willing to learn.
- David Trethewey – the Council has limited influence over land usage in B&NES. In order to improve the amount of areas available for growing food the Council would need to work with the community to encourage them to lead on this.
- The Government's community Asset Transfer scheme is in place to deal with this but it is overly complicated and therefore not widely used.
- Cllr Veal felt the parishes needed to be encouraged to look at this.
- Bruce Laurence – With regard to reaching the Gold Sustainable Food Cities standard, we should only go for it if it is the right thing to do not something we have to do.

3.5 The Board agreed with the suggested approach to refresh the strategy and also agreed to consider an approach regarding the consumption of meat and dairy in our diets.

#### **4. Devolution**

4.1 David Trethewey gave a brief outline of where we are with the devolution negotiations and the process that needs to happen to formalise the devolution.

4.2 Jane Wildblood gave a presentation that outlined how the sustainability and energy officers from the three WECA authorities have convened to develop work on low carbon and energy issues that could form part of a future Devolution Deal.

#### **5. Mulberry Park Development**

5.1 Jonathan Poole, Mulberry Park Project Director gave a presentation about the Mulberry Park development.

5.2 A discussion followed, key points were:

- JP confirmed that the blocks of flats will have solar panels on the roof but not the individual housing.
- Street lighting was also raised as B&NES Council are now installing LED street lights. JP confirmed that street lighting is part of the planning process and therefore there are specific standards required..
- It is hoped that the new primary school can benefit from renewable energy.
- DB confirmed that Curo were looking for a CIC to run the Community Hub.
- As the development is still in its early stages many of the questions could not be answered.

<p><b>Action:</b> BWCE &amp; Curo will arrange to meet and discuss if there is the opportunity to increase the amount of solar on roofs by working in partnership.</p>
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#### **6. AOB**

6.1 Pete Capener promoted the BWCE community Fund and that it is open to applications for projects which work towards the lowering of carbon emissions or fuel poverty.

6.2 BWCE are also looking for new trustees to sit on the fund's board.

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<b>Desired outcomes:</b>	<b>Desired outcomes:</b> An opportunity to reflect on the changing international and national context in which the ESP is operating.
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**1. Context background**

1. USA pulling out of the Paris Agreement
2. UK General Election
3. UK Climate Change Act 2008

**There will be a presentation to explore the issues from the following perspectives:**

**National:**

- Policy roll out:
  - MEES for leased assets
  - Domestic energy cap
  - Smart meter roll out
- Technology update:
  - Solar installations – national vs. B&NES, cost of solar dropping
  - Electric vehicle uptake – becoming a viable mainstream option. Ownership escalating, range of 100% electric increasing.
  - Battery storage about to come onto the market.

**Local Activities:**

- SW collaboration (Devon, Exeter, Unis, B&NES, AFR, MOD)
- OLEV
- Energy Services
- Revisiting resource efficiency in buildings
- WECA collaboration (more detail in Agenda Item 4)

**2. Discussion**

Ends

<b>Desired outcomes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To update the Board on the work undertaken on low carbon economy and energy issues for the next Devolution Deal (2)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ JSP/JTLP</li><li>○ WoE Energy Strategy</li></ul></li></ul>
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1. A presentation will be given to the Board
2. This is an update to the Devolution Agenda Item from the October 2016 ESP Board meeting, following the election of the West of England Mayor (Tim Bowles, Conservative) on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and the further work undertaken on energy and low carbon issues, particularly the Joint Spatial Plan, Joint Local Transport Plan and the West of England Energy Strategy.
3. Background from October 2016 update
  1. The first West of England Devolution agreement makes only a small reference to energy issues, specifically on the potential for tidal power development in the Severn Estuary. Whilst development of this renewable energy resource is important, there are a range of other low carbon infrastructure actions that could be delivering more low carbon and renewable energy and driving down energy demand, whilst creating jobs and economic benefit faster than major tidal schemes can deliver.
  2. The sustainability and energy officers from the three unitary authorities, who had previously worked on a West of England Low Carbon Economic Strategy to feed into the LEP's Strategic Economic Plan, have reconvened in order to develop a set of broader devolution 'asks' that will be designed to hasten the transition to a low carbon economy locally.
  3. This work will also feed into the strategic development work currently being undertaken by the LEP, in its review of the Strategic Economic Plan, which will inform the emerging Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA).
  4. The work has the following key aspects;
    - a. taking each of the authority's relevant strategies and plans, identify common themes and language
    - b. identify which issues might be better addressed at WoE MCA level
    - c. identify which of these might be appropriate for Devolution Deal 2

- d. coordinate key data to support these potential 'asks' and articulate WoE wide targets
  - e. take into account low carbon economy and energy aspects of other devolution deals that we could learn from
5. The work will fall under the following headings:
- a. energy efficiency and retrofitting
  - b. new build
  - c. community energy
  - d. transport
  - e. business/commercial carbon emissions
  - f. low carbon industries
  - g. generation, distribution and innovation

Ends