



North Tyneside Council

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# Minutes

**Meeting:** NTSP Green North Tyneside Theme  
Partnership Board

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Present:** Ian McKee - Chair  
Councillor John Stirling  
Phil Scott  
Paul Nelson  
Tony Baines  
Mike Keenlyside  
Mike Blades  
Chris Baty

Diane Legg - Minutes  
Clare Swift  
Ann-Marie Crozier  
Anne Taylor  
Darryl Hall

**Location:** Room 4.01, Quadrant East

## Minutes of Meeting

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1.	<b>Apologies</b>  Peter Hedley, Susan Wear, Graeme Hurst.	
2.	<b>Minutes and Matters Arising</b>  Page 3 – Oxypod. IM confirmed that this will run as a pilot with a smaller number to do some comparison studies. Working in conjunction with the Citizens Advice Bureau, 65 people were identified who wished to take part, 10 of which have been chosen to complete the study. The Coalition of Disabled People will fund the study, and it will be evaluated on consumption figures. CS advised that Hawkey's Lane Ambulance Station is currently using one to assess how effective they are.	
3.	<b>Sustainable Procurement in the NHS</b>  Chris Baty's presentation attached.  MB explained that although the building of the new hospital at Cramlington would increase the carbon footprint for the next couple of years, accounting for construction, however it will then start to reduce when the construction phase ends. A discussion followed around the project and steps being taken to increase	

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	<p>sustainable development within other projects.</p> <p>CB suggested that a group be set up with local public bodies in order to share information. This was agreed by all to do a good idea. PN to send NTC procurement contact to CB.</p>	<p><b>PN</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Task and Finish Group – Businesses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Business award</li> </ul> <p>The awards which took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December were described as a fantastic evening. North Tyneside had sponsored the event and it was very difficult to choose between the 3 shortlisted companies, who were 4 Fusion Helpline UK Ltd and CMR with the overall winner being CMR.</p> <p>A discussion followed around whether we should continue to fund the event, or whether other companies should be approached for sponsorship. PS felt the award should carry on, but should not always be dependant on this group to sponsor it.</p> <p>MK to speak to Sandra Kershaw regarding potential sponsorship from industry.</p>	<p><b>MK</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>European Funding</b></p> <p>MK's presentation attached on European Structural Investment Funding 2015-2020.</p> <p>MK explained the themes for this year and explained that a lot of negotiation is on going with DCLG and the European Commission to agree on the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>MK to organise a special meeting with Carole Botting and Ross Weddle in January to discuss Vonne's proposals for accessing funding for energy schemes.</p>	<p><b>MK</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Potential Solar PV Project</b></p> <p>PN's presentation attached.</p> <p>JS advised that there are Council Buildings which they are considering for this project that might meet the criteria.</p> <p>The board agreed to consider more detailed future proposals. PS stated that this is still at the early stages, and that a briefing paper would follow in due course.</p> <p>MB advised on buildings on which he is currently installing solar panels.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>New project proposals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board suggestions</b></li> </ul> <p>PN talked about the budget for the group, and what projects they would like to see taken forward.</p> <p>MK highlighted a potential opportunity. NEA has received money from DECC offering free training on fuel poverty. They would be offering 1-1 sessions on debt management, energy bills and other issues. JS was concerned that this</p>	

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	was the type of training that Warm Zone offered, but PN advised that the more that was available, the better. CS indicated that she would be interested.	
8.	<b>Chair's report to NTSP Executive</b>  <b>Attached</b>	
9.	<b>GNT Budget</b>  PN confirmed that there was currently £45,000 Revenue budget available.	
10.	<b>AOB</b>  Deputy Young Mayor Darryl Hall talked to the group about the Grow to Eat project that he is involved with, working with a local Youth Club. He has secured funding from the Big o2 and is going to London to discuss the funding with them. JS mentioned the potential for the youth club to use some space at Balkwell Allotments which is a community area. JS to take forward.	<b>JS</b>
	Future dates and venues 2015 dates to be confirmed	