



North Tyneside Council

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Minutes

Meeting: NTSP Green North Tyneside Theme
Partnership Board

Date: 4th September 2014

Present: Ian McKee - chair
Phil Scott
Councillor Stirling
Paul Nelson
Peter Hedley
Tony Baines
Mike Keenlyside

Diane Legg - Minutes
Clare Swift
Ann-Marie Crozier
Sathish Sethuraman

Location: Room 4.01, Quadrant East

Minutes of Meeting

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1.	Apologies	
	Apologies were received from Graham Hurst and Mike Blades	
2.	Minutes and Matters Arising	
	<p>Page 2 – Euro funding. Councillor Stirling has had no feedback so far. He asked that we look at what is available. PN confirmed that a briefing is being given to the Sustainable Development Board in the next week and that the Green North Tyneside Board would be kept updated on funding opportunities. IM indicated that there are monies available which we should be accessing.</p> <p>AMC commented that at a previous meeting it was mentioned that the purpose of this board was the opportunity to share contributions, but was not aware of any funding opportunities. PS confirmed that NTC wishes partners to become more strategic in our bidding and now have a specific team to support this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair and Vice Chair election <p>Nominations for IMc and CS to continue in their positions of Chair and Vice Chair were unanimously carried.</p>	
3.	Task and Finish Group - Businesses	
	<p>MK has been working on marketing the Boards Carbon Award Scheme. NTC has emailed all registered suppliers in the Borough to promote the scheme. NTC has also included an information leaflet with all annual trade waste agreements. NTC's procurement guidelines now includes reference to the scheme. The board agreed that this is something that all members should consider for their respective organisations.</p>	ALL

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	<p>A discussion took place around a dedicated sustainable procurement officers and strategies. SS confirmed that the NHS has a dedicated Sustainable Procurement officer and the Board agreed to invite the officer to a future board to present the NHS approach to sustainable procurement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carbon Reduction Award – Tesco <p>MK explained that following a presentation to the Quorum Business Park facility management group, Tesco Bank had seen our Carbon reduction leaflet and proceeded to adopt the model locally with a view to potential roll it out to the whole Tesco Bank group nationally. MK had met with Colin Higgins of Tesco, and had been invited to see what they were currently doing regarding Carbon Reduction. The Bank has achieved both bronze and silver levels.</p> <p>The Bank Case study presentation was given by Colin Higgins of Tesco Bank. (See attached).</p> <p>Colin explained that Tesco Bank had been formed in 2009/10. They originally employed 500 people, but now have over 3,000 staff.</p> <p>The intention is that Tesco will roll out the scheme in Newcastle, and if successful, will extend it to other branches. All of the team involved are volunteers, and their target is to become Zero Carbon by 2050.</p> <p>JS asked if Tesco had considered installing things like heat pumps before their buildings were erected. Colin responded that they are looking at many options but did point out that Tesco now concentrate on smaller buildings rather than Superstores.</p> <p>Colin reiterated that they had achieved a silver award, and are aiming to achieve gold, but acknowledged that behavioural change was difficult to manage.</p> <p>MK and IMc were keen to know if Tesco intend to roll out our scheme nationally, as a lot of work has been done by the Board. Would we receive any accolades/recognition? Colin confirmed that this will happen. Their intranet site is being changed and becoming interactive. What will be included going forward is how Tesco got to where they are now and North Tyneside’s contribution to this.</p> <p>IMc and JS emphasised that we would be happy for further collaboration with Tesco in the future.</p> <p>PS indicated that one of the purposes of this group was to reduce the Carbon Footprint of the borough, and as Tesco has a large customer base, asked if messages could be put forward to encourage the behaviour of customers. Colin advised that he thought there might be something in the pipeline to address this issue.</p> <p>JS advised that the government had changed the carbon content of electricity. PN to forward information regarding this to Colin Higgins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Business Award <p>MK confirmed that a sponsorship deal has been secured to continue the Green Business Award this year. The awards evening is 2nd December has and MK will send out invitations. The group was asked to confirm to MK if they would like to attend.</p> <p>IMc and JS will judge the entries to the category.</p>	<p>PN/SS</p> <p>PN</p> <p>MK</p>

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4.	<p>Task and Finish Group – Behaviour Change Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Report <p>MK reported results working with 48 households. £200 a year was saved on energy bills, equivalent to 40 tonnes of carbon which is a great achievement. The toolkit, developed as part of the project, is available on the learning platform for schools to use.</p> <p>JS felt that as we would be promoting a new bees project to schools we could also promote the toolkit at the same time.</p> <p>MK advised that money had been secured from DECC for National Energy Action (NEA) to deliver a future project in North Tyneside. The exact amount of funding has not been confirmed so no proposal has yet been developed.</p>	
5.	<p>Task and Finish Group – Energy Efficiency and Carbon reduction in Community Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress report <p>IMc reported that the originally planned event did not take place as scheduled in July. After some initial marketing of the event it was deemed that there was not enough interest to warrant the further investment of officer time and revenue funding that delivering the event would have required.</p> <p>As a follow up exercise, MK had phoned a number of Community Centres to talk to them about energy efficiency in a more targeted approach. However, even this more targeted approach did not produce any demand for conversation. The board discussed that this may be because people had become complacent due to mild weather and not seeing large bills coming in. This may be revisited in the future.</p>	
6.	<p>New Project Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oxypod <p>An example of an Oxypod was circulated. JS reported that these have been installed in a few public and community buildings, and they appear to be working, although better results will be evident during the winter months. IMc would like to see them used in a domestic situation and offered to people in fuel poverty. These need to be identified, although the Citizens Advice Bureaux has a list of people who may be eligible.</p> <p>IMc proposed a trial of units in 20 domestic properties, at an approximate value of £4000.</p> <p>This was discussed in some detail and that a proper procurement exercise would have to be carried out as there may be other manufacturers of this type of product on the market.</p> <p>The board agreed in principle to proceed with a procurement exercise to trial the product, pending;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TB to speak to the research team at Northumbrian Water to get their 	TB

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	<p>views on in principle, whether the product would work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration of value for money through the procurement exercise. <p>IMc stressed that to see the full benefit of the trial, the units would need to be installed before winter.</p> <p>PS nominated PN to lead a sub group in developing the business case and leading a procurement exercise. PN stated that board members would be consulted before the next board meeting in December, to ensure that any trial was delivered during the winter months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board suggestions <p>The board was asked for suggestions for new projects.</p>	PN
7.	Chairs report to NTSP Executive	
	<p>IMc gave an overview of the chairs report which will go to the September NTSP Executive. This is circulated with the minutes.</p> <p>IMc also updated the board on the last NTSP Executive in June. Good feedback was received on the NEA Behaviour Change project from Patrick Melia, NTC Chief Executive, and John Vincent, Principle at Tyne Met College. Both were pleased that the toolkit was to be circulated to schools. IMc also updated the executive on the potential of the oxypod project and they were supportive that the board was looking at innovative products.</p> <p>However, IMc was disappointed that very little was discussed due to a planned Review of the NTSP which would be taking place over the Summer months.</p>	
8.	<p>GNT Budget</p> <p>Collective energy switching</p> <p>PN explained the project and leaflets and posters were circulated. PN will send the registration details to board members for promotion to staff and networks.</p>	PN / ALL
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>No other business.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting 4th December 2014. 10:30am – 12:00am Room 4.03 Quadrant East Future dates to be confirmed.</p>	