

EFDC GREEN CORPORATE WORKING PARTY MINUTES

DATE: 6th February 2012
TIME: 2.00pm
VENUE: Conference Room, Civic Offices

Chair: John Preston (JP)

Minutes: Sarah Creitzman (SC)

Attending: Janet Twinn (JT), Ann Kossick (AK), Gary Woodhall (GW), Lyndsay Swan (LS), Paul Duguid (PD), Ian White, Ian Almond (IA)

Apologies

Brian Bassington, Mike Tipping, Mike Warr

Carbon Strategy

Action

JP – Original Climate Change Strategy wasn't that well consulted on and was a first stab. It has been challenged by political decisions etc and wasn't really inclusive of SMART objectives.

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SC

But it has now been renewed by SC, focusing on the Council's own emissions and use of resources. Renamed the Carbon Strategy.

This new document was sent to Safer Cleaner Greener Scrutiny Panel, where it was recognised by members that it was necessary to have strong targets in this area and be able to collect and record energy data accurately.

Council members also recognised that figures dropping in carbon up to this point have only in small part been due to energy saving measures; they were mostly because of other coincidences which resulted in energy use reduction. Members recognised that more needed to be done to consciously reduce our carbon footprint and that measuring data for Display Energy Certificate buildings only was a weakness.

The Strategy is ready to be taken to the next stage, but is still lacking input from some areas of the Council. SC requested that any GCWP members who have not yet had the chance to contribute to the 'Actions for the Future' please take the time to add something the list of actions so far. SC to circulate Strategy again with minutes.

Council Waste Update

Mike Tipping did not attend and had not provided an update at the time of the meeting.

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Environmental Advice Booklets

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IA – Environmental services has been using the 'Green Books Guides' company for several years, to raise public awareness of green issues to do with recycling and waste in the form of booklets written by the company, but branded with the EFDC logo. The same company is offering to do this in an online package, with a wide choice of booklets covering a range of green topics.

The Council would have to pay 25 pence per download and we are looking at how to ensure only EFDC residents are able to access them. One possibility is asking for a

postcode before the download starts.

SC – Is happy to put budget towards this since there are home and office energy efficiency booklets and water saving booklets included in the package and delivering them online is obviously less resource intensive than using paper copies. However, this is providing there are no objections from anyone in the group about the content within the booklets.

SC handed out booklets to each member and requested that they let her know within a fortnight if they had found any issues in the material.

AOB

None.

Date of next meeting

Next meeting scheduled for 14:00 on June 1st in Committee Room 2