

ADAPTATION SUB-GROUP MEETING

THURSDAY 7 JANUARY 2010: 2 – 4PM, HOSTED BY KIRKLEES COUNCIL, HUDDERSFIELD.

Room 27, The Environment Unit, Estate Buildings, Railway Street, Huddersfield. (This is directly opposite Huddersfield Railway Station).

AGENDA

Time	No.	Item
2 pm	1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies <i>Ruth</i>
	2.	De-brief from PiP Week and taking forward UKCP09 Attached <i>Tim</i>
	3.	NI188 support, including higher scoring authorities <i>Tim / all - discussion</i>
3 pm	4.	Adaptation locality sheets <i>Jon / Andy</i>
	5.	Action plan development <i>Jon</i>
3.45 pm	6.	Membership of the group <i>Tim / Jon</i>
	7.	Any other business <i>All</i>

FEED BACK FROM PROJECTIONS IN PRACTICE WEEK

Five days of events – involving workshops for several sectors, lap top based detailed training and a final high level workshop – 250 delegates across sectors attended.

The sessions were mostly to update the sectors on what the projections were and to help organisations of all types to start thinking about using the tools further and considering how their business needed to adapt.

The common message from the results is that we must adapt to CO₂ levels already in the atmosphere – which will bring major changes **AND** we must work even harder to make sure that the minimum amount of green house gases were released in the future.

The Localities day also used as training day for authorities on NI 188 who were at Level 0 to learn from those on Level 1 & 2 – this was very successful and support was to be sought from the RIEP to help the Level 0 authorities to learn from others and progress.

It was agreed that any spring workshop on NI 188 should be for the Level 1 & 2 authorities to help them move onwards – perhaps shared with other neighbouring regions.

Most meetings went well – a common issue was further work was needed to explain the projections better – particularly in terms of actual changes instead of %age change and +X^oC.

The business event was poorly attended and businesses in particular struggled with the concept of adaptation – although many were well used to considering risk.

The High Level meeting involving CEXs and Leaders across several organisations and the Regional Minister and Defra Secretary of State, was more intended for action planning and the actions arising, *with notes on them are* –

- Follow up meeting in March 2010, to include Climate Change Partnership including update on:
 - Mapping of key regional organisations to ensure partnership membership reflects a wide cross-section of key regional organisations/ sectors for both adaptation as well as mitigation. – *this is on-going and changes have already taken place*
 - Improved communications on adaptation issues –
 - develop joint messages and mechanism of communication on adaptation regionally. – *the adaptation sub-group to consider*
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- TG to speak to LRAP/Defra about a nationally funded project on communicating adaptation messages. – *next meeting 7th December*
- Regional Minister to place work on low carbon technology and green jobs on the agenda of the Regional Economic Delivery Group – *this was done and a Low Carbon summit is to be planned*
- To propose discussion and support for a Low Carbon Economic Area at the November Joint Regional Board – *this was on the agenda and YF are working up proposals.*

Conclusion

The adaptation sub-group mostly met recently to discuss dissemination and use of the regional study and organisation of Pip week.

It now needs to meet to take forward the actions that arose and to plan to strengthen the CCAP with more specific adaptation actions following the release of the Projections 09.

It is suggested to add further local authority members* from those who are at a lower level on adaptation action but are striving to move forward.

* Current members – Environment Agency, Forestry Commission, Natural England, Regional co-ordinator (LGYH), GOYH, Yorkshire Forward and Futures, Sheffield, Leeds and Kirklees.