

## MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE PARTNERSHIP MEETING: 21 JANUARY 2010

### Attendees

Jeremy Walker	-
Gail Hammond	Environment Agency
Cllr Arthur Barker ( <b>Chair</b> )	Hambleton District Council
Jon Clubb	LGYH
Nicola Baylis (Secretariat)	LGYH
Debbie Rosen	Yorkshire Forward
Amanda Crossfield	Yorkshire Futures

### Apologies

Liz Edgington	BITC
Joanne Pollard	CO <sub>2</sub> Sense
Paul Bellotti	East Ridings of Yorkshire Council
Simon Bowens	Friends of the Earth
Tim Godson	GOYH
Carole Cozens	LGYH
Roger French	Strategic Health Authority
Anna Steynor	UK Climate Impacts Programme
Liz Jones	YoHr Space Climate Change Board
Stewart Clewlow	Yorkshire Forward
Gordon Rogers	Yorkshire Water

### 1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and the apologies were noted.

### 2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

### 3. Matters Arising

At the last meeting, members discussed the possibility of linking the 'One Year On' event/high-level meeting with the launch of Progress in the Region in March. It was confirmed that this had been explored but would not be feasible.

It was noted that the new 'Your Climate' logo, and relevant templates, had been circulated to members via e-mail.

Following discussions at the last meeting, members acknowledged that it was unlikely that the Partnership, or the Regional Flood Defence Committee (RFDC), would get a seat on the Joint Regional Board (JRB). However, it was confirmed that Cllr Barker had been appointed as Chair of the RFDC, thereby creating a formal link between the Partnership and the RFDC.

It was confirmed that Liz Jones, Chair of the YoHr Space Climate Change Board, had had accepted the invitation to join the Partnership.

A diagram illustrating how the Partnership links in with other regional structures was tabled for information.

#### 4. Highlight Reports

##### Strategy and Monitoring

In addition to the information contained within the report, the following points were noted:

- A workstream meeting would be taking place on 11 February 2010 – members were welcome to attend.
- IRS evidence hearings are currently being arranged – further details would be circulated as soon as they become available. Members felt that the Partnership should be involved in these hearings and it was agreed that a document should be pulled together on behalf of the Partnership.

Jon Clubb

***Post Meeting Note: Evidence hearings have now been postponed until after the general election.***

##### Built Environment

In addition to the information contained within the report, the following points were noted:

- This is still work in progress.
- The Housing and Regeneration Board had a broad remit and the Partnership also needs engage with other delivery partners including the Homes and Communities Agency and National Energy Action.

Jon Clubb to liase as required

##### Transport

The report was noted.

Members expressed their disappointment that the representatives from both the Housing and Regeneration and Transport Boards were not in attendance at the meeting. This made it difficult for the Partnership to appreciate how climate change is embedded into the work programme of these two boards.

Jon Clubb to follow up.

##### Business

The report was noted.

##### Land Management

In addition to the information contained within the report, the following points were noted:

- It may not now be appropriate to produce a Regional Land Management Climate Change Strategy – the new Regional Land Management Forum will discuss as its meeting in March. It was agreed that this should be removed from the Plan for now.
- It was agreed that a list of Forum members would be circulated to the Partnership for information and that regular updates on its work would also be provided.

Gail Hammond

- Gail confirmed that she was compiling a set of reports and other documents relating to land management and climate change. Members were asked to forward any relevant documents to Gail.

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### Citizen Engagement

The report was noted.

### Health

No report was submitted and, as Roger French was unable to attend the meeting, no verbal update was given.

## 5. **‘One Year On’ Event Proposal**

Members considered the report highlighting proposals for the ‘One Year On’ event. In the discussion that followed, a number of points were raised:

- Need to submit each of the seven areas of the Plan to wider challenge.
- The event needs to be less political and therefore less likely to be affected if it falls within the Statutory Restricted Period.
- The event should be workshop focussed.
- What should the region be delivering? – An ethics debate could be interesting.
- It would be good to have some ‘provocative’ speakers.
- Need to focus on one or two key themes.
- It is important to remember the reason for the event – performance against the Plan and how we can improve delivery.
- It was agreed that the event should be arranged for the second half of April.
- March could be too early for a high-level meeting as too difficult to organise within the timescales. May be worth postponing until after the election.
- It would be good to have a high-level meeting in March though. Would be worth checking diaries - start with Rosie Winterton MP and go from there. It was noted that Government Office would lead on briefing the Regional Minister.
- The high-level meeting does not necessarily have to link into the ‘One Year On’ event. Could it link into the IRS evidence and policy options as it would be helpful to see how the high-level attendees would feed in?

Jon Clubb

Tim Godson

It was agreed that Jon would liaise with colleagues and redraft the agenda for the ‘One Year On’ event. The revised draft should then be circulated to the Partnership for comments.

Jon Clubb

## 6. **Economic Implications of the Climate Change Act**

Debbie Rosen informed members that that there were some concerns regarding the results of this report, therefore this item would be deferred to a future meeting.

## 7. **Yorkshire and Humber Regional Committee – Carbon Emissions in the Yorkshire and Humber Region: Call for Evidence**

Members were informed that LGYH would be submitting a response to the call for evidence, and they were asked whether they would like to see a separate response submitted on behalf of the Partnership.

It was agreed that the Partnership should submit its own response,

documenting the relationships and coordination at regional level and emphasising the importance of the IRS in reducing carbon emissions. It was also agreed that the final draft should be circulated to members for comment prior to submission.

Jon Clubb

## 8. Adaptation Sub Group Update

Members were informed that the Sub Group had met earlier that month to have a debrief on PiP Week and to plan future work. This will include:

- NI 188 work – with Yorkshire and the Humber set to host an event for the Northern regions in March.
- Regional Adaptation Study work.
- Work on the Adaptation Plan.

It was confirmed that work to formalise the activities of the Sub Group was underway. This would include a formal procedure for reporting back to the Partnership.

## 9. Any Other Business

### YoHr Space Climate Change Board

The Chair informed members that discussions had taken place regarding the YoHr Space Climate Change Board becoming the commissioning arm of the Partnership. This would help address the fact the Partnership itself is not a delivery body. Debate was also continuing at Chief Executive level regarding the role of Functional Sub Regions in tackling climate change. Jon Clubb was hoping to meet representatives from each Functional Sub Region over the coming months.

### Local Authority/NHS Workshop

Jon put forward a proposal from Roger French to hold a joint half-day workshop for all Local Authority leads and NHS PCT leads with the intention of having paired representatives in each district.

The objectives of the workshop, which would be held in late April, would be to re emphasise and reinforce the shared agenda across these two sectors, establish and/or reinforce local and regional networks, review the DEFRA Climate Change projection, hear examples of developing practice in Local Authorities and PCTs and identify what needs to be done to accelerate progress within and between this potentially important local partnership.

Members gave support to this proposal and it was confirmed that further details would be circulated as they became available.

Jon Clubb/  
Roger French

***Post Meeting Note: This potential event will be postponed, with effort concentrated on delivering the One Year On event for the Partnership.***

### Yorkshire Futures

Amanda updated members on a couple of reports that had recently been commissioned. *Developing an Ecosystem Approach for the Yorkshire and Humber IRS* will be published in March and *Yorkshire and Humber Flood Resilient Development* will be published in April.

Sustainable Development Board

The Chair stated that a seat on the new Sustainable Development Board had been allocated to the Chair of the Partnership. However, he felt that this opportunity should be open to any member of the Partnership. It was agreed that Amanda would progress this with the Board secretariat.

Amanda  
Crossfield

**Date of Next Meeting: 22 April 2010 (1.30pm – 3.30pm)**

Nicola Baylis, Business Services Officer  
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