

Yorkshire & Humber Climate Change Partnership Meeting
Monday 26th January 2009

Brief Notes and Action Points

Present:	Apologies
Arthur Barker (Hambleton DC) (AB) (Chair)	Paul Bellotti (East Riding) (PB)
Tim Godson (GOYH) (TG)	Liz Edgington (BiTC) (LE)
Paul Cocks (GOYH) Secretariat (PC)	Laura Owen (Yorkshire Water) (LO)
Jon Clubb (LGYH) (JC)	
Jeremy Walker (Regional Flood Defence Committee) (JW)	Martyn Roberts (Y & H Assembly) (MR)
Simon Bowens (FoE) (SBs)	Anna Steynor (UKCIP) (AS)
Jatinder Singh-Mehmi (Y&H Assembly) (JSM)	
Stephen Brown (Yorkshire Forward) (SB)	
Les Newby (Yorkshire Futures) (LN)	
Gail Hammond (Environment Agency) (GH)	
Tina Penswick (GOYH) (TP)	

1. Chair's welcome, apologies & introductions

AB welcomed all present, introductions were made around the table and apologies were noted.

2. Points of accuracy and actions points from minutes of 18th Dec 08 meeting

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record. Any outstanding actions were to be considered within subsequent agenda items.

3. Climate Change and Regional Adaptation Study – joint launch.

A list of key stakeholders between YHA and GOYH needs to be established. This means encouraging high level buy-in from major organisations across the region. The launch needs to be sustainable, promote partnership and secure good media coverage.

Action points – PC to cross reference key stakeholder list with YHA to create an official delegate invitee list. Letter to be drafted inviting high level partners and stakeholders to sign up to the Climate Change Plan pledge (JC / PC).

AB suggested the design of a letter head. Also AB mentioned the attempt to get buy-in from MOD. Additionally, AB requested that we remove the requirement for organic produce being used at the launch.

Action point – PC to design Yorkshire and Humber Climate Change Partnership letter headed logo. JC to amend project brief.

4. Climate Change Plan amendments

SB (YF) said it would be a good idea to input into the CCP some projects as examples of work being carried out in the region.

Action point – JC to follow up.

JC commented on the challenge section (pg 5) saying the figures need to be right. An explanation was needed to say why the region's greenhouse gas emissions were high (ie power generation and industry)

Action point – JC to amend.

TG said we can also use figures from the regional adaptation study to add into the challenge. JC to contact Royal Haskoning / Amanda Crossfield from Yorkshire Futures to get data.

SB (FOE) spotted a few grammatical mistakes in the CCP. JC suggested the document be checked by a copywriter.

Action point – PC/JC to arrange for proof reading / copywriting prior to publication.

The partnership agreed the graph being used on pg 8 isn't clear enough and needs simplifying. AB suggested we ask Royal Haskoning for a better graph.

Action point – LN to find new improved graph to clearly reflect the difference in the target and current baseline figures.

TG asked how we are going to refer to the plan? He said once launched the CCP will be placed on the environment hub for everyone to view.

LN said the title should refer to Yorkshire and Humber rather than Yorkshire and the Humber. **Action point - the whole partnership agreed to change this. JC to action.**

Further amendments / points of clarification (JC to action unless stated):

- Vision to last until 2020
- Update strategy context – ie Climate Change Action 2008
- Okay to say we will promote faster long distance train travel
- Need to shorten water sections in line with the other priorities (GH to action)

5. Integrating climate change into the SNR

There was broad agreement with the analysis made in the paper that was presented.

JW suggested the formation of a high level non-technical group to champion the CCP and follow through actions once it has been launched. We would need to develop a specific proposal on future governance to put forward to the Leaders' Board.

LN said it would be good for the senior group to link into the Sustainable Development group.

TG said the RIEP Climate Change board is being setup.

Action point – JC to update paper for the Leader's Board on 6 March. The paper should put forward our holding position of maintaining the current format of the Climate Change Partnership in the short term and set out our current thinking on what governance arrangements will be effective in the future,

It was agreed that any formal proposal on governance arrangements would not be put forward until at least April '09 when the post SNR arrangements would become clearer.

6. Feedback from Adaptation Study workshop

The workshop went well but it was quite complex. AB added by saying there was too much to do in a short time.

Action point – JS to ask MR to circulate findings from the cross sectoral workshop to Climate Change Partnership.

7. AOB

AB questioned how much longer the adaptation study steering group will last and possibly the formation of a sub group maybe required? LN said the nature of the group may change depending on the outcomes of the study.

8. Dates of future meetings

Wed 18th Feb to follow adaptation steering group meeting at YHA, Wakefield.