

Minutes



OF A MEETING OF THE

Listening Learning Leading

Oxfordshire Environment Partnership

HELD AT 10.00 AM ON FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, CROWMARSH
GIFFORD

Voting members of the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership attending

Councillor D Dodds (Chairman)	South Oxfordshire District Council
Councillor D Harvey	West Oxfordshire District Council
Councillor N Morris	Cherwell District Council
Councillor D Nimmo-Smith	Oxfordshire County Council
Councillor J Tanner	Oxford City Council
Councillor R Waite	Vale of White Horse District Council

Officers attending for the whole of the meeting

Mr W Lewis	Oxfordshire Waste Partnership
Ms R Lake	Oxfordshire Waste Partnership
Ms M Brookes	Oxford City Council
Ms J Colwell	Oxford City Council
Ms M Nielsen	Oxford City Council
Mr T Flanagan	Oxfordshire County Council
Ms S Gilbert	Oxfordshire County Council
Mr N King	Oxfordshire County Council
Mr G Hull	Oxfordshire County Council
Mr M Prosser	South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils
Mrs J Thompson	South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils
Ms C Locke	West Oxfordshire District Council
Mr R Young	West Oxfordshire District Council
Dr A Simpson	Low Carbon Hub
Ms L Bee	Environment Agency

Apologies for absence

Ms L Watson	ORCC
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16 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest

None.

17 Addresses and questions to the partnership

None.

18 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Oxfordshire Environment Partnership meeting held on 1 November 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman.

19 Oxfutures project

Ms M Brookes, Oxfutures Project Leader, Oxford City Council and Dr Simpson from the Low Carbon Hub gave a presentation on the project including funding and the partners' roles. This covered the focus of the project; funding; and targets. There was a launch event for the Oxfutures project on 24 January 2014.

The Low Carbon Hub helped develop projects with community and public buildings and with larger scale residential projects. Recent projects included helping Oxford Bus Company to fit large-scale solar panels. Schools, community, and commercial buildings around Oxfordshire could benefit from the hub's expertise. While the hub was not actively sourcing new projects it was always open for discussions with groups who had projects to take forward within a reasonable timescale.

20 Update on Climate resilience and SWIMs

The partnership considered a short update on Oxfordshire County Council's progress toward recording and monitoring the impact of severe weather events on properties and services. The update also outlined opportunities to work with the county's Community Action Groups to build community resilience to weather events.

Oxfordshire County Council was holding a summit on flood prevention for key stakeholders on 21 March.

The Environment Agency had proposed a major flood alleviation scheme for Oxford.

Members commented and noted that:

- all of West Oxfordshire's parishes which had experienced flooding had a parish flood plan;
- the partnership's emergency protocol had co-ordinated communications about waste collections to the public to reduce confusion;
- waste partnership officers were collating information on the impact of flooding on waste collection and disposal;
- the sand in sandbags could be reused (if uncontaminated) or returned for reuse as aggregate.

The partnership agreed:

1. to ask the Environment Agency for information on their proposed flood alleviation scheme;
2. that the outcome of the flood prevention summit should be discussed at a future meeting;
3. to support building community resilience work through their local contacts; and
4. to consider a report about participating in the Severe Weather Monitoring System (SWIMS) at a future meeting of the Partnership.

21 Chairman's announcements

None.

22 Community engagement and education on environmental impact - Contract Procurement update

This item is included in the Waste Partnership minutes.

The meeting closed at 10.35 am

Chairman

Date