

CORNWALL COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT KERNOW

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Environment Kernow held at CEP Offices, Tolvaddon, Pool on Friday 13 November 2009 commencing at 10.00 am.

Present: - Steve Crummay (Chairman)
Ian Smith (Vice-Chairman)

Rachel Bromley, Manda Brookman, Steve Cirell,
Tim German, Lucy Harris, Bill Holliday, Ian Jones,
Dave Lewis, Peter McGregor, Dave Owens, Judy Proctor,
David Rodda, Jon Rolls, Wesley Smyth and Simon Toms.

Apologies for absence: - Jane Barlow, Paul Bright, Phillipa Collette, Mike East,
Nicky Garge, Julian German, Nick Hawker, Colette Holden,
Alex Huke, Ash Pearson, Paul St Pierre, Whitehouse and
Robert Wynn.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2009

(Agenda No. 1)

EK/26 The Minutes of the meeting of Environment Kernow held on 2 October 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

TERMS OF REFERENCE - DRAFT FOR FINAL APPROVAL

(Agenda No. 2)

EK/27 The Chairman presented the draft terms of reference for Environment Kernow (EK), as amended, for final approval which, subject to EK's approval, would be forwarded to Legal Services for clearance.

It was **RESOLVED** that the EK terms of reference be approved, subject to the addition of the following under "Specific functions and responsibilities (item 5)": -

" – involve individuals and communities in environmental activities".

LAA PROJECT BOARD - UPDATE

(Agenda No. 3)

EK/28 Dave Lewis (Natural Environment Service Manager) reported that, following the decision at the previous EK meeting in October to establish a Project Board to oversee the development and delivery of LAA Outcomes within EK's remit, the Board had met on two occasions.

Subject to confirmation from DCLG, the results of detailed financial analysis across the whole of the Cornwall LAA and decisions on top-slicing,

it was anticipated that the relevant stretch targets eligible for Performance Reward Grant would receive the following: -

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Econ 2: Sustainable energy	850,425
Sustain 3: Waste minimisation	1,015,160
Sustain 5: Sustainable tourism	658,482
<u>Total</u>	<u>2, 524,067</u>

The Project Board had provided endorsement, in principle, of the allocation of these funds to new and refreshed LAA Outcomes. However, the Project Board might need to revisit these allocations in the light of circumstances. The Project Board would monitor the delivery of outcomes and provide quarterly reports to EK.

During the discussion, it was agreed that the draft Waste PID and the "Green Up Guide" would be circulated to EK for comments.

REVISED WORK PLAN

(Agenda No. 4)

EK/29 Dave Lewis (Natural Environment Service Manager) presented the updated work plan for consideration by Environment Kernow.

During the discussion, various points were raised, including the following: -

(i) a reference to the Green Cornwall Programme should be added to the work plan;

(ii) consideration should be given to ensuring that there was appropriate "connectivity" and coordination between various organisations etc, both within and outside the membership of EK, including the SWRA. The possible identification of champions for various services, e.g. "Health", was also discussed;

(iii) a report would be submitted to the next meeting of EK regarding communications and the dissemination of information, the report to be drafted by Lucy Harris (Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Economic Forum);

(iv) the timescale of a conference/ event would be amended to be held later in the year and that it should have a focus on the measuring of real economic prosperity, linked to the LAA work on developing a low carbon indicator;

(iv) there should be a discussion regarding the question of using new methods of electronic communication, such as Twitter, Facebook etc; and

(v) initial work on the EK Strategic Priorities would need to be undertaken by Lucy Harris, Steve Crummay, Dave Lewis, David Rodda and Peter McGregor and reported to the December meeting of EK.

It was **RESOLVED** that the work plan should be amended to reflect the points (i) –(v) as set out above.

ENVIRONMENTAL SKILLS NETWORK - UPDATE

(Agenda No. 5)

EK/30 Jon Rolls (ReZolve) presented the monthly report for November 2009 for the Environmental Skills Network (ESN), which was a newly created sector body, incorporated as a not-for-profit company which was owned for the members by the members, and for the benefit of the members. The ESN, which had been set up by ReZolve Kernow and Community Energy Plus, was one of 13 sectors within Cornwall which were in receipt of Convergence Funding which would be used to help fund environmental sector businesses, individuals and owner/managers to access appropriate training opportunities and, therefore, to assist the Cornish economy by developing skills in the workforce.

To date, ESN had a membership of over 150 companies: 107 in sector having undertaking training or currently undertaking training, and 11 having undertaken or currently undertaking training on a cross sector basis. The corporate balance was formed of non-participative network members.

There was in excess of 264 learners in sector (several undertaking multiple qualifications), with 157 undertaking non-accredited courses, 126 undertaking NVQs and 48 Skills for Life qualifications. The courses engaged upon ranged from highly bespoke renewable energy installation courses to generic management at all levels from non-accredited to Level 4. The needs of the sector were complex, diverse and highly variable within companies.

At this time, the project was performing on or above plan in all areas except NVQ accredited completions; however, this situation was due to these outcomes not being scheduled to an achievable project timeline and that this gap would naturally close as the project continued towards its end date.

During the discussion, various points were raised, including the following: -

(i) a report on the mix and spread of the companies which were part of ESN would be reported to the December meeting of EK; and

(ii) it was necessary to ensure that the ESN programme tied in with requirements of the Convergence Programme, and that such information would be available at the next meeting of the Commissioning Panel; and

(iii) any decision by the Workforce Development Group to vire ESF targets between sector projects would be beneficial to the environmental sector and it was hoped that they would be allowed to deliver more beneficiaries as a result.

3CAP - UPDATE

(Agenda No. 6)

EK/31 Ben Simpson gave an update on 3CAP as follows: -

(1) Project Core Outputs

1.1 Vision – it was intended to issue a draft version for consultation in December 2009.

1.2 Risk Scope – all interview comments had now been incorporated; however, the full stakeholder consultation on the draft Socio-economic Risk Scope had been delayed although it was intended that it would be ready for consultation in December 2009.

1.3 GHG Inventory – was now complete. The final version of both the report and the accompanying data sets would be made available, as soon as possible, both on the 3CAP Project Basecamp and, subsequently, on the CSEP website. This assessment, using the draft ICLEI International Emissions Protocol, was the first to be carried out in the UK, and quantified Cornwall's community-wide GHG footprint which would be invaluable in targeting the approach to abatement. The data provided a better analysis of actual emissions arising from agriculture with those from cropping and livestock making up 20% of Cornwall's wider emissions footprint.

2. Issues and Options Papers

2.1 Task and Finish Groups – a brief exception report was given on the progress of the organisation/ sector working groups, and a full report would be circulated after the meeting. Ben Simpson also referred to the ongoing issue that no officer had been assigned to work on the Cornwall Council Options since the One Cornwall transition, which was preventing the closure of the current evidence gathering stage of the project.

2.2 CSEP Restructuring/ 3CAP Exit Strategy – Ben Simpson gave a brief introduction to the paper which would be considered by the next meeting of the Council's Corporate Leadership Team (CLT).

During the discussion, although there was general support for the proposal in principle and acknowledgement that a number of members had been involved in the development of the proposal to date, concern was expressed that this matter should be given further consideration by EK in the light of the clarification of the roles, responsibilities and resource implications.

It was also acknowledged that it was crucial to work with the other thematic partnerships, and linked sector based partnerships in some instances (for example, when reporting on low carbon economy matters, skills and education, or health), and that it was not necessary to specifically refer to this within the paper. Environment Kernow would be the lead thematic partnership.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council's CLT should be advised as follows: -

(a) in principle, subject to further clarification and discussion on the roles, responsibilities and resources, EK endorses the proposal that it becomes the lead thematic partnership for climate – energy resilience;

(b) the background and context to the interface between Cornwall Council and the Cornwall Strategic Partnership in terms of the proposal to rationalise the partnership structure was also noted by the partnership;
and

(c) (i) the further discussions, as referred to in (a) above, be held at the next strategic meeting of EK to be held in January 2010; and (ii) Tom Flanagan (Corporate Director, Environment, Planning and the Economy) be invited to be present at the meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS OF URGENCY

(Agenda No. 7)

EK/32 The Chairman agreed that the following points would be discussed: -

(i) the draft report to the Cornwall Strategic Partnership on the work of EK would be circulated for comments;

(ii) a report on the Environmental Skills Sub-Committee would be submitted to the meeting of EK in January 2010;

(iii) the Chairman agreed that the next meeting of EK would be held at 10am on 11 December 2009 (instead of 4 December 2009) at Sir John Moore House, Bodmin. (This meeting would be followed by the LAA Project Board, commencing at 12 noon); and

(iv) the Chairman agreed that the meeting of EK scheduled to be held on 2 April 2010 would be cancelled and a revised date agreed with the Chairman.

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The meeting ended at 12.55 pm.

[The agenda and reports relating to the items referred to above are attached to the signed copy of the Minutes].