

**Reading Climate Change Partnership Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012**  
**University of Reading DRAFT**

**Attendees:**

Sally Coble	Environment Agency (Chair)
Summreen Sheikh	RBC (minutes)
Paul Gittings	Councillor, RBC
Ben Burfoot	Reading Borough Council
Paul Harper	Greater Reading Environmental Network
Tracey Rawling Church	Kyocera Mita
Maria Noguer	University of Reading
Tom Yearley	University of Reading
Jill Marston	Reading Borough Council
Thalia Carr	Reading Borough Council

**Apologies:**

Joanna Laynesmith	Reading Christian Ecology Link
Kim Wilkins	NHS Berkshire West - Primary Care Trust

	<b>Introductions</b>
	It was agreed that Tom would also attend RCCP board meetings, in addition to Maria. His role involves energy management, environmental communications, staff training, and reducing waste and travel for the University of Reading.
<b>1</b>	<b>Minutes and matters arising</b>
	<p>1) Transport seat: Who from the RCCP board is sitting on the Transport Partnership? Possibilities include Joanna, Reading University. The PCT already have a seat. PBA were considered to not be independent on account of their involvement professionally. NB this partnership area of concern is limited to the RBC boundary.</p> <p>Anna Windsor has been invited to the behaviour change group</p> <p>2) Tracey's role is now 100% sustainability but she no longer has the resources of the marketing department. No intern is in place yet at Kyocera to help.</p> <p>Action plan to be deferred to a future meeting and will look at developing the planning content, localism bill, time frame and link to the climate change strategy. Will also explore if links can be made with the Climate Berkshire strategy which is being developed in February.</p> <p>Actions carried forward:          To invite the RBC planning representative to a future meeting.          Request that the Berkshire energy officers group develop a remit and strategic objectives and that this be shared with the board.</p> <p>6) Any other business:          Communities Living Sustainably Fund - an expression of interest has been submitted for £50m which is focused on food on the basis that 20-25% of the emissions of a person comes from their food. They chose this as it's not currently in any plans. They plan to buy in expertise on this and engage people around this issue. RISC is the primary applicant with partners from all</p>

	<p>the sectors. The Board thanked Paul for his efforts.</p> <p>EA drought - The South East is now experiencing drought conditions. Water companies all have drought plans and the EA is monitoring the situation. Thames Water do not need to be on this board to encourage them to take action as their main business involves encouraging their customers to save water. Reading is a vulnerable town as it doesn't have any reservoirs.</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>Social Enterprise / FiT updates</b>
	<p>URBED, who have been commissioned to model a social enterprise, are looking at different models through which to retrofit houses and offer renewable energy on a large scale.</p> <p>Also incorporating the LSP's capital expenditure on the solar PV investment which creates a revenue each year, to be used for further low carbon investment and fuel poverty.</p> <p>They have come up with the following models:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Special Purpose</li> <li>2) Through the CIC</li> </ol> <p>An additional model was suggested by RBC Directors.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3) Private sector led approach involving Ebico and Thames Valley Energy.</li> </ol> <p>The first draft of the report will be completed on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Paul and Ben will meet thereafter to discuss it.</p> <p>A Cabinet briefing for councilors will be agreed before the 'purda' period (this is the 6 weeks leading upto the elections when Councils are not allowed to include councilors in their press releases).</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Behaviour Change updates</b>
	<p>A paper has now been produced on the findings of the research into the Greener Warmer Safer scheme. The intern took the initiative to suggest a continuation of this scheme by rewarding residents a 'green poppy' in reward for taking up the scheme and telling their neighbours about it.</p> <p>The intern will go back to DEFRA segmentation model to see if we can use this locally. Reading University will inform us of where behaviour change work will / will not work and find something that could be used in the Reading context.</p> <p>There will be an active continuation of this, UoR can still support work around this. They also have a bid in for some other work.</p> <p>Addressing the 'fuel rich' sector of society is also important and they should not be excluded from this work.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Climate Change Strategy</b>
	<p><u>Themes proposed.</u></p> <p>Full set of workshop outputs were circulated. Attendee's can carry on inputting into the themes through the forum and gain ownership of theme's at the same time as developing</p>

	<p>them.</p> <p><u>Overall aim of strategy</u>  A time frame 2013 to 2020 was chosen due to a national and broader context. Reviews to action plans at every three or four years was proposed. Concerns that this is too long a time frame as this will change over time, were aired.</p> <p>It was suggested that a ‘basket of organizations and public participants measure and report their emissions and act as a ‘sample’ to work together to reduce emissions.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Ben to come up with a ‘snappy’ vision from the RCCP.  Develop local target and put it in the action plan.</p> <p><u>Outline</u>  Theme lead to get people ‘around the table’ and write the strategy for their theme. However, they will have a deputy to consult for them and further meetings with stakeholders could take place. These further meetings will re-engage participants and invite new people, to develop the idea’s they put forward at the event. Open to councilors as well.</p> <p>Paul Gittings informed the partnership about his plans to re-launch the Green City and Open Spaces Forum (a quarterly public forum hosted by the council, which covers bio-diversity and carbon reduction updates and issues in the borough). He would like any suggestions on how to do this and what to cover.</p> <p>The consultation sub group are to meet monthly and report back to the board.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Jill will draft a remit for the sub-group and manage the consultation process.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>AOB</b>
	<p>Tracey has started a Twitter account called ‘Climate Rdg’ which theme leads can ‘tweet’ from using ‘bird herd’.</p> <p>Ben informed the board about the ‘Winterwatch’ scheme which is a scheme RBC has gained funds from central government to run. It involves providing temporary heaters, minor repairs and other emergency help to those in fuel poverty suffering from the cold  <a href="http://www.reading.gov.uk/residents/HealthandSocialCare/winterwatch/">http://www.reading.gov.uk/residents/HealthandSocialCare/winterwatch/</a></p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Date of next meetings</b>
	<p>May or June 2012.</p>