



## GPP Board Meeting

16th September 2009

### At Buckles Solicitor, Peterborough

#### Present:

Colleen Gostick	GPP Chair
Mike Leggett	GPP Vice Chair
Gillian Beasley	Chief Executive, PCC
Richard Astle	GPP Director
Mike Barnes	Go – East
Rajni Reddy	Faith Rep
Cris Rees	Cambridgeshire Probation Service
Ed Murphy	PCVS Rep
ClIr John Holdich	Cabinet Member
ClIr Nick Sandford	Elected Member
ClIr Matthew Lee	Cambs Police Authority
Nigel Hards	Peterborough & Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
ClIr Nick Sandford	Elected cabinet member
ClIr John Holdich	Elected cabinet member
Ken McKay	Chair, Environment Capital Partnership
David Copeland	Peterborough Mediation
Trevor Gibson	Director of Environment, Opportunity Peterborough
Joshua Lovell	Youth MP
Paul Phillipson	Executive Director of Operations
Steve Bowyer	Director of Strategic Growth
Louise Harrison	GPP, Co-ordinator (Minute Taker)

#### In Attendance:

Nick Goodman, GPP Environment Capital Officer  
Chris Palmer, NHS  
Anthony Davis, PCC  
Phil Harker, OP  
Jenna Hiley, PCC  
Chris York, Renewable Technologies  
Hannah Barrett, GPP  
Wayne Stimson, Eco Arts Project  
Sally Plummer, Friends of the Earth  
Tom Trevarthen, Chair of Peterborough Youth Council

#### Absent:

Mel Collins, Assistant Director, Learning & Skills, PCC  
Cliff Walker, Chair of Peterborough Racial Equality Council  
Robert Ferris, Chief Operating Officer, PCT  
Linda Jones, Peterborough University  
Ted Fawcett, Chief Executive, Age Concern  
David Strode-Willis, HR Group Manager, ARCS  
Mark Edwards, Media Rep

## Apologies :

Apologies were received from: Cllr Walsh, Marco Cereste, Andy Watson, Henry Clark, Graeme Clark, Christina Wells, Angela Bailey, John Dewis, Keith Leivesley, Jon Lewis, Dr Andy Liggins, Ian Leech, Byran Tyler, Sandie Burns, Susie Hall, Chris Strickland & John Bridge.

### 1.a Welcome & Introductions:

Introductions were given to Ranji Reddy, who has recently been appointed as the Faith Rep on the GPP Board, and to Cllr Matthew Lee who will be representing the Police Authority when attending the GPP Board.

### 1.b Actions arising from previous GPP Board Meeting:

Richard Astle provided an update on Peterborough's Cultural Agenda;

- The work of the RSA continues to progress forward. A scoping exercise will be put to the Steering Group next week. Kevin Tighe to update the Board.
- The Cultural Trust are to act as the partnership forum in the future.
- It was confirmed that there is a 'what's on' portal for Peterborough. This can be found at [www.peterborough.net/calendar/](http://www.peterborough.net/calendar/) where you can add your own event.
- The Arch which was designed by pupils and discussed at the last GPP Board, has been suggested to be the symbol for a summer of culture and sport for 2010.
  - A suggestion was put to the Board to have a Peterborough Community World Cup tournament and that each team decorates their Arch to reflect their community.
  - Another suggestion given was to have each Arch made out of recycled material.
  - The whole program will be designed to boost our cultural agenda; support cohesion and raise levels of participation in sport.

Tom Trevarthen joined the meeting

- The Board were in agreement to pursue this idea – wanting to launch early in 2010.

### 1.c Future Jobs Fund

Anthony Davis provided an update on the recent bid and discussions took place.

- Peterborough has been successful in the bid to create 167 new jobs under the Future Jobs Fund.
- The jobs are for young people between 18-25 – It was reported that this age group are most vulnerable and most likely to be on job seekers allowance, therefore aiming to make them better equipped in the work force. It was confirmed that the Government have other programs in place for 16-17 year olds.
- The jobs are for 6 months, with a 27 hour week on a minimum wage.
- 24 partners have expressed their interest and wish to be involved. It was confirmed that this is for the community sector benefit rather than a private sector.
- A program team is working with partners, drafting job descriptions and working with Job Centre Plus. A meeting will be taking place on Friday (18<sup>th</sup>) when a process will be put in place.
- It was reported by Ken McKay that Princes Trust are looking for people to start up mentoring new businesses.
- The jobs created will include the following:
  - Providing teaching support at PCAE
  - Supporting local conservation organisations to manage nature reserves
  - Support staff at Peterborough Museum for additional community events
  - Supporting the YMCA with its youth delivery programmes
  - Creating a dedicated team of young people within the health service in Peterborough to promote healthy living amongst young people.
- There is money available to have a city centre presence, premises are available at Gladstone Connect where the team can work.
- The question was raised – “how are these young people going to get around”? A suggestion of a sustainable travel plan to be put in place. **ACTION:** Paul Phillipson to look into this suggestion and report at next Board meeting.
- The Board will be kept up to date with progress that is being made. **ACTION:** Richard Astle to report at next Board.

#### **1.d Back to Business Club:**

The Back to Business project was launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, held every Thursday afternoon at PCAE, offering networking and support services for unemployed professionals and managers. Every other week seminars are held.

It was confirmed that this club is open to all in the wider region, taking a sub-regional approach.

#### **1.e LAA Performance Dashboard:**

A presentation was given by Christina Wells on SCS/LAA performance at the recent GPP Executive meeting. The presentation has since been sent out to all Outcome Lead Officers and Lead Directors to look at areas that are of concern and where support can be obtained.

Concern was expressed about the status of the 'Improving Health' outcome where the majority of indicators had recently turned red.

Anthony Davis left the meeting.

#### **2. Introduction to the agenda:**

Ken McKay, Chair of Environment Capital Partnership gave thanks to all of GPP Board for supporting the Environment Capital agenda. Thanks was also given to Richard Astle, GPP Director and his support with the Environment Officer.

Today's agenda was to look at achievements that has been made and what the Environment Capital Partnership wish to achieve in the future.

#### **3a. Peterborough: The UK's Environment Capital and Integrated Growth Study:**

Steve Bowyer gave a presentation on The Foundations of the Integrated Growth Study and Integrated Resource Management Model looking at the following issues:

- where should they underpin their planning
- understanding the city
- understand the implications of growth
- enabling new growth and a sustainable future
- shared ownership and maintenance.

It was suggested for GPP to share information amongst other partnerships.

#### **3b. Parameters, Justification & Evidence Base:**

Trevor Gibson gave a presentation on progress with the Environment Capital ambition, reflecting on the GPP Executive's feedback and suggestion to consider how and when Peterborough should declare itself the Environment Capital.

The following feedback/questions was given:

- what processes are in place to measure the success in cities in the rest of the UK
- need a shared vision to improve peoples lives
- a draft strategic plan is in place which will be discussed at the Environment Scrutiny Committee
- the need to do more within the community - the general public need a better understanding and show that the people of the city are being listened to
- engage more with Grassroots
- how do we ensure that we stay the Environment Capital and continually improve our performance
- PPC needs to show commitment and show political support
- we need to bear in mind the balance between the Environment Capital agenda and the growth agenda. We can't afford to set the bar for development so high that it discourages investment.

It was concluded that a policy needs to be devised to support this along with a toolkit.

#### **4. Young People of Peterborough:**

Joshua Lovell and Tom Trevarthen gave an update to the GPP Board on a recent survey that took place amongst the young people of Peterborough with 100 participants, with the following outcome:

- post the survey 75% of young people want Peterborough to be the Environment Capital

- the majority did not know of the work taking place – but when did know, was very much supportive
- need to engage with the young people – it's their city too
- reduction in bus fares would mean more young people would take public transport – **ACTION:** Cllr Lee agreed to look into this
- the young were supportive of making better use of public transport/cycle routes and recreational grounds

A discussion took place with the following questions/points made:

- we can engage with schools and through social networking
- suggested to have a whole issue of Your Peterborough focusing on the Environment
- interested in comparing figures against other age groups including 70 +
- it was suggested for representation at Environment Capital Partnership meetings
- **ACTION:** Cllr Lee agreed to speak to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee
- **ACTION:** Paul Phillipson agreed to look into the costs to implement process of dial-a-ride
- cycling issues are being looked into and looking at what facilities other cities provide to allow bicycles to be left securely.

It was concluded that there is a lot of communication left to do and all are welcome to attend Environment Capital Partnership meetings.

Jenna Hiley, Phil Harker & Chris Palmer joined the meeting

Wayne Stimson, Cllr Holdich, Gillian Beasley, Mike Barnes, Ranji Reddy left the meeting

#### **5. A Climate Change Strategy for Peterborough:**

Jenna Hiley provided an update on the Climate Change Strategy which was launched in 2007. This focuses upon the city council actions and requires a refresh to bring up to date to then make a city wide document.

The city wide action plan is to include companies within the city to be able to deliver a more city wide approach.

The PCC's action plan is currently being developed in line with the Carbon Trust programme.

Nigel Hards left the meeting.

#### **6. Adapting to Climate Change: Peterborough**

Phil Harker presented on the progress of the city adapting to the climate change. This requires public commitment and understanding the potential impact.

Extreme weather conditions have been recorded in the past year in Peterborough with 130 reported which were not proactively managed. There is a need to look in to how this can be managed and for the city to become proactive. There is an absence of recording over the years and therefore must ensure that shared learning is experiences providing guidance of recording. An action plan is being looked into.

Meetings with the Drainage Boards and Waterways have taken place now forming a Peterborough Partnership to be ahead of requirements that may be required and reduce the risk of flooding.

Opportunity Peterborough welcome thoughts and advice on how to take this forward ie what could we offer partners; are there other forms of engagement which may be appropriate?

Steve Bowyer left the meeting.

#### **7. Carbon Strategy – Theory into Practice:**

Our guest speaker, Chris Palmer, gave a presentation on the carbon strategy that has been approved by the NHS Board in July 2009, looking at a city-wide sustainable development management plan.

Cllr Lee left the meeting.

A discussion took place with the following suggestions:

- A 'shopping' list is required of what partnerships or premises can do
- A toolkit is required
- Engage with bigger employers
- Work with the schools with transport and energy saving

An update will be reported at the next Board.

**8. AOB:**

No further business

Meeting closed at 5.00pm

**Dates for your diary:**

26<sup>th</sup> November 12.15- 5pm, @ The City Club, Priestgate, Peterborough

18<sup>th</sup> February 12.15-5pm, venue tbc

Responsible	Action	Due Date
Paul Phillipson	To look into setting up a sustainable transport plan for the future jobs fund	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2009
Richard Astle	To report on the progress of Future Jobs Fund	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2009
Cllr Lee	Liaise with Environment Scrutiny Committee to engage with young people	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2009
Cllr Lee	Look into reduction of bus fayres	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2009
Paul Phillipson	Look into cost implication of dial-a-ride	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2009