

# Gloucestershire domestic energy and emissions task group

Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Attendance:** Stephen McDonnell, Mark Nelson, Julie Wight, Sally Daley, Kierson Wise, Jon Clarke, Kaye Welfare, Karen Robinson

**Apologies:** Lorraine Drew, Di Billingham, Pete Wiggins, Gary Packer, Sophie Isaacs

## **Gloucestershire Environment Partnership**

KW reported that at the last CSEB meeting, it was decided that although it was the final meeting for the CSEB the thematic partnerships would not simply be abolished. However, a review on what their roles will be in the future is currently under way and each thematic partnership has been asked to put a paper together, to be fed into the review.

It is anticipated that if GEP continues it will change format and will focus more on energy and fuel poverty and be more streamlined than it currently is, setting up task and finish groups to carry out much of the work. It is hoped that we will keep monitoring and reporting on key indicators. Currently, the renewables indicator is ok; warm and well is ahead of target and the retrofit target is on track. The NI186 is slightly off-track but this is not helped by the fact that monitoring follows the 2008 calendar year but reporting follows the 2008 financial year

## **Warm and well**

It is suspected that the warm and well funding will be greatly reduced or stop next year, therefore, thought needs to be given as to how the target continues to get monitored. A lot of work has gone into the Warm and Well scheme over the past 10 years and there was a lot of concern that with a lack of funds for next year a lot of the work will be lost. Whilst it is recognised that warm and well was historically a referral scheme that did not always have local authority funding attached to it, some financial support should be sought to keep it ticking over, until the government's Green Deal is in place. MN to send KW some Cheltenham W&W numbers (**Action MN**). KW said that she would have some better costing figures of how much a management fee for the scheme might be by the time of the next warm and well meeting (**Action KW**). A smaller warm and well scheme is unlikely to have any impact on carbon emissions but instead will be marketed to vulnerable people only.

KW will produce a briefing paper that partners can use in their discussions with members about the future of W&W, including information on the bit of reward grant that was received as a direct result of this scheme. She will also include the fact that having W&W in place by the time the Green Deal kicks in may help lever in more money for the county. KW to complete this by the time of the next warm and well meeting. (**Action KW**)

## **PAYS**

SD gave an update on PAYS. She explained that there were no new households coming into the scheme and that they probably wouldn't use all the money

allocated – there are about 40 properties in the scheme as opposed to the 50 expected. The problems associated with the type of work covered under the scheme has simply meant that the short timescale hasn't been long enough to nail everything down and get people to commit. The new government PAYS, as part of the Green Deal, will be totally different from the pilots, and unfortunately, they do not appear to have taken on board the comments made by a number of the PAYS pilots.

### **Share Forum**

The plan is to have a re-launch of the Share Forum in the New Year but it is still in the early development stage.

### **Recent Funding Bids**

KW informed the Group of a European Project initiative called the Covenant of Mayors. It is concerned with putting together the measures needed to hit a target of 20% cut in emissions by 2020. Bath, Cardiff and potentially GCC are involved with this project. KW wanted to flag up, however, that in the future, local authorities may need to be a part of the Covenant of Mayors to access European funding.

### **SLA's**

The response to the SLA meetings has been varied. SWEA are looking at moving away from simply attending events to working more strategically. KW explained that it would be good if an approach could be developed, similar to that of W&W, where the SLA is kept ticking over next year, until the Green Deal takes off. KW to prepare something on possible strategic routes for the SLA so that each partner can use it in their discussions on future funding (**Action KW**).

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Gloucester City Council Offices