



Burnley Action Partnership

ENVIRONMENT THEME GROUP

MINUTES

10.00 am on Friday 30th April 2010

PRESENT

David Brown (Chair)	Burnley Borough Council
Joanne Swift	Burnley Borough Council
Lauren Allan	Burnley Borough Council
Sean Spencer	Burnley Borough Council
Martyn Harrison	Burnley Borough Council
Christian Smith	Burnley Borough Council
Navin Kumar	LDAAT
Jackie Flynn	LCC
Andrew Coombe	LCC
Daniel Bond	Environment Agency

APOLOGIES

Phil Dewhurst	Groundwork
Richard Garth-Jones	Ensign
Gordon Howley	Burnley Community Network
Sairah Ali	Burnley Borough Council

NO	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<u>WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS</u> 1.1 David Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced members to the Group.	
2.	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Noted above.	
3.	<u>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th JANUARY 2010 & MATTERS ARISING</u> 3.1 The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record. 3.2 Action 4.5 - Jackie Flynn to let David Brown have any feedback on the Huncoat site request for a Public Inquiry re the CPO (an item on the Conference Agenda): Deferred. No outcome available, will check and feedback at the next meeting.	JF

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3.3	Action 7.3 - Climate Change Mapping 2009/2010 exercise: Completed, find attached with minutes.	
3.4	Action 6.4 - Eco-Therapy Opportunities: Deferred. Phil Dewhurst to circulate the information to the Group and consider including the data in the targets.	PD
4.	<u>PERFORMANCE REPORT</u>	DJB
4.1	Sean Spencer circulated the Q4 performance results for discussion with the Group:.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Waste: Emphasis had been to reduce the volume of waste produced targeting properties with multiple bins. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recycling: An Education campaign had been devised to provide educational lessons to schools across the Borough (primary up to year 7). The Group agreed that this was good publicity for Streetscene. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Street Cleansing: There had been strong focus on performance from the street cleansing crews during this quarter. Sean Spencer highlighted the problems faced by the crews due to the adverse weather in January. Additional resources ensured the streets were back to standard within 2-3 weeks. The Group agreed that there had been a remarkable improvement in this area, especially over the last 2 years. 	
4.2	Sean Spencer informed the Group that British Waterways have another boat, currently requiring repair. It is hoped the repairs can be carried out during the spring, ready for the Clean Up Project, due to start this summer. Sean Spencer is seeking funding from Veolia, to contribute towards the repairs.	
4.3	Sean Spencer advised the Group of the changes to the Enforcement Strategy, ie, now a Zero Tolerance Policy in place. During Q4 there had been 38 convictions for environmental crimes. This had lead to a total of £12,120 in fines, £6,130 awarded in costs and £606 awarded for compensation. Q1 would be looking at strengthening this work. To discuss further at the next meeting.	
4.4	The Group agreed that the NI195 Survey performance results were good and that more emphasis had to be placed on communicating the positive results to the public. This needed to be reviewed, information needed to be sent to forums and PACTS. Jackie Flynn asked if the street cleaners had the relevant information to pass onto the public. The Group agreed that promoting a positive message to street cleaners was a priority.	

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	<p data-bbox="384 264 1129 405">Martyn Harrison asked if any work had been done in relation to recycling in businesses. Sean Spencer informed the group that we would be following the National Target.</p> <p data-bbox="280 421 1201 488">4.5 Christian Smith updated the group on the LAA NI186 and NI187 targets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="384 501 1209 712">▪ NI186 – Per Capita CO₂ Emissions: Domestic, fuel, transport and business targets are being reported back to LCC. Central Government captures the information and reports back 2 years later. This does not feature in Q4 but we can report on what is being done. <li data-bbox="384 725 1193 943">▪ Christian Smith informed the Group about the Lancashire Climate Change Strategy, ie, lots of local actions produced for domestic energy and travel. In-house there had been a number of Council energy saving schemes. Martyn Harrison is the lead officer on this scheme. <li data-bbox="384 956 1209 1317">▪ NI187 – Fuel Poverty Indicator: A survey is carried out on properties each year (25% house holders are sent the surveys). The data is collated and results are compared against the baseline. This year we have achieved our high Sat rating, narrowly missing the low Sat rating target. Unfortunately the results are not always accurate. We are putting together an activity report which details the work we have completed in the past year. <li data-bbox="384 1330 1214 1471">▪ NI188 – Adapting to Climate Change: David Brown informed the Group that we have hit the Level 2 target. The next challenge is to achieve Level 3 before March 2011. <li data-bbox="384 1485 1198 1771">▪ NI185 – CO₂ Reduction from Local Authority Operations: Data will now be submitted by the beginning of June. Martyn Harrison informed the Group about the Carbon Champions who meet quarterly and monitor work throughout the Council via quarterly initiatives. The Carbon Champions circulate their magazine, 'Scene', which will be available on the intranet in the near future. 	<p data-bbox="1302 1167 1353 1196">MH</p>
	<p data-bbox="280 1794 1198 2040">4.6 The Group discussed the Energy Saving Trust motor campaign at Hyndburn. An audit had been performed on their motor vehicles to try and increase fuel efficiency throughout the fleet. This will link in with a car sharing scheme the Council is considering. The Group acknowledged that Calico was involved with a similar scheme and it would be an idea to link with them.</p> <p data-bbox="384 2054 1206 2121">Action: Martyn Harrison to provide NI185 information at next meeting</p>	<p data-bbox="1302 2107 1353 2136">MH</p>

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5.	<p><u>SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY</u></p> <p>5.1 David Brown circulated the Sustainable Community Strategy to the Group, noting it is now in its 7th year.. David Brown explained that it is tied in with Burnley's Strategic Plan, highlighting page 18 in particular. There would not be a formal presentation. Interested parties may contact David Brown direct, if further information is required.</p>	
6.	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Nothing to add.</p>	
	<p><u>DATE, TIME & VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>10.00 am on Friday 25th June 2010, Burnley Town Hall.</p>	

Future Meeting Dates

Date of next meeting	Time	Venue
26 th February 2010	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall
30 th April 2010	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall
25 th June 2010	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall
27 th August 2010	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall
29 th October 2010	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall
7 th January 2011	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall
18 th February 2011	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall
1 st April 2011	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall
13 th May 2011	10-12pm	Committee Room 1, Town Hall