

### Newsletter 1: February 2010

*This newsletter is designed to give all Environment Partnership Board (EPB) Members regular updates on some of the key areas of work the EPB is working on.*

#### Climate Change Update

A series of internal and Climate Change subgroup member meetings have commenced to finalise the first climate change action plan for York. The Climate Change subgroup will present a final draft of the Climate Change (CC) Framework and Action Plan at the April 2010 EPB meeting.

The drafts will be presented to the Without Walls Board and CYC Executive from May 2010. Public consultation will also follow in the summer. It is envisaged that the documents will be officially launched and implemented from September 2010. To date consultation has been internal across CYC and through the Without Walls Partnership. A

#### Renewable Energy Viability Study Update

As mentioned at previous Board meetings, the City of York Council are carrying out a Renewable Energy Viability Study. The Study is nearing completion and will identify local viability and potential for renewable and low-carbon technologies in York. It will also illustrate the potential such technologies will have in meeting York's regional renewable energy target. A full report will be taken to LDF working group, DMT, CMT and Executive once this study is in a completed draft format.

This study will also be used to generate suitable projects across the City as part of the Climate

communication plan will also accompany the drafts.

To support section of the Climate Change Action Plan, and essential to meeting the requirements of national indicator 188 (NI 188 adapting to climate change), a York local climate impact profile has begun. This will identify York's current and past vulnerability to weather related events, including extreme weather events such as heavy rainfall. This work will help York to risk assess and see the areas that it needs to address to better prepare the City for a changing climate in the future. The Profile will also feed into the Climate Change Framework and Action Plan.

Change Framework and Action Plan. It will also support the work of the Green Jobs Task Force by highlighting the potential for the creation of renewable energy related jobs/sectors in York.

Based on the results the study will inform the policy approach taken to renewable energy and energy efficiency in the LDF Core Strategy and all subsequent LDF documents, including the Allocation DPD and the two Area Action Plans. In addition it will also be incorporated into Supplementary Planning Documents and will have a direct influence over the development control process.

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Regular updates will feed into the EPB via the Climate Change subgroup.

### Economic Visioning

EPB members received a briefing on plans to draw up an economic masterplan for York and the establishment of a York Renaissance Team, funded by Yorkshire Forward. The programme had three strands:

1. An economic master plan and visioning exercise to be funded by Yorkshire Forward;
2. The creation of the Renaissance Team (Six 3- year posts)
3. The development of a regeneration academy to enhance staff skills.

Since the last EPB meeting EPB members were invited to attend a session with Prof. Alan Simpson and team to help shape the economic master plan process. A presentation to the WoW Board has also been undertaken and a Masterplan Charrette is planned for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010. EPB members have been invited to attend this two-day event at the Merchant Taylor's Hall in York.

DAY ONE will focus on issues in learning and research, business growth and economic sustainability, connectivity and movement,

community and activity, continuity and form, and culture and people.

In DAY TWO, the outcomes from the thematic workshops and overarching principles agreed on day one will underpin and feed into project-related workshops. These workshops will focus on key development projects, how each fit into the vision for York, their timing, and their future economic role in the city.

A *pulling it all together* session will conclude the charrete programme, assimilating outcomes and aspirations into agreed principles and economic objectives for the masterplan.

Regular updates will feed into the EPB via the Historic and Built Environment Partnership.

### Local Transport Plan 3

Stage one of the development of the Local Transport Plan 3 has been undertaken. A list of priorities and suggested options will be presented and open to public consultation from April 2010. Regular updates will feed into the EPB via the Transport subgroup of EPB.