

EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL POLICY BOARD

Meeting held Thursday, 29 September 2005

10.30 am, East Midlands Expo 2005, Pride Park, Derby

Minutes

Present:

Board Members

John Freeman (Chair)

Cllr Marion Brighton

Cllr Lucy Care

Cllr Reg Shore

Cllr Phil Larratt

Cllr David Kirkham

Arthur Sandford

Cllr Geoff Carlile_(substitute)

Trade Unions

North Kesteven District Council

Derby City Council

West Lindsey District Council

Northampton Borough Council

Nottinghamshire County Council

ESEP

Derbyshire County Council

Apologies:

Cllr Eion Watts

Cllr Ian Fleetwood

Cllr Roy Mayhew

Cllr Linda Neal

Cllr Dave Wilcox

Jennie Gardner

Munu Pala

Paul Stothard

Bolsover District Council

Lincolnshire County Council

Northants County Council

South Kesteven District Council

Derbyshire County Council

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Regional Policy Board Advisors In attendance:

Nick Salfield

Abby Johnson-Brennan

Richard Woods

Simon Drury

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emda

ESEO

Promoting SD Group Chair

Secretariat:

Yvette Dearden

Helen Chadwick

Cathy Jones

1. The Chair welcomed members to the Regional Policy Board meeting and invited representatives to introduce themselves. John Freeman noted that Paul Stothard had also recently joined the Policy Board as an ESEP representative.
2. **Apologies**
The Policy Board noted all apologies.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Wednesday 6 July 2005, were approved as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

The Chair congratulated Yvette Dearden and the other organisers on the success of the second East Midlands Expo.

4.1 Abby Johnson-Brennan updated the Board on emda's current Regional Economic Strategy Consultation that is taking place until 2 December. John Freeman informed the Board that the Regional Assembly would be responding to this consultation through the sub group of Board chairs and vice-chairs via Regional Scrutiny Board.

4.2 Action: Yvette Dearden to email Board members the Regional Policy Board's response to emda's previous consultation on the 20 questions.

4.3 John Freeman thanked Arthur Sandford for accepting the Chair of the Investment for Health Group on an interim basis for the forthcoming year.

5. European Issues

5.1 John Freeman noted that this report was an important statement and launch pad for the Policy Board, providing the context for its future work on European issues.

5.2 The Policy Board discussed the current issues in relation to the Board and its European role, including the most effective model to ensure that the focus adopted by Policy Board addresses the Regional Assembly's priority issues. It was agreed that the approach be a model driven by the objectives and priorities in the IRS to ensure a targeted approach in the most appropriate areas.

5.3 In relation to paragraph 1.5 iii, it was agreed that it would not be necessary for EMEO to have a representative on each Policy Board group but that it was necessary to ensure clear communication channels between EMEO and the Groups.

5.4 The Board were updated in relation to paragraph 3.1 of the report - partners have now confirmed their acceptance of EMEO's revised funding and partnership model, as set out in paragraph 3.2.

5.5 It was agreed that the vacant Regional Assembly place on the Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC) should be filled by a Policy Board member but that the nomination be deferred until the next Policy Board meeting.

5.6 It was agreed that the member's role will be to represent the East Midlands Regional Assembly and to provide a regional and strategic perspective, not to balance the political representation.

6. Energy Group Annual Report

- 6.1** Helen Chadwick presented the Energy Group's Annual Report and proposed Work Programme to September 2006.
- 6.2** The Board recognised the importance of the Energy Group taking the lead role in co-ordinating the 'Energy in Homes' and 'Planning and Design' priority work areas, as EMRA is identified as the lead organisation for ensuring their delivery.
- 6.3** The following addition to the proposed Terms of Reference was agreed: 'to advise on emerging energy issues and to increase the East Midlands resilience to the disruption of energy supplies'
- 6.4** The Policy Board discussed the progress to date of the Energy Advisory Group and approved the proposed Terms of Reference, the interim membership arrangements and work programme of the new Energy Group, subject to including the additional phrase to the Terms of Reference, as set out in paragraph 6.3 above.
- 6.5 Action:** Helen Chadwick to revise Terms of Reference, as set out in paragraph 6.3 above.

7. Promoting Sustainable Development Group Annual Report

- 7.1** Simon Drury and Yvette Dearden presented the Promoting Sustainable Development Group's Annual Report and proposed Work Programme to September 2006.
- 7.2** The group's focus is on projects that will help to deliver the agreed regional priorities. The Board were particularly keen to ensure the 'Public Procurement' area of work provides advice on model clauses to be included both at the specification and tender stages of a contract.
- 7.3** The Board recognised the work of the Promoting Sustainable Development Group over the past year. It agreed that the Promoting Sustainable Development Group would continue to showcase good practice, establishing East Midlands Expo as the sustainable development event of the year, agree the most effective model for a climate change partnership in the region and contribute towards a co-ordinated approach to influencing behavioural change.
- 7.4** The Board also agreed that the behavioural change area of work should include a third phase to evaluate and review what has worked well and what has worked not so well.
- 7.5 Action:** Yvette Dearden to carry this forward

- 7.6** Simon Drury expressed the need to ensure a mixed balance of membership on the group. It was agreed that up to five local authority members should be invited onto the group.
- 7.7 Action:** Yvette Dearden to update Policy Board on progress at the next meeting.
- 7.8** Policy Board discussed the progress to date of the Promoting Sustainable Development Group and approved its proposed work programme to September 2006.
- 8. Project Work Update**
- 8.1** The report was presented for Policy Board's information.
- 8.2** The Policy Board noted the progress to date on the projects and initiatives outlined in this report.
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 9.1** There was no other business
- 10. NEXT MEETING:**
10:00am, Friday 2 December 2005, at Nottingham CVS