



## **PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

**16 May 2006 – 10.00 am**

To be held at Mayors Reception Room, The Council House  
Corporation Street, Derby

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Notes from Previous Meeting
3. Progressing the Climate Change Agenda\*
4. Sustainable Public Procurement Project\*
5. Securing the Regions' Futures\*
6. Other Project Updates:
  - East Midlands Expo 2006
  - Behavioural Change
7. Any Other Business
8. Date of Next Meetings – start time 10am:
  - Monday 3 July
  - Thursday 28 September
  - Thursday 18 January

\* Report attached

**EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY  
PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

**NOTES OF MEETING**

**HELD 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006 AT ENVIRONMENT AGENCY TRENTSIDE OFFICES**

**Present**

Simon Drury (Chair)	Center Parcs Ltd
Alan Smith	Groundwork East Midlands
James Luger	emda
Bettina Lange	EMEL
Clark Field	EMFEC
Diane Whitehead	GOEM
Cllr Joan Travis	Derby City Council
Cllr Lucy Care	EMRA Member/Derby City Council
Keith Melton	EMAGE
Gail Dixon	Nottingham Trent University
Nick King	Environment Agency
Paul Fleming	De Montfort University
Nick Brown	Nottinghamshire County Council
Helen Ross	Nottingham City PCT
Yvette Dearden	EMRA

**Apologies**

Hugh Fenton	Scott Bader Ltd
Tony Marmont	Beacon Energy

<b>1.</b>	<b>Notes from Previous Meeting</b>
	The notes from the previous meeting were agreed.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Sustainable Public Procurement Project</b>
	<p>Clark Field introduced the project work and findings to date. The Group discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrating local food and making links with local suppliers and the rural agenda.</li> <li>• Building local capacity to promote sustainable procurement.</li> <li>• PSD Group's role in communicating with procurement professionals.</li> <li>• Identification of purchasers and supply chains.</li> <li>• Engagement with Regional Centre of Excellence.</li> <li>• Role of NHS Collaborative Hubs.</li> <li>• Making links with sub regional level.</li> <li>• Role of construction industry.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: CF to complete the project work in line with the 'next steps' highlighted in the report.</b></p>

3.	<p><b>SD Commission Next Steps Report</b></p> <p>Belinda Davis from Defra was unable to attend the meeting. The Group recognised the importance of the awaited Government's response and asked YD to contact BD to arrange another meeting.</p> <p><b>Action: YD to contact Defra to arrange another meeting.</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Sustainable Design Competition</b></p> <p>The Group recognised the project's success and discussed the way forward, in particular how to further mainstream sustainable design - Leicester City Council's initiative on carbon-free schools was cited as a good example.</p> <p>The possibility of running further design competitions in future years was also discussed.</p> <p>The Group requested a presentation on the Advice for Planners and Developers once the work had been completed and recognised the importance of influencing local development frameworks.</p> <p>The Group highlighted the great potential as well as the difficulty in influencing Private Finance Initiative contracts.</p>
5.	<p><b>Climate Change</b></p> <p>NK provided an update and the following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful conference on 5/12/05 to celebrate 5 years of the Nottingham Declaration.</li> <li>• Defra Climate Change Communication Fund – initial work underway to explore the potential of submitting a regional bid.</li> <li>• Environment Agency has produced a checklist for use during the development process that addresses adaptation to climate change.</li> <li>• Links between climate change and health agenda.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Education for Sustainable Development Scoping Survey</b></p> <p>Clark Field presented the draft Scoping Survey report. The Group welcomed the report. It also suggested including references to additional initiatives for young people from around the region, including those undertaken by De Montfort University, as well as examples relating to vocational training.</p>
7.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Paul Fleming offered to report to a future meeting on lessons learnt from Yorks and Humber dCarb project.</p> <p>Elliot Morley's SD visit to region on 24 April – planning well underway.</p> <p>Simon Drury thanked Nick King for hosting the meeting.</p>

<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>
	16 May – Derby City Council

# EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

## PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

16 May 2006

Item 3

---

### PROGRESSING THE CLIMATE CHANGE AGENDA IN THE EAST MIDLANDS

#### 1 Background Information - Climate Change Issues in the Region

- 1.1 The Potential Impact of Climate Change in the East Midlands Report was commissioned by the former East Midlands Sustainable Roundtable and published in July 2000. The report was the first step in understanding what climate change could mean to the Region.
- 1.2 The climate of the East Midlands changed during the last century and further changes are expected. In the last century temperatures across the Region increased by over 0.5°C. The pattern of rainfall has changed, for example evidence shows that by 1999 there was more rainfall in the winter and less in the summer. Sea levels have risen on the East Coast by between 1 and 2 mm a year and there were more storms in the 1990's than the rest of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- 1.3 Predictions of the climate in the 21<sup>st</sup> century show that there is the possibility of a further increase in the region's temperature of up to 3°C by the end of the century and further changes in rainfall patterns. Sea level rise could be in the range 22-83cm on the East Coast by the middle of the century.
- 1.4 The report and the updated study undertaken in 2004 confirmed that the most vulnerable areas for the region are:
- |                              |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Water Resources and Quality  | Manufacturing, Services and Retail |
| Flooding – Urban and Lowland | Construction and Building          |
| Agriculture                  | Tourism and Recreation             |
| Coastal Region               | Transport                          |
| Biodiversity                 |                                    |

#### 2 East Midlands Climate Change Steering Group

##### Background

- 2.1 As part of the work of the East Midlands Regional Assembly, the Promoting Sustainable Development Group initiated a partnership steering group on climate change in September 2003. The remit of this group is to provide a coordinated approach to work on climate change, across both mitigation and adaptation.

- 2.2 The Climate Change Steering Group is chaired by Nick King from the Environment Agency and works closely with the Regional Assembly's Energy and Environment Groups.
- 2.3 The Steering Group is made up of partners from the regional bodies - emda GOEM and EMRA - local authorities, universities including De Montfort University, the voluntary sector including Environ and Student Force, statutory bodies, such as English Heritage and business, including Entec and Center Parcs, and is supported by UKCIP.

#### Work Plan 2005 - 06

- 2.4 The Promoting Sustainable Development Group has previously approved the work plan of the Climate Change Steering Group – this is attached as Appendix 1 for information. The work plan includes information relating to the Group's membership, aims and achievements, including project work to date.
- 2.5 As highlighted in its work plan, the Climate Change Steering Group is working towards the delivery of the following four outcomes:
1. Awareness raised on the impacts of climate change in the region
  2. Guidance and advice given and Regional initiatives supported
  3. Regional climate change partnership created
  4. Influence regional, national and EU approaches

### **3 Regional Bid - Defra Climate Change Communication Fund**

- 3.1 A new three year national drive to communicate the threat of climate change and the need for everyone to tackle the problem was launched in January 2006. The campaign "Tomorrow's Climate, Today's Challenge" will unite efforts by Defra and the Environment Agency along with other key delivery partners which include the Carbon Trust, Energy Saving Trust, and UK Climate Impacts Programme.
- 3.2 As part of the campaign private sector groups, organisations and charities can apply for money from a £6million fund over three years. The East Midlands Climate Change Steering Group has submitted a joint regional bid for this fund. The partners leading the project include key climate change stakeholders, including the Environment Agency, emda, GO-EM and the Assembly, national representation from UKCIP and other statutory bodies such as English Heritage and stakeholders from local government, academia and business. The partners also bring access to other important networks, including the NUS, the East Midlands University Association and East Midlands Further Education Consortium. These networks will be used to widen the stakeholder buy in.
- 3.3 The proposed Regional campaign is called 'Degrees that Matter' the partnerships plan is to harness the human capital (skills, creativity, enthusiasm, ingenuity) of the

region's students in communicating and advocating the climate change message to their peers. A range of communication channels and activities will be used to ensure maximum impact.

- 3.4 The proposed bid is made up a number of elements, including:
- Before and after survey of the target audiences attitude to climate change
  - Media campaign
  - Production of resource material
  - Road show campaign delivered to all of the Regions universities
  - Face to Face campaign - train youth champions who will disseminate messages to their peers and eventually other target audiences
  - The Climate Change Creativity Fund (CCCF), which will support groups of students/HEIs to develop unique and innovative ways of conveying the implications of climate change to their peers and to encourage corresponding changes in attitudes. The outputs from the projects, whether performances, multi-media interpretations or designs, will be showcased regionally to stimulate the student and wider audience.
- 3.5 The Climate Change Steering Group does not see the bid as a discreet 2-year project. The group will look for match funding to continue its longer-term strategy of not only changing attitudes but also behaviour.
- 3.6 It is anticipated that the Group will find out whether or not it has been successful in its regional bid in late May/early June.

#### **4 Issues for Promoting Sustainable Development Group**

- 4.1 In previous discussions, the Promoting Sustainable Development Group has concluded that a strong partnership approach is the most effective way of dealing with climate change issues in the region.
- 4.2 The Climate Change Steering Group recognises that work undertaken on addressing climate change in the region has focused primarily on scoping the issues. Work has not, to date, focused on detailed assessments of the impacts or on the cost implications of mitigation or adaptation. The need to move from debate to delivery is key.
- 4.3 As part of this progression, the Steering Group is keen that the Promoting Sustainable Development Group discusses and considers the amount of resource required. It is particularly keen for the Group to discuss the possibility of developing a regional climate change co-ordinator post. Further information about the potential role of a climate change co-ordinator is attached at Appendix 2.

## **5 Recommendation**

### **5.1 The Promoting Sustainable Development Group is asked to discuss:**

- **How to increase the impact of the climate change work.**
- **Potential sources of funding and support to progress this area of work, for example to secure a regional climate change co-ordinator post.**

Sue Brothwood  
Environment Agency

Yvette Dearden  
EMRA

# **EAST MIDLANDS CLIMATE CHANGE STEERING GROUP**

## **WORK PLAN 2005-06**

### **Members List:**

Boston Borough Council  
Charnwood Borough Council  
Daventry District Council  
DeMontfort University  
Derby City Council  
Derby County Council  
East Lindsey District Council  
East Midlands Biodiversity Forum  
East Midlands Development Agency  
East Midlands Environment Link  
East Midlands Regional Assembly  
East Midlands Regional Local Government Association  
English Heritage  
English Nature  
Entec  
Environ  
Environment Agency  
Government Office for the East Midlands  
Leicester City Council  
Leicestershire County Council  
Lincoln City Council  
Lincolnshire County Council  
Nottingham City Council  
Nottingham County Council  
Student Force for Sustainability.  
UK Climate Impacts Programme  
Wellingborough Borough Council

### **Introduction:**

The EM CCSG has a fundamental role to promote the understanding of the significance of climate change for everyone in the Region. The steering group is in the process of developing a rolling programme of work and this work plan sets out the framework for our activities from July 2005 to September 2006 and builds on our achievements.

This document sets out the EM CCSG aims and objectives, it also summarises some of our achievements to date, as well our short term plans and priorities for the coming year.

## **UK Context:**

Since the Energy White Paper in 2003, the Government has increasingly recognised the regional level as an integral part of delivery on climate change policy to reduce greenhouse emissions and cope with the unavoidable impacts.

The region must work within national and international framework set by UK Government and the EU, the Region can add value through the EM CCSG by identifying practical actions for it to take forward. It is vital that these actions are achievable within a reasonable time scale and have real benefit in the East Midlands.

## **EM CCSG – background:**

The East Midlands Climate Change Steering Group (EMCCSG), a sub-group of the East Midlands Regional Assembly's Promoting Sustainable Development Group was established in September 2003. The steering group aims to encourage the delivery of relevant activities to bring about a proactive and co-ordinated response to climate change in the East Midlands.

EMRA's Promoting Sustainable Development Group concluded at a workshop in April 2004, that a strong partnership approach was the only way to start to deal with climate change issues in the East Midlands.

A lot of work has been done on climate change but this has mostly been to scope issues. Work has not focussed on detailed assessments of the impacts or on the cost implications of mitigation or adaptation.

There is now a need to move from debate to delivery, to gather hard data and information on which to base decisions and develop detailed viable and sustainable adaptation plans. These should be based on real life information, explore adverse impacts and opportunities and concentrate on the nine areas most vulnerable to the effects of climate change which were identified in The Potential Impacts of Climate Change in the East Midlands, which was commissioned by the East Midlands Sustainable Development Round Table (EmsdOt) in July 2000. The updated study in 2004 confirmed these broad areas:

Water Resources and Quality  
Flooding – Urban and Lowland  
Agriculture  
Coastal Region  
Biodiversity  
Manufacturing, Services and Retail  
Construction and Buildings – including the historic environment  
Tourism and Recreation; and  
Transport

## **EM CCSG Aim**

Our overall aim is to inform and advice on the treats and opportunities that climate change will bring to the region as well as promote both mitigation and adaptive responses.

EM CCSG will become a vital mechanism for developing a shared understanding and more integrated response to the challenges of climate change in the region. We will bring together diverse public, private and voluntary sector organisations with a common concern to understand and respond to the likely impacts of climate change.

We will work to raise the profile of the climate change impacts and the opportunities to both reduce the scale of long-term climate change and to adapt to the short and medium term risks and opportunities.

### **Actions:**

- Formal mission & Objective statement needed – a short document
- At the moment EM CCSG is relatively informal now need to get agreement on role of EM CCSG and Partnership – key to attracting new partners

## **EM CCSG Outcomes and Objectives**

The need for a set of long-term objectives that is ambitious as well as achievable is recognised. These objectives will only be achieved over an extended period with adequate resources and by engaging with new organisations.

The EM CCSG will focus on objectives that will facilitate the delivery of our four outcomes:

1. Awareness raised on the impacts of climate change in the region
2. Guidance and advice given and Regional initiatives supported
3. Regional climate change partnership created
4. Influence regional, national and EU approaches

These outcomes are listed along with the relevant objectives want to achieve. The achievements made so far and the actions to be carried out are also listed.

## **OUTCOME 1. AWARENESS RAISED ON THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE REGION**

### **Objectives:**

- Establish more effective communication tool for all Regional stakeholders to use when explaining climate change.
- Highlight the significance of climate change impacts and the need to mitigate and adapt to them.
- Raise awareness of climate change so that it is considered a high priority cross cutting issue
- Promote awareness of climate change impacts, the need for adaptive planning as well as mitigation.

- Produce a bulletin/newsletter on cc issues and EM CCSG activities for members stakeholders
- Develop a dedicated website to address climate change issues in the region.
- Establish links to LA contacts with the region and engage with them in the work EM CCSG are doing

**Achievements so far:**

- The steering group sponsored the Facing up to Climate Change Together workshop, which took place at the NEC on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004, as part of the Climate Change Solutions Conference.
- Nick King as chair of the EM CCSG gave a well received presentation at a DEFRA climate change event held in Buxton. Margaret Beckett gave the key-note speech and hosted a reception afterwards.
- The Agency conducted a baseline survey to investigate ‘public perception of climate change in the Midlands’ in March 2005 and the results of which have been shared with the steering group and therefore a wider network of regional stakeholders. The results from this survey have been used as evidence for the target audience choice picked by the EM CCSG for the Climate Communication Fund bid. The baseline survey has been repeated in March 2006 – the results are yet to be officially published.
- Planning for Climate Change Workshop – November 2004. This stakeholder workshop involved a wider range of participants, with the aim of determining a programme of partnership projects.
- Paper review of Regional policies relevant to Climate Change produced which will help to inform the Regional Spatial Strategy Review.
- Climate Change and Biodiversity Workshop – November 2005. This workshop was a jointly run event with the EM Biodiversity Forum and the outcomes of which not only helped inform the Regional Biodiversity Strategy but the Environment Agency initiated a £50,000 project to draw together what information is available on the potential impacts of climate change on biodiversity in both the East and west Midlands, focussing on regional BAP priority species and habitats
- Submitting a Regional Bid for the Defra Climate Communication Fund has meant that the key regional stakeholders have worked closely together to decide and agree on what would be a beneficial campaign for this region taking into account how this bid could add value other regional bids.

**Actions Needed:**

- Wait to see if the regional bid for the Defra Climate Communication Fund is successful.
- Need a database of LA CC contacts to facilitate communication
- Promote Nottingham Declaration Action Pack Launch – June 06
- Help to organise the Nottingham Declaration Action Pack
- Create a website and e-newsletter
- Map the regions key sectors in terms of their CC issues and develop specific actions and briefings for these sectors in the region

## **OUTCOME 2. GUIDANCE AND ADVICE GIVEN AND REGIONAL INITIATIVES SUPPORTED**

### **Objectives:**

- Seek new steering group members
- Confirm sector groups to take forward the priority areas
- Support members of the steering group
- To investigate, inform, advise and encourage action on the impacts of climate change in the region
- Organise research studies, workshops, guidance notes, tech case studies
- Provide guidance and advice on adaptive planning
- Support partners in development of their plans and policies
- Support relevant Regional projects, initiatives and research and develop sector project groups to carry out this work
- Improve and co-ordinate the monitoring CC and its impacts and its initiatives to mitigate and adapt to them

### **Achievements:**

- Production of the Potential Impacts of Climate Change in the East Midlands Study July 2000
- The steering group commissioned work to update the Potential Impacts of Climate Change in the East Midlands Study - July 2000. The update report (published in March 2004), takes into account government initiatives, new Climate change scenario's and progress made in the region since the publication of the initial report.
- Paper on climate change action the Region has started to map out in a co-ordinated way the responsibilities of EMRA's working groups i.e. EM CCSG, Energy Advisory Group and the Environment Group.
- Project: Addressing climate change through sustainable communities: Sustainable Design and Construction

Phase 1: Between July and September 2004 Arup Consultants identified 19 international examples, 21 national examples and 28 examples of good practice from across the East Midlands.

Phase 2: Sustainable Design and Construction Competition: aimed at improving sustainable design skills within the region. The competition ran throughout 2005 and is seen as an innovative approach to engaging practitioners in delivering sustainable buildings practically and economically. Architectural and design practices from across the region were invited to develop design ideas for a Sustainable Construction Centre of Excellence to be built at Shrewood Energy Village in Ollerton, Nottinghamshire.

The Sustainable Construction Centre will provide training for all trades and professions engaged in building and construction from NVQ to CPD. The training will be focussed on bringing more sustainable methods of designing and constructing buildings into the mainstream.

All of the teams expressing an interest in taking part in the competition had the opportunity to develop their skills in delivering sustainable buildings through a programme of training events, provided in conjunction with the region's universities. These training events highlighted the importance of a low carbon approach to buildings, issues of water resource, sustainable construction and flood resilience as well as the need to engage constructively with the local community.

Finalists from the competition received a cash prize of £2500, and the opportunity to develop their ideas further and compete for the development of the Sustainable Construction Centre during 2006.

Further information on this project can be found at:

[www.emra.gov.uk/competition/index.html](http://www.emra.gov.uk/competition/index.html).

- Project: Nottingham Declaration Re-launch & Action Pack

Nottingham Declaration re-launch consultation workshop in September 2005 was hosted by the EM CCSG with the aim of engaging current Declaration signatories in the process of re-wording the original document so we ensured that the new version met the needs of local authorities.

On 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005, the delegates of the Second National Councils' Climate Conference endorsed the Nottingham Call for renewed commitment and action on climate change by local government. A new Nottingham Declaration was launched to help facilitate new commitment, with a target to double the number of committed councils to 200 by December 2006, supported by a new Council's Climate Action Pack, which is being put together by the Nottingham Declaration Development Group.

The Council's Climate Action Pack will be a single point of reference for councils wanting to take action on climate change. It will provide an integrated guide to mitigation and adaptation milestones as well as tools, guidance and good practice case studies.

The national launch of the Council's Climate Action Pack will be in London in June with the All Party Parliamentary Group on Climate Change.

- Project: Lincolnshire coastal climate change strategy project

A project group drawn from Local Authority staff and key regional partners has convened to produce a strategy for climate change on the Lincolnshire coast. The work will be carried out by commissioning a report from an external consultant. The strategy will consider the impacts of climate change on the following sectors - Agriculture and Agri-business (food processing and packing, horticulture); Biodiversity; Tourism; Water resources; Transport; Flooding; Planning; Energy; Heritage; People / social impacts. It will make recommendations about how impacts can be mitigated and what adaptations are needed in the future.

- Proposed Sectoral Focus groups for the EMCCSG were agreed at the Planning for Climate Change Workshop in Nov 2004:

LAND USE – including agriculture, biodiversity, water resources and quality

INFRASTRUCTURE – including transport, construction, building, heritage and flooding

BUSINESS – including manufacturing, services, retail, tourism and recreation and investment

PUBLIC SECTOR – including planning, health, housing and air quality

**Actions:**

- Project proposals from the Planning for Climate Change Workshop need to be re-prioritised, justified and funding found.
- Aim to create working sector groups from members of the steering group who can take forward relevant projects
- Database of what's going on already so Regional stakeholders can share best practice to share best practice
- Map existing database sets and data collection systems – observatory
- Continue to support the Lincolnshire coastal climate change strategy project
- Continue to support Nottingham Declaration conference in December
- Support revision of Council's Climate Action Pack, this includes organising the consultation workshop for the action pack in April 2006 before its launch in June.

**OUTCOME 3. REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE PARTNERSHIP CREATED**

**Objective - To establish a East Midlands Climate Change Partnership that will:**

- Link national and other regional organisations addressing climate change
- Act as focal point of regional initiatives
- Focus Regional activities and be the point of contact for EM region e.g. media
- Look to form a large partnership with paying members
- Provide a forum for stakeholders within region to address climate change issues
- organise projects and events
- disseminating research results
- provide point of contact
- Form appropriate sector groups, which reflect the vulnerable areas in the scoping study.

**Achievements so far:**

- We now have extended the membership of the EM CCSG to include a number of LA representatives and this wider group is showing real enthusiasm for building a Regional partnership.
- Mark Goldthorpe SE CC Partnership Programme Manager gave a well received presentation on the work and successes of SE CC Partnership to the EM CCSG in July. Mark gave a detailed explanation of how the partnership came about, how it

is organised, what it does and how it is funded. Mark essentially showed the group a model of how this could be done in the EM.

- Sue Brothwood attended the SE CC Partnership Annual Forum to learn more about how the partnership is organised.

**Actions needed:**

- Extend the EM CCSG membership and build on the enthusiasm created so far
- Produce a paper that sets the need for a climate change partnership in the Region
- Source financial resource to enable EM CCSG to achieve all its objectives
- Source funding to pay for partnership co-ordinator – key to establishing a programme of activities and organising projects.
- We've started to engage with potential partners now need to establish partnership network
- Sector groups identified

**Questions:**

What comes first?

Consultation exercise to see how the partnership should develop?

Proposal of partnership doc as business plan comes after consultation with partners?

Agreement to partnership + buy in and then write Business plan?

Need co-ordinator to organise – business plan, events, awareness raising, focal point.

Are we still mitigation and adaptation – or focus on adaptation?

Need to regional CC strategy?

**OUTCOME 4. INFLUENCE REGIONAL, NATIONAL & EU APPROCHES**

**Objectives:**

- Influenced Regional and National approaches e.g. links to UKCIP, EA CC Unit, Defra consultation
- Influence regional, national and EU approaches to CC policy
- Ensuring that climate change is embedded into all key regional strategies is a critical piece of work. In order to achieve a holistic response to climate change within regional policies the following needs to be considered:
  1. Mitigate the causes of climate change;
  2. Identify and adapt to the negative impacts of climate change;
  3. Identify and optimise the opportunities arising from climate change;

**Achievements:**

- The EM CCSG submitted a response to the UK Climate Change Programme Review – February 2005
- Nick King as chair represents the EM CCSG on the UK Inter-Regional Climate Change Group which gives us a national voice.

Nick King as chair of the EM CCSG gave a well received presentation at a DEFRA climate change event held in Buxton. Margaret Beckett gave the key note speech and hosted a reception afterwards. However, it was felt that the DEFRA seminar needed

to link into a Regional event that were already taking place with the aim of gaining a greater synergy. A letter stating this was sent to DEFRA and this criticism has been taken on board because future seminars will be run alongside Regional events.

- 
- Gerry Metcalf (UKCIP) has attended a number of steering group meetings to both share information with the group as well as to seek our comments on the proposed policies and work programmes.
- Response to the Defra Adaptation Policy Framework consultation produced.
- The EM CCSG endorsed of the Three Regions Checklist for Developers

**Action:**

- Co-ordinate a regional response to the Energy Review

**CONCLUSION:**

It is recognised that this is an ambitious work programme that will need to be kept under continual review to identify emerging issues. The EM CCSG continued work will depend on the commitment and participation from its members. EM CCSG could be a vital mechanism for developing a shared understanding and more integrated response to the challenges climate change poses for the Region.

**Sue Brothwood  
Environment Agency  
March 2006**

## Item 3 Appendix 2

### **Regional Climate Change Co-ordinators Briefing**

Listed in alphabetical order below are the recognised Regional Climate Change Partnerships and the relevant co-ordinators. Please note partnerships in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales are not included as work is just beginning on the development of partnerships in these countries.

- East of England – to be formally announced
- East Midlands
- London - Matthew Chell
- North East
- North West – Steven Glynn
- South East – Mark Goldthorpe
- South West – Sarah Hendel- Blackford
- West Midlands
- Yorkshire and Humberside – George Munson

The co-ordinators provide leadership on climate change issues in the Region and work with regional partners to deliver measures to adapt to climate change and to support measures to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

**Management of climate change partnerships/steering groups following the publication of the Scoping Study:** the management arrangements necessary for the effective delivery of a EM CCSG work programme is now more demanding as the group moves beyond the scoping study stage. The EM CCSG needs to ensure that systems and procedures are in place to deliver its work programme, to continue to engage a wide range of stakeholders, and be in a position to influence policies and plans at a regional scale.

**Co-ordinators:** Even the more modest partnerships/steering groups need a co-ordinator to arrange events, co-ordinate responses to consultation documents on behalf of the regional partnerships/steering groups, attend meetings of regional co-ordinators etc. In some cases a more formal arrangement of administrative and clerical functions is available to partnerships. This activity is where the greatest burden and effort falls, and in the case of EM it is entirely dependent upon the goodwill and commitment of a few staff from lead agencies. The first region to enjoy the benefits of a full-time co-ordinator/project manager was the SE partnership. Now the following partnerships have climate change co-ordinators: Yorkshire and Humber, North West, South West, London and the East of England. This marks a step-change in the resources of a partnership and the type of work that it is able to undertake. Most regions have recognised that, as they move beyond the scoping study stage, partnerships/steering groups need a dedicated resource to drive forward their new programmes of work.

EM CCSG needs to actively pursue ways in which to fund the appointment of a dedicated climate change co-ordinator / programme manager.

**Representation:** The philosophy of Defra stresses the importance of a stakeholder-led approach to climate change initiatives. A consequence of this bottom-up approach is an inevitable variability in the way that each partnership operates. So, for example, arranging for representing regional partnerships at national events are not consistent, for example the seat held on the UK Inter-Regional Climate Change Group (UK IRCCG).

## **The Resources Needed**

**The pattern of expenditure** by a partnership clearly changes as its role and functions develop. In the first instance partnerships have only required funding for the preparation of the Scoping Study and its dissemination. No significant costs have been incurred by the group steering the scoping study as this work has been undertaken through contributions of time and other resources provided by lead agencies and other members of the steering group.

In subsequent stages costs are incurred both for project work and for the core activities of a partnership, including the co-ordination and management of the partnership itself as well as management of its projects.

**Income to sustain the work** of the partnership is typically made available in two forms: 1) as cash contributions and 2) as contributions in kind.

**Cash contributions have been made from a variety of sources.** The SE partnership has the most sophisticated financial arrangements which involves a subscription from members on a sliding scale according to size, resources, sector etc. Other partnerships have received financial support from key agencies (including RDA's, Ras, Gos and regional offices of the EA). In both of these arrangements the funding is principally to support the core activities of the partnership, including co-ordination and management. Financial contributions for project work is treated separately with income generated from agencies who have commissioned work or stand to benefit from research or project outcomes.

**Contributions in kind have provided a significant resource to partnerships.** For example significant contributions of senior officer and administrative support time from key stakeholders (eg from Regional Development Agencies (RDAs), the regional Government Offices, the Regional Assemblies and the regional offices of the Environment Agency (EA), and Local Authorities) which is built into the job description of relevant officers. In other instances more modest contributions of officer time are provided by key stakeholders, though in many cases it is clear that this is not included as part of an individual's job description. Further contributions have been made (from the organisations referred to above) particularly in the provision of office accommodation and related facilities (eg phone, IT, internet access etc).

**Example of Climate Change Co-ordinator / Programme Manager Costs:**

<b>Admin</b>	
Programme Manager: Employment	35000
Programme Manager: Travel and other	2500
Admin support	7500
Office Expenses	2000
Conference Fees, Publications, etc	1000
Sub-total: Admin	<b>48000</b>

Source: Regional Climate Change Impacts Partnerships in the UK – Review & Report March 2004 UKCIP

**Sue Brothwood**  
**Environment Agency**  
**May 2006**

# EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

## PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

16 May 2006

Item 4

---

### Sustainable Procurement Project – Phase 2

#### 1. Background

1.1 The Promoting Sustainable Development Group's work programme for 2005/06 sets out the scope for Phase 2 of the Sustainable Procurement Project as:

- (i) establishing a comprehensive picture of public sector sustainable procurement activity in the region
- (ii) establishing a clear understanding of the current barriers faced by the public sector in sustainable procurement, and
- (iii) disseminating the results.

1.2 The Promoting Sustainable Development Group agreed that a short project be supported to address items (i) and (ii) from the list above. In November 2005, Clark Field was selected to undertake the project - work started in early December 2005 and continued up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006.

1.3 The project adopted the following definition of sustainable procurement - this was determined by Greengage Consulting for the purpose of the research work commissioned by EMRA in 2003/04:

'Sustainable Procurement is the process of acquiring goods, works and services from a supplier that provides the optimum combination of whole life costs and benefits to meet the customer's requirements.'

#### 2. Establishing Sustainable Public Procurement Activity in Region

2.1 From early December 2005 to mid February 2006, a mapping exercise was undertaken to establish the range of public sector sustainable procurement activities that were underway across the East Midlands. Activities were identified in a variety of ways, including discussions with members of existing working groups, the internet, Government Office East Midlands (GOEM), individual contacts and a series of face to face meetings.

2.2 Further work focussed in particular on the work associated with:

- the Public Sector Food Procurement Initiative
- the Regional Centres of Excellence and their work with local authorities across the region
- the Procuring Sustainable Health project
- Social Enterprises and Social Enterprise East Midlands (SEEM)
- Sustainable Construction.

2.3 An important outcome of this focussed work has been the production of descriptions of the various areas of activity setting any local work in the context of national/regional policy and other key drivers. In addition, the meetings with individual staff involved in the project work have informed a review of the barriers people perceive continue to prevent or hinder progress with sustainable procurement.

### **3. Adding Value at the Regional Level**

3.1 The final part of the project built on the findings of the earlier work and concentrated on creating packages of information with the intention that these would inform those engaged in sustainable procurement work. This is referred to as Adding Value. This work will continue to be added to and improved upon as part of two regional projects that start from April 2006. They not only build on the work to date but also look to disseminate good practice.

### **4. Key Findings of Project**

4.1 As a consequence of the sharp focus on public sector expenditure, improving procurement and increasing efficiencies, there is a great deal of related activity across the East Midlands. Much of this activity, however, is in response to the demands of Gershon efficiencies and this is tending to limit the adoption of sustainable procurement activity.

4.2 The pro-active work of the Regional Centre of Excellence (RCE) with local authorities has helped to raise the profile of e-procurement and awareness of good procurement practice across a wide range of authorities. The focus on sustainable procurement work and projects incorporating this approach has been more limited to date than it is likely to be in 2006/7 with the publication of the Sustainable Procurement Task Force's Action Plan in late May 2006. In parallel with this the North East Regional Centre of Excellence has drafted a Strategy for Sustainable Procurement which on completion should be adopted across all RCEs during 2006/07.

- 4.3 The key findings of the project are set out below:
- There is a lot of activity related to improving procurement practices but a limited focus on sustainable procurement in the public sector.
  - Many small local authorities are finding the work related to Gershon efficiencies demanding and few have dedicated procurement officers, though the number is growing and some are sharing this expertise.
  - There is a general lack of understanding of the definitions/meaning of sustainable procurement and how it 'manifests itself' in day to day practice.
  - Many staff involved in procurement would welcome support to better understand how to make their procurement more sustainable.
  - A number of barriers are perceived by those involved as preventing or hindering progress, notably financial considerations, how to measure social and environmental benefits, an inability in most cases to offset Whole Life Cost savings and EU Requirements and UK Legislation.
  - There is a wide range of examples of good practice that demonstrate how the various barriers people perceive are being overcome. Many of these exemplars come from outside of the region but the number and range of East Midlands examples is growing.
  - There appears to be considerable overlap and potential duplication associated with matters such as:
    - the development and provision of training to improve sustainable procurement practice
    - the development and use of tool kits associated with sustainable procurement, and
    - the production of standardised policies, procedures and other documents(tendering) related to procurement.
  - Work and good practice outside of the region has much to offer work that is either underway or being considered in the region, particularly PSFPI.

## **5. Further Development of the Project in the Region**

- 5.1 The final section of the project Report states the importance of continuing to build on what the project has achieved. To help facilitate this, the outcomes of the project will form the starting point for a Regional Centre of Excellence (RCE)/ Local Authorities Energy Partnership (LAEP, Notts and Derbys) funded Sustainable Procurement project aimed at improving Local Authority Sustainable Procurement across the East Midlands.

- 5.2 This project started at the beginning of April along with an emda funded project looking at Supply Chains in public sector sustainable procurement across the East Midlands. This second project is being undertaken by Mark Holmes (ADAS) and Fay Blair (Global to Local) - a meeting to ensure that these projects work in parallel with minimal duplication and overlap has taken place with a further meeting planned for 15/04/06.
- 5.3 EXPO 2006 is recognised as an important focal point for the local authority sustainable procurement project and is already built into the project plan to be considered and agreed by the Project Board at its meeting on 12/05/06.

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 **The Promoting Sustainable Development Group is asked to:**
- **Discuss the findings of the project; and**
  - **Agree the Promoting Sustainable Development Group's role in taking the project forward with a particular focus on ensuring Expo 2006 delivers the promotion of and engagement in sustainable procurement.**

Clark Field  
Sustainability4u

Yvette Dearden  
EMRA

# EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

## PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

16 May 2006

Item 5

---

### Securing the Regions' Futures

#### Strengthening delivery of sustainable development in the English regions

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 Elliot Morley, former Minister of State for the Environment and Climate Change, visited the region on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2006. He saw a wide range of initiatives that demonstrate how businesses, schools, the public and voluntary sectors are all contributing towards improving people's quality of life in the East Midlands.
- 1.2 As part of this visit, the Minister launched 'Securing the Regions' Futures: Strengthening delivery of sustainable development in the English regions' – a joint publication by DTI, ODPM and Defra. It is available at <http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/publications/documents/securing-the-regions-futures.pdf>
- 1.3 Securing the Regions' Futures recognises the critical role that regions play in delivering sustainable development and sets out 20 commitments. It has been published in response to the Sustainable Development Commission's report, 'The Next Steps: An independent review of sustainable development in the English regions' (November 2005).

#### 2. Sustainable Development Roundtables

- 2.1 Securing the Regions' Futures states that the Government will strengthen the delivery of sustainable development in the regions by enabling a more effective role for regional sustainable development roundtables and a joined-up approach through core cities, city regions and inter-regional strategies to deliver sustainable communities and promoting sustainable growth.
- 2.2 The Government states that one way in which this partnership approach can be fostered within the region is through a Regional Sustainable Development Roundtable acting as a 'champion body'. It states that each

region already has partnership arrangements in place which could mirror a roundtable – the EMRA Promoting Sustainable Development Group is cited for the East Midlands.

- 2.3 The document states that regional sustainable development roundtables should be appointed jointly by Government Offices, Regional Assemblies and Regional Development Agencies, who are best placed to identify the relevant stakeholders in their regions.
- 2.4 The Government considers that the existing roundtables have benefited greatly by including Government Offices, Regional Assemblies and Regional Development Agencies in their membership. The Government does not consider this to be at odds with the roundtable having an effective role as a ‘critical friend’ to advise these same regional bodies on sustainable development issues and to constructively challenge regional plans or policies from a sustainable development perspective.
- 2.5 The Government makes it clear that the ‘critical friend’ or ‘challenge’ role of the roundtable is distinct and different from the formal scrutiny role of Regional Assemblies.
- 2.6 It is stated that an effective regional sustainable development roundtable or champion body should be independent; inclusive; influential; capable of delivering campaigns, programmes and projects; well-networked; and sustainable.
- 2.7 A common set of purposes for the roundtables are also set out. These are:
  - Raising the profile of particular regional sustainable development issues;
  - Identifying opportunities for joint projects or initiatives; and
  - Providing a well-managed ‘critical friend’ and ‘constructive challenge’ function in the region.
- 2.8 The Government will contribute to a targeted two year work programme (2006 to 2008) for each roundtable in line with the common purposes. It will also support a number of workshops hosted in the regions to explore innovative ways of addressing the most pressing issues facing the regions.

### **3. Other Key Issues of Relevance to EMRA**

#### State of Region

- 3.1 The Government highlights State of the Region reports as providing a means of bringing together and sharing information about the region’s

sustainable development challenges and trends. It recognises that regional data is a critical starting point for making informed decisions about the regions' priorities, programmes and a vision for a more sustainable future.

### Integrated Regional Strategy (IRS) Framework

- 3.2 The Government re-emphasises Regional Assemblies as the most appropriate body to take the lead with partners in establishing the high-level strategy arrangements in the regions, i.e. the IRS Framework. These arrangements, however, must be fully in line with the UK Sustainable Development Strategy and incorporate a list of essential ingredients. Regional Assemblies, supported by the regional sustainable development roundtables, are responsible for ensuring that these ingredients are fully incorporated.
- 3.3 This list of essential ingredients sets out the importance of a robust evidence base; engagement of stakeholder involvement; a shared and long-term vision; clear aims and objectives; indicators, actions and targets; monitoring and reporting; links with sub regional and local levels and a sustainability appraisal in line with available best practice. The East Midlands Integrated Toolkit (EMIT) is cited as one of the sustainable development tools.
- 3.4 Each region has been invited to report to Government by the end of September 2006 on how their own region's high-level strategy arrangements are taking account of these essential ingredients. In addition, by December 2007 all regions should have refreshed or updated their high level strategy/strategies, i.e. the IRS Framework in the East Midlands.

### Role of Regional Assemblies

- 3.5 The Government recognises that Regional Assemblies, as voluntary bodies whose membership is drawn from a range of regional stakeholders, are in an ideal position to contribute to the delivery of sustainable development in their regions and to ensure consistency across regional strategies.
- 3.6 The Government recognises Regional Assemblies as inclusive strategic bodies able to draw on the experience and knowledge of representatives from the key sectors across the region, sub-region, major cities, city areas and the rural areas. The Promoting Sustainable Development Group and EMRA Scrutiny Review of emda are both cited.

- 3.7 During 2006, ODPM and Defra will jointly publish guidance to Regional Assemblies which supports and clarifies their role in helping to deliver sustainable development through their different functions and will ensure they are fit for purpose. The guidance will recognise the leadership role of Regional Assemblies in raising the profile of sustainable development issues in the region and bringing partners together to address them.

#### **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 The Promoting Sustainable Development Group is asked to discuss 'Securing the Regions' Futures: Strengthening delivery of sustainable development in the English regions', in particular its views on the proposed Regional Sustainable Development Roundtables.**

Yvette Dearden  
Acting Head of Regional Policy and Sustainable Development