



ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING AND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Monday 23 March 2009 at 4.30 pm

Meeting to be held in a Committee Room at Your Homes Newcastle, YHN House, Benton Park Road, South Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

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PLEASE NOTE VENUE (Location Map Attached)

AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Summary of Meeting held on 2 March 2009** (attached)
- 3 **Matters Arising**
- 4 **Green Gym**
Presentation by Paul Smissen
5. **NI 186 – Reduction in Citywide Carbon Emissions**
Report by Les Clark (attached)
6. **LAAL1 – Prevention of Homeless**
Report by Neil Munslow
7. **Warm Zone – Community Energy Saving Programme Consultation**
Briefing Note from David Connor (attached)
8. **Date of Next Meeting**
Monday, 20 April 2009 at 4.30 pm



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Present

David Slater	- Executive Director of Environment and Regeneration (Chair) (DS)
Councillor Wendy Taylor	- Housing and Transport Portfolio Holder
Rob Nichols	- Environment Theme Lead Officer (RB)
Sarah French	- Environment Theme Voluntary Sector Representative (Substitute) (SF)
John Telfer	- Community Voice (JT)
Ed Derrick	- YHN (Substitute) (ED)
Gordon Allison	- Nexus (Substitute) (GH)

In Attendance:

Satpal Parmar	- Community Empowerment Network (SP)
Martin Gollan	- Newcastle CVS (MG)
Anne Mulroy	- Bridging NewcastleGateshead (AM)
Anne-Marie James	- Environment and Regeneration Directorate (AJ)
George Mansbridge	- Environment and Regeneration Directorate (GMan)
Gary MacDonald	- Environment and Regeneration Directorate (GMac)
Richard Elliott	- Head of Business Management, NCC (RE)
John Bourn	- Tyne and Wear Local Transport Plan Team (JB)
David Connor	- Newcastle Warm Zone (DC)
Kate Coulthard	- Energy Centre, NCC (KC)
Terry White	- Democratic Services (TW)

Report	Discussion/Decision	Action
1. Apologies for Absence	Councillor Shepherd, Paul Gallagher, Geoff Matthews, David Langhorne and Lionel Hehir.	TW
2. Summary of Meeting held on 26 January 2009	<p>AGREED</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excessive Winter Deaths – noted that 2007/08 data had still not yet been obtained but that this was being pursued with the view of submission to a future meeting. 	TW/Lynda Seery

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Warm Zone: GP Referrals – further work was required with the PCT on encouraging GP referrals and an update would be submitted to a future meeting. ▪ Revised Workplan – noted that older people's housing would be considered at the next meeting; and that the revised workplan, together with details of the Partnership's current sub-group structure, including names and contact details of appropriate lead officers, was being compiled and would be circulated as soon as possible. ▪ Housing Performance Update – revised report including reconciled figures to be circulated ▪ Housing Performance Update: ARC 4 – noted that BNG were involved in further discussions and that the report was likely to be available for the 20 April meeting. ▪ Waste Minimisation Group: Metro – noted that the provision of recycling provision around Metro and bus stations was being approached on a Tyne and Wear wide basis and that Rob Nichols was meeting with Nexus shortly. 	<p>DC/Lynda Seery</p> <p>RN/TW</p> <p>G Man/TW</p> <p>AM</p> <p>RN/Helen Matthews</p>
<p>3. Managing Traffic Congestion</p>	<p>John Bourn gave a brief powerpoint presentation on the Tyne and Wear Local Transport Plan Team's Congestion Reduction Plan. There had been significant success in 2007/08 against NI167 (average person journey time per person per mile during am peak period on the 16 LTP Strategic Corridors inbound to the urban centres in Tyne and Wear). This had resulted in additional reward funding from the Department for Transport which would be utilised by the Smarter Choices Scheme; development of a Tyne and Wear Urban Traffic Management and Control System; and targeted corridor interventions.</p> <p>A number of issues were raised in the ensuing discussion -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The importance of quantifying the impact of performance against target in terms of carbon savings. Gary MacDonald indicated that it might be possible to develop a formula which would illustrate the carbon savings of reductions in travel times 	<p>G Mac</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alternative solutions were being pursued for the other properties unsuitable for cavity wall insulation, many of which were pre-1919 properties with solid wall construction or high rise. Solid wall insulation was expensive but Warmzone were working with partners Scottish Power on the possibility of securing funding from the Government's recently announced Community Energy Saving Programme which was currently out to consultation. <p>AGREED – That</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the presentation be received; (ii) officers be congratulated on meeting the 2008/09 targets at an early date; and (iii) the potential of alternative options for 'hard to heat' homes be noted, with reports on further developments being welcomed. 	DC/KC
<p>6. NI154/155 – Net Additional Homes and Affordable Homes</p>	<p>George Mansbridge gave an update indicating that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Since the last report the refreshed targets had been submitted to GONE and had been accepted, with some caveats, and subject to review during 2009/10; ▪ The refreshed targets were generally in line with Government thinking; ▪ Work was continuing on interim targets, mainly around mission critical sites, which it was hoped to submit to the next meeting; ▪ Work was also proceeding on the production of a presentable delivery plan which would provide a comprehensive overview without confidential financial information. This would be submitted to the Partnership when completed; ▪ The start dates for a number of schemes, such as Atherton Drive and Dunblane at West Denton, were being brought forward and the YHN Programme was being accelerated; 	<p>G Man</p> <p>G Man</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A number of projects such as Shields Road and Birchfield in Fenham, had also been started; and ▪ The updated report, including clarification of the figures presented to the last meeting, would be circulated. <p>Anne Mulroy indicated that BNG's Housing Options tied in with this and that it was hoped to have the model available in March. She also referred to work being undertaken to establish a Design Enabling Service.</p> <p>Reference was made to the reluctance of developers to fully embrace energy efficiency and sustainability and the need for the Council, as the planning and housing authority, to continue to press this issue. Anne Mulroy indicated that research was being undertaken around value in design to ascertain the views of residents and developers and examine the current numerous standards. The outcome of the research would be shared with the Partnership.</p> <p>AGREED – That</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the update be noted; (ii) the quarterly performance monitoring report to future meetings also include a plan showing locations; (iii) consideration of the tensions with developers around issues of energy efficiency and sustainability be included in the future Work Programme; and (iv) consideration also be given to design issues, referred to above, as part of the future Work Programme. 	<p>G Man/TW</p> <p>AM</p> <p>G Man</p> <p>G Man/RN</p> <p>AM/RN</p>
<p>7. NI158 – Percentage of Non-Decent Council Homes</p>	<p>George Mansbridge indicated that, thanks principally to YHN, he was confident the target for decent homes would be met.</p>	
	<p>Reference was made to a recent report on the number of YHN properties benefiting from Warmzone funding</p>	

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<p>11. NI138 – Satisfaction of Over 65s with Home and Neighbourhood</p>	<p>The Chair reported, for information, on the establishment of a target for NI138 (e-mail from Phil Hunter previously circulated). An improvement of 5% of the baseline figure of 82.7% from the First Place Survey had been agreed, based on general Government Guidance and advice from the LSP Research Team. Officers from both Environment and Regeneration and Adult Services would be discussing delivery of the measure. This Partnership would share the target with the Wellbeing and Health Partnership.</p> <p>AGREED – That the target adopted for NI138 be noted, together with the intention to have further discussions on the indicator at a future, possibly joint, meeting.</p>	<p>G Man/RN</p>
<p>12. Schedule of Meetings 2009/10</p>	<p>AGREED – That the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Schedule of meetings up to June 2009 be approved; (ii) Next meeting to be held on 23 March 2009 at YHN; and (iii) Schedule of meetings for remainder of 2009/10 to be submitted to a future meeting. 	<p>TW/All</p> <p>TW</p>

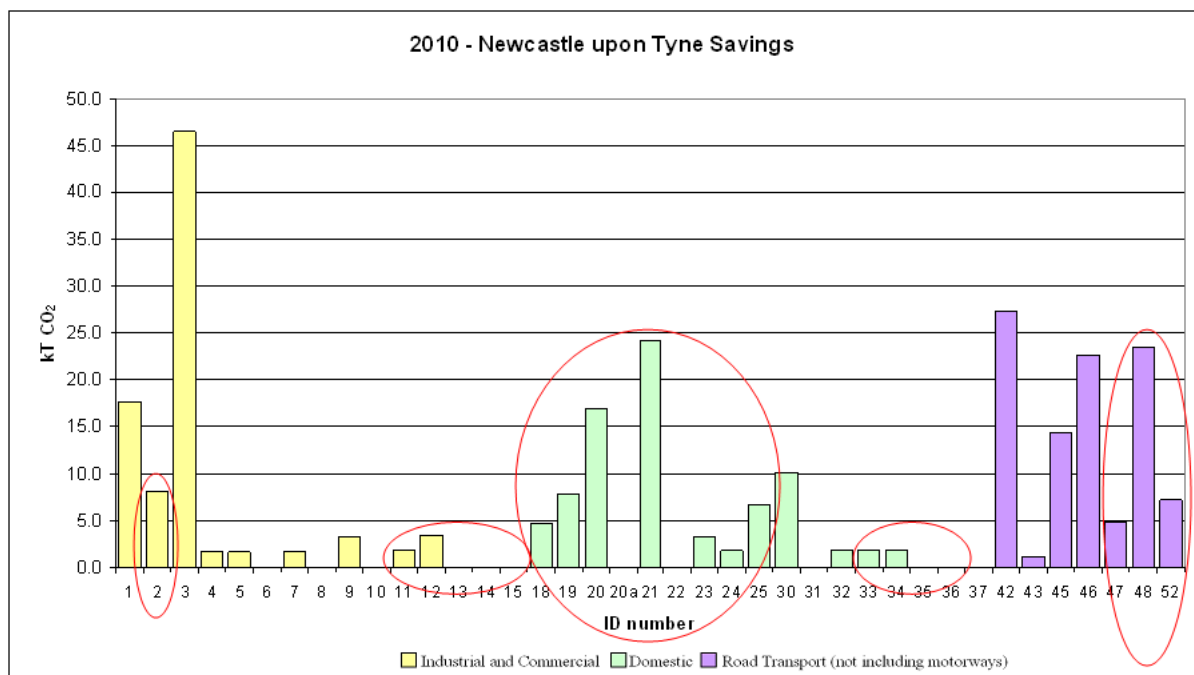
Housing, Environment and Transport Partnership Update on Progress – National Indicator 186

1. How NI 186 is Calculated

As agreed in the Local Area Agreement, the City has adopted a target for CO2 reduction (as measured by NI186) of 13.4% over 5 years from a 2005 baseline.

The methodology behind NI186 is complex and measured remotely through statistics collated on behalf of the Government. The partnership does not submit data for the calculation. There is two year delay in publishing the statistics ie the current dataset is for 2006.

The indicator is a CO2 per capita measurement. The 13.4% reduction is a percentage of the CO2 per capita which was 7.17 t CO2 in 2005. Our target agreed with Government is therefore 6.2 t CO2 by 2010/11. This is calculated under the assumption that population remains constant. In actual CO2 this equates to 265,000 t CO2 over a five year period. We have a detailed breakdown of where these savings are expected to come from shown below.

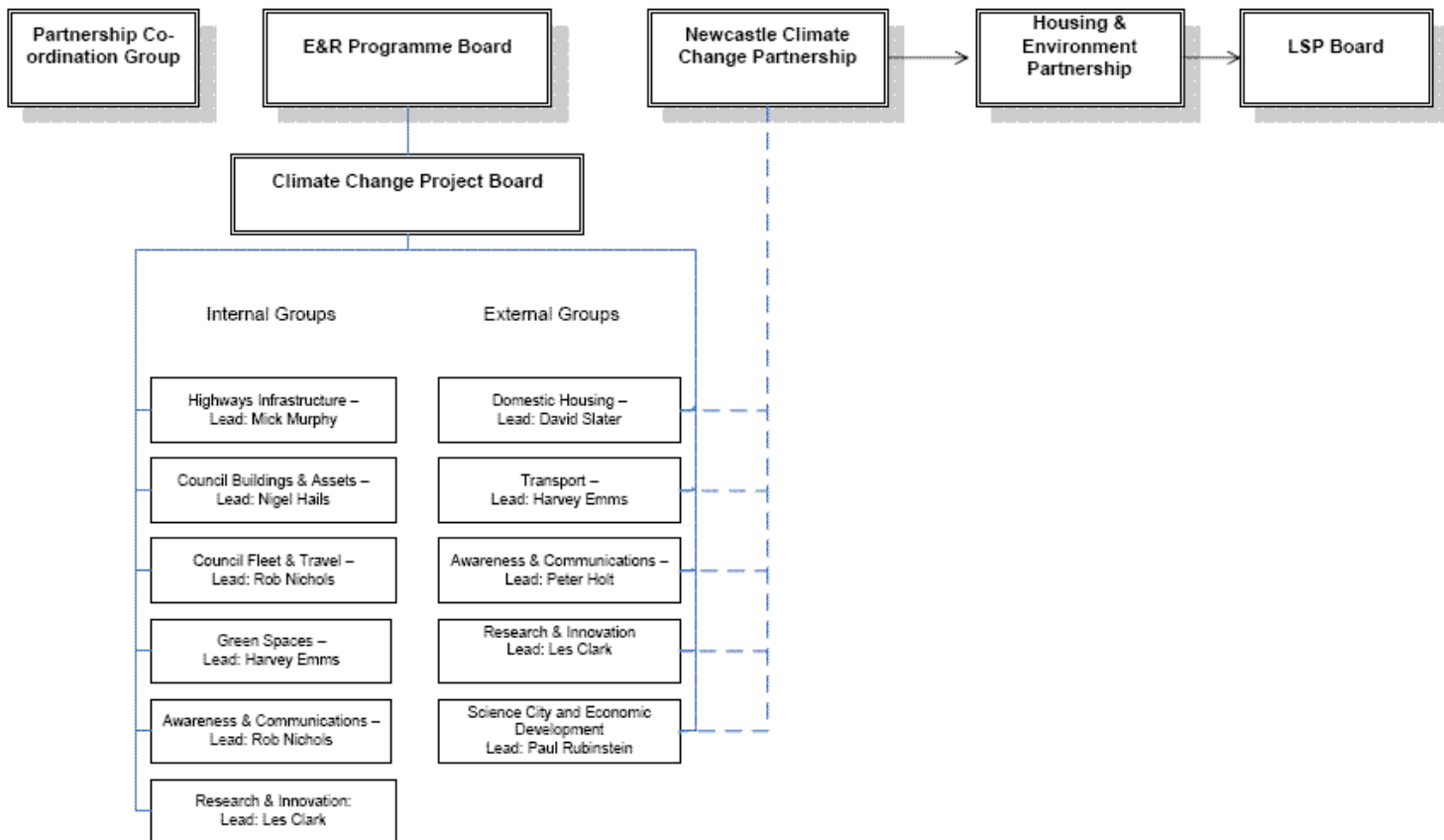


It is important to note that a large proportion of the savings are expected to be delivered by national policy, without local intervention (although we may have role with implementation and promotion). The total CO2 savings from measures which require local intervention is 116,911 t CO2 of the total 265,000 t CO2 required to deliver the agreed target. These are ringed red on the graph.

2. A New Structure for Delivering Climate Change

The most important development is the new structure for the climate change work programme. This will address both internal Council and wider partnership responsibilities and targets. The 11 constituent groups are in the process of being formally established.

Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation Response Programme



3. Progress and Achievements to Date.

Strategic

- **Newcastle Carbon Routemap (NCR) & Eco Neighbourhoods (E-N) Research**

NCR aims to map carbon, energy and heat demand to an individual building level using various data sets. This will significantly improve the intelligence we have on carbon compare to how NI 186 is calculated. Later phases of NCR will explore scenarios for a low carbon society.

- **Economics of Climate Change – Regional Study, with focus on Newcastle**

Newcastle is to be a pilot in this study, looking at the economic impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation. The study is being lead by the North East Assembly, but commissioned through ONE.

- **Core Cities Climate Change Group**

Newcastle continues to provide support to this group. The work programme is now mature and with a high level of engagement from external partners and other government departments.

- **CABE Sustainable Cities learning programme & Green Days with Schools**

CABE have been working with the Core Cities for over two years now. Newcastle is fully engaged with the schools Green Days initiative. We are also close to forming our learning cohort to work with the SustainableCities learning programme.

- **Aerial Thermal Survey & heat loss assessments**

A contract has been awarded for the provision of heat loss data for every property in Newcastle. This has been lead by Newcastle, but awarded as a joint procurement with Gateshead and North Tyneside.

- **Tyne & Wear City Region MAA adopted NI186 (co2 per capita)**

Work is ongoing to develop a baseline for this programme and a collaborative programme. Transport should be the obvious focus.

- **Clinton Foundation**

We are exploring opportunities to work with the Clinton Climate Initiative. They have expertise looking at retrofitting historic buildings in big cities across the world; we aim to link into the work being done with London (GLA).

- **Earth Hour (WWF), iconic buildings switch off Sat 28th March**

This is an initiative to promote climate change awareness, encourage action and raise the profile of the urgency to find global agreement in Copenhagen in December 2009. Gateshead, North Tyneside and South Tyneside are also onboard.

Carbon Reduction Measures

- **Newcastle Warm Zone**

Continuation of Newcastle Warm Zone project offering free and low cost insulation measures and benefits advice for residents (also links with NI187 tackling fuel poverty).

- **Health through Warmth**

Continuation of Health through Warmth project delivering efficient heating systems to residents who are suffering from cold or damp related illnesses.

- **Solid Wall Insulation**

The delivery of a pilot project with partners of external solid wall insulation in Lemington, the results from this pilot project will aid the development of future solid wall insulation projects.

- **Energy/Carbon Saving Advice**

Providing the delivery of energy and carbon saving advice to residents and school children, this includes school education support activities and home visits for our tenants, distribution of awareness materials, the delivery of demonstration projects and sign posting to support agencies.

- **Newcastle/Gateshead Carbon Achievement Zone**

Working with partners to create a Newcastle/Gateshead Carbon Achievement Zone which will bring together the main agencies working on carbon initiatives in the region. This will allow better coordination on communication strategies and deliver of mitigation measures.

- **Staff energy awareness**

Successfully delivered council wide staff energy awareness campaign, including team briefs, staff training and distribution of awareness raising materials such as awareness posters and website

- **Carbon saving projects**

Recent approval and delivery of a number of carbon saving projects in our buildings including automatic lighting controls, boiler controls, biomass boilers and voltage optimisation

- **Percentage carbon dioxide reduction from our Operations (NI185)**

Baseline data currently being collected for NI185, including building, transport and street lighting emissions

- **Energy champions**

The roll out of Directorate Energy Champions across the organisation is progressing.

- **Automatic meter reading technologies**

The rollout of automatic meter reading technologies has commenced and will be delivered to approx. 250 of our buildings. The use of this technology will aid the accurate reporting of energy consumption information.

- **ESCo project**

Supporting the examination with other partners of potential ESCo opportunities in the east/west and city centre areas of the City, as well as the development of the City's ESCo strategy to support carbon, fuel poverty and regeneration initiatives.

- **Greener Schools programme**

We are a participant in npower Greener Schools programme, this delivers education material and energy audits to participating schools. To date we have also secured £50,000 of funding for carbon saving measures in our schools.

- **Carbon Trading**

We are currently participating in the Local Government Information Unit's carbon trading council's project in preparation for the forthcoming Carbon Reduction Commitment scheme.

- **Grant funding**

We have been awarded successful external grant funding bids from Low Carbon Buildings Programme and the Bio energy capital grant.

- **Renewable energy projects**

Identification and progression of renewable energy projects, including a solar hot water system at the Civic Centre and a photovoltaic system at Kingston Park School, opportunities for the use of other renewable energy technologies are also being examined.

	OND 08	JAS 08	AMJ 08	JFM 08	OND 07	2007-08
LAA1 Preventing homelessness	523 (4.3%)	516 (4.3%)	576 (4.7%)	691 (5.7%)	402 (3.3%)	1758 (14.5%)

LAA Priority objectives	Measured by	Baseline	2008/09 target	2009/10 target	2010/11 target	Lead Delivery Partnership	Lead Partner(s)
1. All children and young people live in families that are free from financial poverty and material deprivation	Local indicator – prevention of homelessness – number of households who consider themselves as homeless, who approached the local housing authority's housing advice service(s) and for whom housing advice casework intervention resolved their situation (additional local indicator)	1758 (2007/08)	1800	2000	2050	Environment and Housing	City Council

The above shows that performance is above target at 2306 for the calendar year 2008. The majority of the preventions come from case work interventions at the Housing Advice Centre and by YHN staff e.g. the Inline team's mediation services which prevents 200+ young people becoming homeless pa. More detail can be provided if required