

The West of England Partnership

Board Meeting

Date: Thursday 16 April 2009
Time: 2pm
Place: The Guildhall, Bath, BA1 5AW

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Agenda

MEMBERS OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Local authorities:

Bath & North East Somerset Council

Cllr Francine Haeberling

Cllr Paul Crossley

Cllr Adrian Inker

Bristol City Council

Cllr Barbara Janke

Cllr Richard Eddy

Cllr Helen Holland

North Somerset Council

Cllr Nigel Ashton

Cllr Elfan Ap Rees

Cllr Nan Kirsan

South Gloucestershire Council

Cllr John Calway

Cllr Ruth Davis

Cllr Roger Hutchinson

Social, Economic & Environmental Partners:

Steve Grainger, Avon Biodiversity Partnership

John Savage, Executive Chairman, Business West

Rachel Robinson, Bristol and West of England ChangeUp Consortia

Sonia Mills, Chief Executive, North Bristol NHS Trust

Ian Ducat, South West Trade Union Council

Prof. David Clarke, University of Bristol

Observers:

Peter Brown, South West Regional Assembly

Hilary Neal, Government Office for the South West

Ian Knight, South West Regional Development Agency

David Warburton, Homes and Communities Agency

Neighbouring County Councils:

David Halkyard, Gloucestershire County Council

Paul Hickson, Group Manager - Economy & Europe, Somerset Council

Georgina Clampitt-Dix, Head of Spatial Planning, Wiltshire County Council

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1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Public Forum:**
 - i) Statements
 - ii) Petitions
 - iii) Questions
3. **Minutes of meeting on 12 March 2008** (attached) and matters arising
4. **Severn Tidal Power Project**

To consider a response to the Consultation Document with the assistance of:

 - i. a presentation by Sarah Rhodes, Head of Feasibility Study at the Department of Energy & Climate Change, followed by a question and answer session;
 - ii. this report, in particular:
 - national consultation questions (Paragraph 2 and Appendix 2)
 - map of the long listed proposals (Appendix 1)
 - draft short list of proposals (Paragraph 22)
 - some questions and comments raised in the sub-region:
 - economic impact (Appendix 3)
 - issues for the proposed Strategic Environmental Assessment (Appendix 4)
 - iii. the outcome of discussions by Board Partners organisations. (report attached)

5. **Joint Investment Planning ‘Single Conversation’ with HCA, RDA and other regional agencies**
 1. To summarise the scope of the ‘Single Conversation’ with the Homes and Communities Agency, South West Regional Development Agency and other regional agencies to prepare a sub-regional Joint Investment Plan to support the development of mixed and sustainable communities and growth in jobs, housing, population and competitiveness.
 2. To seek the views of Board Partners (report attached)
6. **Greater Bristol Bus Network:**

To provide an update on the successful progress in delivering the Greater Bristol Bus Network (report attached)
7. **MAA:** Oral update
8. **Any other business**
9. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 25 June, 2 pm at BAWA, Filton