

**West of England Partnership
Joint Scrutiny Committee
16 July 2010**

LEADERSHIP IN TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

Purpose of Report

1. To report arrangements for workshops to be led by Jonathon Porritt (Founder Director, Forum for the Future) to examine the challenges and priorities in providing leadership in tackling climate change.

Proposal

2. Existing sub-regional strategies and plans address climate change. In the Multiple Areas Agreement (MAA) the partnership made a commitment to develop its capacity to understand the effects of its activity on climate change and to integrate climate considerations into its arrangements.
3. Jonathon Porritt has offered to contribute to this work given his personal commitment and substantial understanding of these issues. He recognises that the Partnership's work in spatial, infrastructure, transport and economic planning offers substantial opportunities to offer leadership and to contribute directly to mitigating and adapting to climate change.
4. Officers have been working with Forum for the Future, for which Jonathon Porritt was the Founder Director, and Sustainable Development Officers in the four Councils in preparation for the workshops.
5. The five workshops planned are as follows:
 - 31 August 2010, Partnership Board, 13.00 – 15.00, Fry's Club, Keynsham
 - 17 September 2010, Planning, Housing & Communities Board, 13.30 – 16.00, Council House, Bristol
 - 26 October 2010, Joint Transport Executive Committee, pm, time and venue to be confirmed
 - 15 November, Skills & Competitiveness Board, 13.30 – 1600, Skills Funding Agency, St. Lawrence House, Bristol
 - February 2011, Partnership Board. Date, time and venue to be confirmed
6. Existing Board and Joint Committee members will be joined by other relevant external partners at each workshop
7. Joint Scrutiny Committee are asked to nominate, say, pairs of its members to participate in the workshops with one pair attending both the opening and closing Partnership Board workshops.

Recommendation

8. That the Joint Scrutiny Committee note the report, give its views and nominate its members to participate in the workshops.

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