

The Climate Partnership (TCP)

22nd July 2022

Board meeting via zoom

Attendees

- Chair: Barnaby Briggs (BB)
- Sarah Bowden (SB)
- Chris Joyce (CJ)
- Simon Wilkes (SW)
- Donna Stimson (DS)

- Nick Baird – apologies

1. Agree previous meeting minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 14th June were agreed.

2. Baseline proposal

A proposal for baseline work, pathways/action planning, Climate Charter and Launch event was received from Bioregional. The full proposal will be sent to the Board.

The baseline proposal, for £15k, was accepted. The other three elements would be worked in more detail and brought back to TCP board for approval at a later date. SB emphasised the importance of the Climate Charter in the short term.

3. Net Zero Accelerator

Net Zero Nation (www.netzeronation.eco) have proposed setting up a Net Zero Accelerator in the Borough. The Board agreed to support this intervention with staff as required and if necessary additional funds. NZN have recommended that the SMEs taking part cover the full costs.

Suggestions of useful organisations and people to contact as this is implemented include Martin Fry, Amy Ross, the Chamber of Commerce, Maidenhead FC, My Work Spot and the Berks LEP.

4. Renewable energy proposals from MaidEnergy and Our Community Enterprise

Ten projects have been suggested by MaidEnergy. TCP will continue to work with MaidEnergy to identify the most constructive support that can be provided, which may include staff, specific skills or other topics. Future proposals will come back to the Board for decision-making.

5. Finalising Vision and Mission Statements

The following vision and mission statements were agreed:

Vision: In 2050, the Borough’s population will be a healthier and happier community, thriving in harmony with nature. Everyone will benefit equitably from cleaner air and water; affordable, renewable energy; greater biodiversity; and efficient, resilient infrastructure.

Mission: An independent, multisectoral body focussed on delivering tangible initiatives serving the whole Borough and environs. The Climate Partnership will enable change by acting as a catalyst for partners to initiate projects and access resources and incubate these innovations for others to scale. It aims to be an exemplar of how local authorities can enable stakeholder leadership and community accountability to achieve ambitious climate, biodiversity and wellbeing targets.

- Focus on projects with clear outcomes which ideally address multiple target issues
- Dedicated mechanisms for regularly engaging the community to raise awareness of CP initiatives/ performance and gather feedback and input
- Evidence–based targets and rigorous performance tracking
- Willing to fail fast, constantly learn and seek to improve
- Lean suite of expert staff to support work of the partnership
- Committed to transparency and openness
- Apolitical board designed to deliver on ambitious targets
- Advised by a Strategic Advisory Panel which represents the business sectors and community groups of the Borough

6. Governance proposals

The Board agreed that a Strategy Advisory Panel should be set up to ensure that all relevant stakeholders could be represented properly in the work of TCP.

Setting up the CIC should now progress as quickly as possible, with DS, CJ and BB able to become directors immediately and SW still checking with compliance colleagues in L&G. SB and NB are both unable to sign up to the CIC at this point, but are invited to continue to attend Board meetings during this inception year at least.

7. Action items

Action	Owner	Due date
Circulate proposal background papers from Bioregional and Maid Energy	BB	22 July
Implement the baseline element of the Bioregional proposal, work up other elements for future Board meetings	BB	Next Board meeting
Implement the Net Zero Accelerator and follow up with the contacts suggested by the board	BB with Net Zero Nation	Report at next Board meeting

Follow up with MaidEnergy	BB	Report at next Board meeting
Publish Vision and Mission	BB	Simple website at this point
Strategic Advisory Panel – terms of reference and simple governance model required for Board approval	BB	To bring to next Board meeting
CIC set up	BB	Papers to be submitted, progress report to next Board meeting