

Climate Partnership, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
Board Meeting
27th April 2022, 14.30pm

Action points from meeting

Board members in attendance: Sarah Bowden, Cllr Donna Stimson, Barnaby Briggs, Nick Baird (online), Simon Wilkes (online), Duncan Sharkey CEO RBWM (in part, online), Andrew Durrant, Head of Place RBWM (in part, online), Chris Joyce Head of Infrastructure, Sustainability and Economic Growth RBWM (online).

- 1) Selection of Chair: Barnaby Briggs was selected as Executive Chair designate, (proposed Cllr Donna Stimson, seconded Sarah Bowden), to be formally approved by Duncan Sharkey in a meeting in early May.

Action: BB to work with Duncan Sharkey to set date

- 2) Brief introductions were made. It was noted that members of the Board are present in their personal capacity rather than representing any organisation – with the exception of RBWM staff attendees.

Action: BB to follow up with all Board members

- 3) Council paper on Climate Partnership – it was confirmed that the Climate Partnership will also cover biodiversity and wellbeing as well as climate actions. The ideal will be to address more than one issue with a solution – biodiversity plus health and wellbeing/energy efficiency, preferably all three. The detail of what the Climate Partnership does as a consequence of the paper and what RBWM does in its turn will be worked up into a short paper for this Board to agree.

Action: BB to go through Council paper and clarify Climate Partnership focus areas in consultation with Board members

- 4) Initial Board mechanisms:

- A) It was agreed that in the first instance the setting up of a Community Interest Company (CIC) was the first priority.
- B) For the purposes of establishing the CIC, the following Community Interest Statement was agreed by the Board:

The objects of the Company are to carry on activities which benefit the community and in particular (without limitation) to undertake activities which support, encourage and enable individuals and organisations in RBWM and beyond to achieve a sustainable future by protecting and enhancing our natural environment, and taking action to mitigate and adapt to climate change in line with the UN Paris Agreement, whilst improving the health and wellbeing of the local community.

- C) Decision-making Principles will be drawn up to allow the Chair, as delegated by the Board, to take decisions, to refer decisions to the Board or – in exceptional circumstances – to RBWM Council.

Action: BB to follow up on establishing the CIC and drawing up Principles.

- 5) Date of next meeting to be arranged

Topics to include:

- Communications plan including name proposals
- Reporting back on initial stakeholder engagement
- Formal reporting requirements
- Initial staffing proposals

AOB: **Simon Wilkes** to share L&G's recent sustainability deliverables, which centre around wellbeing, energy efficiency and biodiversity and the ESGs

Meeting finished at 15:28pm