

Trafford Environment Partnership Executive

28th November 2011 09:30am-11:30am

1. Welcome

Mike Savage (Chair)	Red Rose Forest
Mike Charlesworth	Trafford MBC
Paul Farrand	Trafford MBC
Aidan Flynn	Trafford MBC
Andy Hunt	Trafford MBC
Deborah Murray	Groundwork MSSTT
Gaby Porter	Action for Sustainable Living
Fiona Slack	Trafford Partnership
Dominic Smith	Trafford MBC
Vicky Sugars	Trafford Partnership
Gary Taylor	Trafford MBC
Bill Trevethan	Groundwork MSSTT
Jamie Whyte	Trafford MBC

Apologies:

Peter Molyneux	Trafford MBC
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Note

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2. Performance Report

2.1 The recent performance report was shared with the partners. There are plans to add performance indicators to the current list to bring in more in line with current projects. This will be supported by Jamie Whyte who is now working as the Business Relationship Partner for ETO.

ALL – New performance indicators to be sent to Jamie Whyte to collate.

2.2

3. TEP Projects Plan

3.1 Mike Savage explained the new project plan that is recommended to replace the previous Action Plan. It will contain details of all the projects that are currently supported by the Environment Partnership, and crucially includes all the funding involved. It was noted amongst the group that the total amount of funding for projects is over £1million. This will be reported on at every meeting and collated by Fiona Slack.

ALL – complete relevant sections of the project plan and return to FS.

3.2 Any ideas of how to merge the project plan with the action plan will be considered.

ALL – to consider how the action plan can be merged with the project plan.

3.3 All partners were asked whether they use a particular system for project management as whether it would be appropriate to use the same one. The Trafford Council Performance Manager was shared as something that all partners could potentially have access to in the future. The capabilities of this system are currently being investigated by Jamie Whyte and it was agreed that he would be able to demonstrate this at the next TEP meeting.

JW – to present Performance Manager at next TEP meeting.

4. Commissioning LAA Reward Grant bids

4.1 At the last round of bids, the capital monies were agreed for the Altrincham All Together Better, Sale West Total Environment and Bridgewater Way projects. The Trafford Energy Co-operative bid was rejected.

4.2 The revenue round of bids are due in by the 2nd December to be discussed at the next DWG on 13th December. The Altrincham All Together Better and Sale West Total Environment bids will need to be resubmitted into this round for their revenue elements to be considered. The outside funding elements of the bids are expected to be a bit more detailed for this round. The Sale West Community Waste element of the Total Environment bid is potentially not as tightly linked as would have liked.

GP – to see if it is still useful to include the Community Waste project in Total Environment.
ALL – to relook at previous bids and provide additional information if required before 2nd Dec.

4.3 A bid has been jointly developed between AfSL and Groundwork named Trafford Eco-Streets. This has developed from the original Sustainable Sale West to incorporate community engagement throughout Trafford. The plans for the bid were shared with the partners. It would be useful for this bid to be shared with the Strong Communities Board and the new Infrastructure Body. In total, £80,527 will be asked from the pot. It was felt that this amount could be seen as too ambitious and a possible reworking of the finances could be demonstrated.

DM – to send the bid to Strong Communities Board for feedback.

4.4 Another bid has been developed between Groundwork and TMBC centred around Green Business Growth. The project is made up of two halves, one that targets businesses that produce green materials within Trafford and the other half encourages businesses to become “greener”. Groundwork can utilise some support from their current Enworks package. The Economic Alliance originally supported the Energy Cooperative bid so they may be willing to support this one instead.

AH – to contact TEA to discuss supporting the bid.

4.5 Another bid was briefly discussed around expanding the Sustainable School Travel bids, possibly asking for £50k from the revenue funding available.

DS – to develop bid to submit before 2nd Dec.

5. Strong Communities Update

5.1 The Strong Communities Board has recently been established to bridge the gap between the Trafford Partnership and the communities. A diagram displaying their current projects was shared with the partners. Partners were asked to consider where TEP would be able to contribute.



Strong Communities
Map

5.2 Communities Budgets is providing a coordinated approach to how agencies provide services to complex families. It is based upon early interventions, rather than reactionary and will be providing a tailored approach to families most at need. Partners advised that maybe diversionary activities would be useful to include.

ALL – diversionary activity to be sent to FS.
VS – to invite DM to future Community Budget Engagement meeting

5.3 Community First Funding of around 30-50k has been awarded to

certain chosen neighbourhoods within Trafford pending Community Panels being set up in those areas.

5.4 Third Sector Trafford (3ST) is the new Infrastructure Body for Trafford which is a merger of BlueSci and VCAT who won a joint tender. Together they will be responsible for developing a fit for purpose third sector.

5.5 A Volunteer Army is being developed which will include support for a staff volunteering programme. TEP may be able to contribute through finding local projects for volunteers to be included. 3ST will be leading on this venture.

ALL – to consider potential volunteering projects for this new group

FS – to invite a member of the steering group of the Volunteer Army to the next TEP.

ALL – to contribute any community assets to FS

5.6 The Strong Communities board are also planning on coordinating one approach to assessing community needs, using tools such as InfoTrafford and DataGM. This will also include a map of all community assets within Trafford.

5.7 The Diverse Communities Board provides a more coordinated role for community groups to contribute to the Trafford Partnership. They will provide a useful tool for the Strong Communities to use to test out new ideas and will add value to current plans.

6. Partnership Communications

6.1 The Trafford Partnership now has a cross-partnership communications group to enable streamlining good news stories across the Trafford Partnership.

6.2 All TEP projects should include reference to working within the partnership and there should be publicity surrounding the start and the finish of all projects. All publicity will be placed on the refreshed Trafford Partnership website. www.traffordpartnership.org Photographs from events are particularly requested. The Partnership will soon be operating social media so will help promote all partnership events through twitter and facebook too.

ALL – to share any publicity from projects with TEP

7. Programme of TEP meetings for the forthcoming year

7.1 Dates will be circulated for proposed meetings, it is hoped to meet around 2 weeks prior to each Trafford Partnership Executive meeting which are quarterly. The next one will most likely take place in the week commencing 23rd January 2012.

FS – to circulate dates to partners

8. Any Other Business

8.1 The wider environment partnership was discussed briefly and ideas were requested from partners about how best to engage with them.

ALL – any ideas on future engagement with TEP wider partners welcome.

8.2 Gather To Grow will be held on the 14th February at Trafford College during half term.

ALL – promote Gather To Grow within own networks.