

## Herefordshire Record Centre, Rotherwas Hereford

### Notes of meeting

1. Apologies

Kevin Bishop, Herefordshire Council  
Robert Widdicombe, Herefordshire Council  
Kevin Singleton, Herefordshire Council  
Steve Morgan

Attendees

ClIrr Philip Price, Chair (Cabinet Member: Infrastructure HC)  
Samantha Banks (HC)  
Andrew Ashcroft (HC)  
Nick Read (Bulmer Foundation)  
Sarah Falconer (NFU)  
Chris Reece (NRW)  
Mark Riches (CLA)  
Dane Broomfield (EA)  
Andy Turner (EA)  
Perry Hobbs (DCWW)  
Claire Minnett (NE)  
Simon Evans (WUF)

2. *Welcome and Introductions*

ClIrr Price (PP) welcomed the members and highlighted that the Core Strategy/Local Plan was adopted on Friday 16 October.

3. *Notes and actions*

- Delete reference to 'other nutrients' within last sentence of item 3 (SE)

Otherwise everyone agreed the minutes of the last meeting were an accurate record.

4. *Review and agree revised Terms of Reference*

DB highlighted that the technical group had a discussion with regards to the ToFR and had a couple of amendments.

- CLA and NFU should be included within the attendee list
- Facility to co-op additional members should be included

- Remove reference to the record centre as the meeting place

PR also pointed out that 'Water Board' should read 'NMP Board'

CM requested that within item 1 it should read the 'phosphorous' conservation target. CR agreed that this Board should only be concerned with phosphate target rather than other nutrients

AT requested clarification for the mechanism to introduce new actions if required. PH highlighted that this was discussed at the last meeting and contained within the minutes. There is a need to keep under review. DB suggested adding a sentence regarding the need to review - 'flexibility and monitoring'.

CM highlighted that there was a possibility to include monitoring and review under item 5. This item should be picked up by the Board and request progress updates from the technical group.

AA highlighted that this would link with the need to review the Core Strategy on an annual basis regarding housing figures and any necessary corrective action.

PR inquired where the Action Plan can be seen. DB replied it is on the .gov website but HC would also include on their webpages.

DB reminded the group that the TofR are owned by the Board so they can amend as required in the future.

**ACTION: DB to send a link to the Action Plan to HC in order to be sent out with the minutes. KS to arrange link on the HC website.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nutrient-management-plan-river-wye>

5. *Notes from the meeting of the Technical Group 5/10/15*

DB shared draft minutes of the technical group.

- TofR
- CIL /s106– seeking commission from the Board to consider sources of funding to deliver the NMP and a list of projects to share with developers.
- Seeks Board support for the Farm Herefordshire initiative
- Technical Group commissioned to look at the robustness of the monitoring of delivery

**Action: DB to send minutes of the meeting once agreed to be circulated to the Board**

6. *Updates from participants:*

- Core Strategy

AA updated on recent Cabinet and Full Council approval of the Core Strategy, with was adoption on Friday 16 October. Pleased to achieve this outcome and now have an up to date local plan and a five year land supply.

AA reminded the group that this was not the end of the process. Additional DPD to be produced;

- Minerals and Waste Plan needs to be completed by autumn 2017.
- Hereford Area Plan which will identify additional housing in and around Hereford by Summer/Autumn 2017. This may have an impact on this group.
- CIL is more advanced. It is the principle mechanism to secure funding for growth. Following the industry standard to follow the Core Strategy adoption by about 3 months. Final report due end of Nov/Dec. Consultation and adoption early Spring. Key component for delivery of growth. Three Dragons are clear it is only residential and larger retail schemes which have the viability for CIL. Fix payments and will apply to single house unit. Key component of CIL is the requirement for a schedule 123 list – this list can be amended. Explained the differences between CIL and s106 – s106 is spent locally and within 3 years. CIL can be spent anywhere in the county and no timescale as long as within the 123 list. Governance arrangements are key.

SE asked for clarification on the definition of infrastructure. AA confirmed that this can be extended to blue and green infrastructure if essential to the delivery of the local plan. He also reminded the group that if the project does not appear within the 123 list then there will be no CIL money toward it.

DB asked how projects get onto the list. AA highlighted that KS would need to be informed of what the infrastructure is, how it helps delivery the local plan, when delivered and how much it will cost?

SE asked why agriculture developments are not included for CIL contributions as some forms of agriculture are very profitable. AA stated that in accordance with the viability study such schemes were deem unviable.

- Dwy Cymru / Welsh Water on AMP 6/7.

PH highlighted that agreement with NRW and EA on the list of schemes across Wales and England for P removal. Technical trials are being undertaken to remove P to below 0.5 mg per litre. There is a trial within the Wye catchment – Lower Cleeve. In Wales where targets cannot be achieved, awaiting the results of these trials.

Further work / modelling is being undertaken with the EA regarding AMP7 investments to remove P levels. Further work in the Wye catchment is also being undertaken.

PR asked if there is a quick win in the P reduction programme and an understanding of the monitoring. SE highlighted that it would be beneficial for the Board to have a presentation on the P issues and how it remains in the environment. It was also suggested that a visit to the Rotherwas Sewerage Treatment Works and an active farm would help to demonstrate the issues.

DB highlighted that the monitoring review should be able to address some of the concerns. He confirmed that P peaks after high flows.

SE enquired as to the OFWAT response to the schemes. PH confirmed that funding was agreed some time ago but the schemes themselves were not agreed. Therefore OFWAT agreed the mechanism rather than the specific schemes.

**ACTION: visit to the Rotherwas Sewerage Works to explain how this can be achieved and to produce a fact sheet and/or presentation on P levels and the related issues and visit to farm to see the issues.**

- Farm Herefordshire.

NR outlined the Farm Herefordshire project. Additional details supplied via email with the agenda.

Confirm now adopted the 'Here you can' logo with a strap line 'profitable farming'. A memo of understanding with organisation and collaborative working has been agreed. This will assist in bids.

Starting from a no blame culture and important that all messages are consistent and farmer prove. Initiative to launch on the 25 November where hopefully Richard MacDonald will be a key note speaker.

Three funding allocations have been confirmed to date (EA grant, Save our Soils grant and Catchment Sensitive Farming) – details within the handout.

Discussions to develop a Marches wide bid, work with the EA and working with Herefordshire Council on the Economic Masterplan are taking place.

There are 7 key messages to the farming community and promoting good practice but there is a need for additional resources.

DB suggested that circulating the draft infographics would be useful.

PR stated that we don't want the whole P problem to appear to be a farming issue only. Need to ensure and demonstrate that there is balanced and joined up thinking occurring.

NR reassured that the infographics do not specific mention the P issue or the NMP. It is more about enhancement and good practice which have a secondary effect of reducing P.

MR highlighted that good farm management is also being promoted to improve both profitability as well as the environment.

AT highlighted that these issues were also included within the new DEFRA rules and shows that there is a net benefit to the economy if they were adopted.

SF stated that there are 3 issues included which could have some heavy costs on farming particularly livestock producers

### **ACTION – DB/NR to provide infographics to circulate with the minutes**

#### Catchment Partnership

SE highlighted that the NE, HWT and WUF are working together and helping applications in first round of countryside stewardship. There are 25 farms being working with and Cargill are in the process of assessing risks.

There are projects ongoing to improve awareness of cross compliance work and farmer education for those who require it.

In Wales awaiting launch of funding and rule 16.3 – new ways of working and 16.5 measures targets to reduce pollution and improve soils.

There are still issues with poultry units in Wales relating to risks of pollution of water courses which need to be addressed.

7. *Potential of CIL /s106 funding for Action Plan projects*

DB highlighted that the technical group need to produce a note and research required as to projects to be included therefore requires a discussion at the next meeting.

PR expressed the importance of having the evidence in place to support any suggested projects.

AA reminded that group that the skill is ‘the added value’ that CIL will give or the increase in delivery it could bring and this should be considered in any suggestions made.

SE – Bid for Article 6 of the Rural Development Plan can’t fund anything which is delivered via the agricultural part of the plan. Therefore would like to get support from Board for those projects.

DB highlighted it was too soon in the process and HC are discussing with CLG. A meeting could be called if required later.

**ACTION: Group to consider projects to be included within CIL at future meeting**

8. *AOB*

CM highlighted that there was a commission for technical group to have looked and reviewed the action plan for the next meeting.

AA highlighted that the South Wye Transport Package planning application is close to determination. Any comments need to be received by the end of the month.

AA indicated that it would be useful to have a review of appendix 3 of the Core Strategy at the next meeting as this will give an overview of the delivery process.

NR asked for reassurance that clear line of communication from this group to the Economic Masterplan are in place.

**ACTION: Include Appendix 3 review on the agenda for the next meeting**

9. *Date of next meeting*

**20 January 2016 – 12pm start to be followed by a visit to Rotherwas Sewage Treatment Works.**

Meeting closed 15:15