

Devon Futures Group Decision and Action Log

Date: 14 March 2007

Present: Edward Chorlton (DCC), Martin Weiler (Environment Agency), Phil Collins (Natural England), Ian Hutchcroft (DCC & member, Devon Sustainable Energy Partnership), Time Jones (Devon Economic Partnership), Andrew Lightfoot (DCC), Steve Noyes (Met Office), Alistair Mackintosh (Devon Consortium representing VCS), Ian Hobbs (DCC), Caroline Rae (Development Officer, Devon Strategic Partnership), Nicola Channon (notes)

Apologies: Sue Craythorne (DCC)

No.	Decision or Action or Message	Who will Action?	Who will Communicate?	When?	Action Completed?
1.	<p><u>Background and terms of reference</u></p> <p>It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principle of the governance structure for Devon Strategic Partnership has been agreed, although some of the details had yet to be resolved. • The Sustainable Devon group was an innovative development and had a unique position within the structure. • It would be important not to lose sight of the wider community and young people element of the brief for the group. • It would be important to consider the position of Devon in the wider context of national, regional and sub-regional developments as part of the discussions. <p><u>It was agreed that</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group would review its activities after the first year to see what added value it provided to the Devon Strategic Partnership; if it was limited, the role, function and/or continuation of the group would be reviewed. • The Group will do 'blue skies' thinking about futures, trends and consider what it means for Devon. Out of this may come some scenario planning. • 2.1 – the word 'balancing' will be deleted and the words 'synergy, opportunity, proselytising, learning' will be worked in as appropriate • 2.2 – agreed • 2.3 – work in 'identifying challenges', and 'monitoring and measuring progress towards sustainability', as appropriate. 	CR		End March	

- 2.4 – The first sentence to be amended to ‘The Group will endeavour to keep all parts of the overall Devon...’
- 2.4 – the communication to the rest of the DSP would be via ‘action notes’
- 3.1 – to meet four times a year
- 3.2 – agreed
- 3.3 – the wording agreed by other groups, relating to agreement by consensus or failing that majority vote, will be added.
- 3.4 – agreed, but as other representatives are sought for housing, thought should be given to ensuring that there is district representation on the group and, if at all possible, there would be a gender balance . An additional element will be added to make it clear that other individuals with technical expertise can be co-opted to the group for specific thematic discussions. An addition would also be made to give the option of expanding the group in the future
- 3.6 – agreed
- 3.7 – agreed
- 4.1 – agreed
- 4.2/4.3/4.4/4.5 – the Group decided that it would request that other groups do not give it tasks from for the first year whilst it was considering its own work. This would be reviewed at the end of the first year.
- 4.3 – the Group will be accountable to the Partnership Board

2 Appointment of a chair

- The Group appointed Steve Noyes as the Chair of the Group for the first year. In addition, the group appointed Edward Chorlton as the vice chair. These appointments will need to be ratified by the Partnership Board

3 Name of the Group

- Some members expressed concerns about the name that had been given to the Group and it was agreed that the ‘Devon Futures Group’ would be more appropriate.

4 Agenda items

- To ensure that meetings would provide opportunities to have

5	<p>wide ranging discussions, there would be one item agendas and the first of those will be 'climate change and its impact on all aspects of Devon life'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members will be asked for a brief summary of what is happening in their area so that paper can be prepared in advance of the meeting. A summary of the implications of the Government bill on climate change will be prepared and distributed <p><u>Future meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 April – 1700 – 1830 – Met Office 12 July – 1700 – 1830 – venue tbc 	NC NC		End March Before next meeting	
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