CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2009

Started 15.00 Finished: 15.40

Present: Jake Roos (Chair) Emmy Pateman Mike Ovenden Will Cockerell

ACTION

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1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Sally Johnson, Russell Clark and John Farnell

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

5.2 POINT OF USE WATER HEATING

This scheme has now finished.

5.3 HEATING ANG CONTROLS IN SHELTERED HOUSING AND DAY CENTRES

Jake has now received the approval to get the trend controls installed at Walden Place, Jake will now be able to control the heating and boiler systems from his desk. The Council Offices will also be getting a new high tech controller in the very near future.

3.0

STAFF TRAVEL PLAN/AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS

Will commented that the Staff Travel Plan is now making progress and John Mitchell brought it up at his recent staff briefing. Will is currently not sure when it is going to be relaunched. The Intranet is going to be re-launched in the near future and Will feels that it is logical to hold on and re-launch it at the same time. It has been decided that some extra money will be needed in case people are let down by their partner and they could therefore be reimbursed for their taxi fee. The money would only be for emergencies and would be more for people's peace of mind. Jake commented that people are going to be logging their journeys to work on the Intranet in order to be entered into the quarterly draw. The prize money for the draw is coming from Jakes budget.

Jake commented on a device called Current Cost Energy Monitor which reads energy use data straight onto the computer. The graph which shows the energy monitoring data could be used as an image on the homepage. Jake continued to say that sub-metering could be used to show how much energy is used when the kettle boils etc. It could be monitored over the course of a month to see how much the energy could be reduced. Will explained that under Air Quality Management the traffic light scheme was withdrawn. However they are now trying to encourage School Travel Plans. The action plan is going to be rewritten within the next month to include the above and also ways of easing traffic without using tragic lights.

4.0 PLANNING

Mike stated that the Linton Wind Farm application has now been submitted however they are going to hold back on making a decision until South Cambs has made a decision on their application. The Linton application of one turbine cannot (? Mike?) be approved if South Cambs refuse their six turbines. Jake commented that in North Pickenham, Norfolk there is a wind farm that is up and running. It could be helpful to do a Council expedition to see the wind farm, how it works and to look at their environmental impact statement.

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Jake said that the issue of doing workshops in order to help people over the confusion of conditions on applications was now up to Mike. Jake continued that on non-domestic extensions conditions do not really need to be put on, it is only on very large extensions that they may be relevant. The conditions should be issued on a case by case basis not to all applications.

5.0 HOUSING

GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMPS FOR COUNCIL HOUSING

Jake received a quotation to install the Ground Source Heat Pumps at Church Walk, Littlebury. Due to conditions of the ground two holes are needed to be drilled per property instead of one, which would make the cost to be $\pounds 5,500$ per property. The site at High Easter would only need one hole per property; it seems more likely they will be installed at this site.

6.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

7.0 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

19 March 2009 at 3:00pm in the Committee Room.