

ECO BICESTER STRATEGIC DELIVERY BOARD - NOTES – 21 July 2010

<p>MEETING: Eco Bicester Strategic Delivery Board</p> <p>DATE AND TIME: 21 July 2010 at 10am</p> <p>VENUE: Courtyard Youth Arts Centre, Bicester</p>	<p>Board Members: Councillor Barry Wood (CDC) (Chairman); Councillor Norman Bolster (CDC); Councillor Michael Gibbard (CDC); Councillor Ian Hudspeth (OCC); Councillor Keith Mitchell (OCC); Councillor Richard Mould (BTC); Councillor Debbie Pickford (BTC); Councillor James Porter (BTC); Councillor Michael Waine (OCC); Ken Glendinning (HCA); Bob Langton (Bicester Vision); Sonia Mills (NHS Oxfordshire); Nikki Richards (Environment Agency); Paul Wren (CLG) (rep for Henry Cleary)</p>
<p>Completed by: Sue Cavalier</p>	<p>In attendance: Jenny Barker (CDC); Fiona Brenner (Pall Mall Consult); Chris Cousins (OCC); Lesley Donoghue (OCVC); Rachel Faulkner (Bicester Vision); Frances Fernandes (OCC); Steve Hill (ATLAS); John Hoad (CDC); Ian Inshaw (P3 Eco Bicester); Graham Johnson (P3 Eco Bicester); Sue Mackrell (Bicester Town Council - BTC)</p> <p>Apologies: Mary Harpley (CDC); Andrew Bowe (CDC); Henry Cleary (CLG); Chris Farthing, GOSE; Warren Ralls, SEEDA</p> <p>ATLAS - Advisory Team for Large Applications BTC – Bicester Town Council CDC – Cherwell District Council CLG – Communities and Local Government GOSE – Government Office for the South East HCA – Homes and Communities Agency OCC – Oxfordshire County Council OCVC – Oxford and Cherwell Valley College SEEDA – South East England Development Agency</p>

	ISSUE	STATUS/ACTION REQUIRED	RESP.	DUE
	Welcome	Councillor Barry Wood welcomed all to the meeting. Introductions given by Board members to assist new members who are new in post since the last meeting.		
0.	Notes of the previous meeting and matters arising	The Chairman noted that the items “notes of the previous meeting and matters arising” had been omitted in the agenda and it was agreed to pick up any matters arising during the course of the meeting and address any items not updated at the end of the meeting.		
1.	Eco Bicester Update	JB presented the circulated report and updated demonstration project table. Purpose of report as an update from the last meeting to give key messages on the coalition Government and the importance re eco towns as an evolving picture.		

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		<p>Positive news received, however some reduction in second round funding, although funding still available and support for growth points. Emphasis placed on localism on the new government agenda. High level of support received from the three local authorities – OCC, CDC, BTC – and from Bicester Vision Partnership which gives Eco Bicester a strong position. Consultants in place at P3 Eco and rapidly building up knowledge including base line surveys. Headline overview programme (coloured bar chart document circulated) prepared by Barton Willmore shows some slippage from the original application submission date and now expected Oct/Nov but work progressing. Currently working with Bicester Vision as detailed in item 2. Further updates on the demonstration projects on the circulated table.</p> <p>The Chair highlighted the Eco Bicester project as a matter for all parties and the best example for working across the tiers of local government. Following speculation in the press, the receipt of a letter dated 2 July (circulated) from the Rt Hon Grant Shapps’ emphasises the importance of continuing to deliver growth with a change of approach to be embedded in the proposed Localism Bill</p> <p>Travel issue concerns were raised around Bicester and clarified by the work detailed in the report that traffic surveys are taking place in the town. The travel survey is to be launched in September and will also include Bicester and surrounding villages. The survey will take two months and results are expected in November.</p> <p>Cooper School – development has been held up due to the financial situation however first round funding of £460k is now secure. Completion expected June/July 2011 for opening in September 2011.</p> <p>Exemplar housing scheme – the Chairman highlighted the scheme as top priority and the HCA confirmed assistance and requested confirmation of start on site. Eco officers to keep the HCA updated.</p>	Eco officers	
2.	Review of Consultation	<p>Paper by AB circulated and verbal update from Ian Inshaw, P3 Eco Bicester. P3 Eco presentation doc circulated. Late paper “Note for Strategic Delivery Board on NW Bicester Consultation Activities” also circulated.</p> <p>JB introduced the paper advising that the latest consultation by P3 is part of a series of work that includes the Bicester Summit, BioRegional workshop and work on the LDF (Local Development Framework).</p>		

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		<p>Ian Inshaw updated the Board. From 5 June – 12 June, three ‘Masterplanning in Partnership’ public drop-in sessions took place in Bicester and canvassing in Sheep Street, Bicester. The purpose was to let Bicester residents know who P3 Eco are, what we are doing and how their views could be included where possible. The P3 Eco team also found the workshop very informative with an offer of help and some anti-views changing. There was enthusiasm for the project and only four people were complete anti, and one farmer offered to grow crops to sell for the AD (anaerobic digester) plant. Energy saving potential was raised.</p> <p>Transport – currently working with Bicester Vision and Oxford Brookes University on gap analysis to highlight needs to service the site. Signing heads of terms with Box Clever Development Group to build skills for the houses and wider industrial companies. This will form a positive basis for the detailed application for the site. There were no queries relating to the design of the houses nor if garages would be provided. Would the social and affordable housing be built to the same standard as regular housing. It was raised that an additional masterplan for Bicester was needed however it was felt that this was not a requirement as the LDF melds together all parts to make new Bicester and the Vision document includes Eco Bicester and the demonstration projects. The Chairman highlighted the importance of dovetailing these processes and continuing with consultation. Added that the Farrells masterplanning team are looking at developments in Bicester as a whole – NW Bicester and SW Bicester - and the integration of Bicester town and the new site.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked and congratulated P3 Eco on their high standard and high participation rate which was a major component of the consultation work.</p>		
3.	<p>Vision for Bicester</p>	<p>The Board is recommended to review the contents of the attached paper with a view to agreeing to further consultation.</p> <p>JB presented the report and proposed Vision for Bicester to be circulated for consultation with aim of feedback to the November Strategic Delivery Board meeting. Draft documents as text only, final document to include pictures and colour brochure format. Important timewise as needs approval in advance of planning application submission. Board feedback received as clear and concise; bullet points approved.</p> <p>Amendments – change of use of public buildings should be underlining of</p>		

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		<p>co-location and best use rather than buildings in isolation.</p> <p>Add “Education” to “Skills and Training” heading.</p> <p>Any further amendments to be emailed to JB by 4 August.</p>		
4.	Recommended Spending Plans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To note the funding already committed to the Cooper School and the Demonstration Building. 2) To confirm support for funding allocations to the travel behaviour and residential retrofit projects. 3) To support the ring fencing of the remaining funding for infrastructure. <p>Paper circulated and presented by JB.</p> <p>Cooper School - noted £460k funding committed from the eco town growth fund.</p> <p>Demonstration building - £110,000 allocated to support the running and use of the demonstration building at the The Garth.</p> <p>Travel Behaviour Project - £75,000 allocated for a travel survey to support the development of the travel behaviour project. £900,000 to be set aside for changing travel behaviour over the next three years. The travel behaviour campaign, including cycling and walking, will work closely with the community and will carry out publicity and consultation. Updates to be brought to the Board.</p> <p>Residential Retrofit Project – stock condition surveys estimate approx 6,000 houses deficient in energy efficiency measures. Aim to target these properties to lift the standard of housing in the town to reduce its energy use. Agreed £500,000 for use over the years and work to commence now.</p> <p>SM registered interest for infrastructure funding for health service rebuilds. (It had been in discussion re surgeries.)</p> <p>P3 Eco highlighted that external companies are contacting them re solar panels and multi-use rooms with emerging technology for funding investment. The Chairman added that many themes cut across the development and can be brought to the area.</p>		

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		<p>PW advised that a user guide is being written to work across government, including opportunities in technology and not only funding focussed. Meeting with DEK colleagues for joint working.</p> <p>The Board agreed the above funding allocations.</p> <p>Noted second tranche of funding will be reduced and awaiting criteria.</p>		
5.	Risk Register	<p>Paper by AB and updated Risk Log circulated.</p> <p>JB presented the report with the following highlighted.</p> <p>B.LDF – announced at CDC Full Council that regional spatial strategies would be scrapped. The benefit allows NW Bicester to complete new Bicester, reduces pressure on Banbury and gives partial relief to villages to the North of the district allowing CDC to revert back to evidence based housing numbers.</p> <p>D.4 - employment – highlighted to amber. P3 Eco have prepared a paper on the emerging site which is currently with the project team.</p> <p>D.5 – social and community – add “the primary school is covered”. Amber risk remains.</p> <p>Infrastructure requirements – work taking place, will also include primary and secondary schools on the site. Final conclusions not yet reached, discussions ongoing with P3 and A2 which gives amber rating.</p> <p>The Board agreed to note the changes and RAG rating status and to continue receiving updates.</p>		
6.	Notes of the previous meeting and matters arising	<p>Notes of the previous meeting agreed with clarification sought on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment Strategy Group– the first meeting held in April set the role of the workstream group which has since met on the strategy. The Employment Strategy Group to meet in September. Date to be advised. • Previous meeting notes 26 April - page 5, item 2a Update – meeting of the local education partners to be arranged for the Autumn. 		
7.	Date Of Next Meeting	<p>Monday, 8 November 2010 at 1:30pm at the Courtyard Youth Arts Centre, Bicester 2011 dates to follow.</p>	ALL	