



Leadership in Spatial Planning for Climate Change and a Low Carbon Future

11th - 12th January 2011

Michelangelo Suite, Renaissance Hotel, Manchester

Challenging times call for strong political leaders that understand how to deliver places that are robust against future impacts of climate change and which reduce their carbon emissions.

Local Authorities are now to take the lead in deciding what changes are needed in their local area. The devolution of planning responsibilities for identifying priorities and how to tackle them will require different ways of working with the community. Localism will still require decisive leadership, a strong strategic vision as well as skills in local engagement, not least in the realm of climate change where individuals and businesses have their own personal responsibilities.

This event is part of the North West Improvement and Efficiency Commission's programme for senior elected members to develop Climate Change Skills in planning.

Objectives

- **Understanding the 'new planning world'** – what's changed or changing?
- **Creating a realistic vision for your place** – distinctive and deliverable visions that address the long term impacts of climate change in your area.
- **Turning the vision into reality** – what will this mean in practice and how can Leaders respond to the new freedoms, flexibilities and responsibilities in delivering sustainable places.
- **Driving delivery** – how local government can be the vehicle to deliver your key projects such as energy generation, low carbon technologies and green infrastructure.
- **Harnessing success** – how to use planning powers to meet corporate priorities for climate change and a low carbon economy.
- **Leadership role** – Understanding the new world, owning the tough decisions and leading strong partnerships.

Draft Programme

Day 1 Tuesday 11th January 2011

- 9.00 **Arrival, registration & coffee**
- 9.30 **Welcome, introductions and objectives**
Gillian Morgan, PAS / Krista Patrick, CLASP
- 9.45 **Chair's Introduction**
- Leadership in the new planning landscape**
Councillor Keith House, Leader, Eastleigh Borough Council
- 10.00 **Its your plan - Local decision making / implementing your vision**
Keith Holland, Planning Inspectorate
- 10.30 **Open discussion session (1)**
- The leadership Challenges**
Your key concerns relating to Climate Change & the emerging agenda coming from the government as it affects planning eg localism, planning reforms, duty to cooperate on strategic issues.
- 11.15 **Tea / Coffee**
- 11.30 **Overview of spatial planning and climate change**
Presentation by PAS on the role of planning and place shaping in the context of planning for a low carbon economy and climate change followed by a round table exercise on
Developing your Vision and using your evidence.
- 12.45 **Lunch**
- 1.30 **Achieving your Vision - NW Framework on Adaptation**
Paul Needham, Environment Agency
- 2.15 **Community Engagement in energy planning**
Workshop led by CSE (Centre for Sustainable Energy) taking an overview of renewable technologies with the aid of their Plan LoCal model.
- 4.00 **Tea / Coffee**

- 4.15 **Role of the planning authority in energy delivery**
Presentation by CSE on how planning can delivery sustainable energy including role of the local authority, targets, identifying sites and information on funding followed by an opportunity for you to discuss what you could achieve in the North West.
- 5.30 **Summary and Close**
- 7.00 **Meet in bar**
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- 7.30 **Pre dinner speaker**
Chris Matthews, Head of Sustainability, United Utilities
- 7.30
- 8.00 **Dinner**

Day 2 Wednesday 12th January 2011

- 9.00 **Spatial planning Leadership Stories**
A few examples of how you have used your leadership skills to solve local challenges
- Open discussion session (2)**
Peer led discussion on your thoughts so far, ideas & opportunities, unresolved concerns
- 10.15 **Cross boundary climate change issues: role of Local Enterprise Partnerships**
What role might LEPs take in planning for cross boundary issues.
- 11.00 **Tea /Coffee**
- 11.15 **Driving a Low Carbon Economy**
A presentation and workshop from Andy Barron and Michael Samways, SKW Enviros on identifying and creating opportunities for economic development.
- 1.00 **Lunch**
- 1.45 **Putting it all together**
The final session led by the Chair, PAS & NWIEP team will capture what you plan to do once you get back, based on the learning from the two days and the practical support that is available or could be provided from the NW's Climate Change Skills programme.
- 3.00 **Close/Tea**