

Herefordshire Partnership Board Meeting, 12th June 2007

Report by Will Lindesay, Interim Representative

Main points of the meeting

1. State of Herefordshire Report

There was a short presentation from the Research Team regarding the latest report. It is clear that a key indicator of future success will be **perception of the general public about how things are changing**. The key issues from the latest research include cleaner streets, transport, environment, affordable housing and fear of crime.

2. Going Carbon Neutral

It is proposed that Herefordshire Partnership explore the possibility of becoming carbon neutral. An analysis of the last meeting in March produced 177kg of CO₂. It was agreed carbon neutral for HP meeting (Board, Chief Executives Group, Performance Management Group) would be explored further with the support of Marches Energy Agency (MEA). A report on findings would be presented in due course looking at measurement, reducing, offsetting and cost implications. All members supported this proposal.

3. Central Wales – Memorandum of understanding

All partners agreed a commitment to work with Central Wales Government in order to ensure border communities receive a good service. One example was Hereford Hospital which has 12/15% of patients from Wales. All agreed a commitment to the agreement.

4. My contribution to the meeting

Pride of Herefordshire Awards

I asked how many nominations had been received for the awards as there was some concern from VCS representatives about VCS awards nominations being run alongside the Pride of Herefordshire Awards. It was agreed that awards should complement each other and the process would be reviewed next time around.

VSA Assembly feedback and Independent Chair

I provided partners with information on the highly successful Assembly last week and particular interest and knowledge shown by voluntary sector representatives in the climate change presentation by Geoff Perrot. I also took the opportunity to update partners on the VCS representational structures and promoted the VSA Independent Chair vacancy.

Issues for the sector

Public Service Trust – This was not discussed as an agenda item but I feel we must find out a little more about the consultation process which is now underway to ensure the VCS can contribute

5. Date of next meeting – 10th October 2007