

Report from Herefordshire Partnership Board meeting on 13th March 2007

Climate change

There was a very useful session on climate change from Geoff Perrott, Herefordshire Council and how the global situation will have very local impact here in Herefordshire. There was to be further work into how the Partnership could offset carbon foot-printing for meetings in the future. **Following this meeting it has been suggested further awareness raising around climate change would be raised at the next VSA so that voluntary groups are aware of the simple measures they could be taking to minimise climate change.**

Public Service Trust

There was an update on the consultation process regarding the proposed Public Service Trust

Local Government white paper

There was an introduction into the recommendations of the Local Government white paper and expectations for community wide engagement/involvement in the future this process.

My contribution.

I felt there was a genuine commitment to the involvement and value of voluntary and community sector engagement on the new Herefordshire Partnership Board. This is only the second meeting of the new Herefordshire Partnership following its restructure at the start of the year. There are still processes to develop and membership to formalise between partners from all sectors.

Action from the meeting.

1. Ensure the VSA Steering Group is aware of the new Herefordshire Partnership structure. Discuss process for VSA substitute and observers to attend future meetings
2. Clarify arrangement for voluntary and community sector representation within partnership by meeting with officers of Herefordshire Partnership.

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