

Orkney Environment Partnership Meeting

9th October 2014, St Magnus Centre, Kirkwall

Attendees:

Gail Churchill (Chair)	SNH
Eileen Summers	Orkney Islands Council - Development & Marine Planning
Anna Whelan	Orkney Islands Council - Corporate & Community Strategy
Jo Porter	ICIT
Inga Burton	ICIT/Heriot Watt
Sarah Sankey	RSPB
Alastair Morton	Orkney islands Council – Energy & Utilities
Jenni Kakkonen	Orkney Islands Council – Marine Services
Julie Gibson	County Archaeologist
Alan Younie	RPID
Barbbara Foulkes	Visit Scotland
Robert Leslie	OHAL
Susan Pirie	SAC
Fiona Isbister	NHS Orkney
Jill Sutcliffe (Minutes)	Orkney Islands Council - Support Services

Apologies:

John Crossley
Rob Crichton
David Brown

1.	<p>GC welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Matters arising from previous minutes: As the majority of the previous minutes dealt with updates to the Action Plan, which is already on the agenda, there were no matters arising to be discussed.</p>	Action
3.	<p>OCCP Strategic Priorities</p> <p>AW distributed an update on Community Planning, along with Key Messages and the Improvement Agenda from the OCCP Steering Group (see attached documents). She then asked the Group for their recommendations on where the Environment Partnership should be located within the 3 Strategic Priorities: Positive Ageing, Vibrant Economic Environment and Sustainable Communities (see attached document: Introduction by the Steering Group). After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the group felt it most appropriate to align its targets and priorities with “Vibrant Economic Environment”, with a positive slant on sustainability.</p> <p>AW needs commentary on the SOA Performance Indicators by 24 October. <u>ES will distribute SOA Indicators Report for further information to be input.</u> <u>SS – resources are not always available to fund the research requested.</u> <u>GC – Indicators should be based on data already collected. Indicators can be amended at the next roll-out if necessary.</u> <u>ES – can be difficult to come up with good, measurable Indicators.</u> <u>GC – there is a need to have Indicators which show there is a problem, but they also need to be things we can do something about.</u> <u>BF – maybe a workshop is required to re-focus the group, and re-align priorities.</u></p>	All ES
2	<p>The Environment Strategy Action Plan</p> <p>The Environment Strategy Action Plan was updated. The updates have now been included in the Action Plan, and can be found in the attached revised version.</p>	

4.	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <p><u>ES – distributed a hand-out regarding wildflower planting (see attached Open and Civic Spaces document), which was given unanimous support. It was agreed that more such planting would be good for biodiversity, tourism and a general “feel good” factor.</u></p> <p><u>IB – Heriot Watt is looking for dissertation ideas for students.</u></p>	
5.4.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p><u>September 2014 was identified as the best month for the next meeting — ES to confirm date, time and venue TBC</u></p>	

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