

## OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

### **Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership (HCCSP)**

Purpose:

The Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership (HCCSP) consists of all 10 districts and the county council, plus the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). HCCSP is a strategic group which acts as the lead partnership organisation for partners to collaborate and identify joint work programmes on environmental, climate change and wider sustainability issues.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Graham McAndrew

Update:

Meetings are held 6 weekly which I have attended as chair of HCCSP

12 other meetings with each individual district / borough were held with myself and the Lead Officer CEO of Stevenage

Officer group meet on a 6 weekly plus cycle

Progressing a working relationship with University of Hertford to establish how we can work together on the following:

- Postgraduate dissertations in specific granular subjects relating to behaviour change, education and skills and transport planning could all contribute to our need to understand more of baselining and progression of key actions. Resourcing – University provides it through already existing arrangements.
- Research and 'critical friend' interrogation of the Action Plans

by UofH academics and staff (from both a business and academic view) on particular subject areas, helping to unlock detail behind longerterm actions. This could be particularly pertinent for adaptation and 'future-ready' elements of actions. Resourcing – University to apply for UKRI grants and others, including international grants such as EU funds, for cross regional research between Europe and the UK.

- Enterprise through Knowledge Transfer Partnerships: This is a particular type of funding that requires a private business partner to collaborate on 'real world' case studies and projects to put theory into action. This could help to create case studies and capacity building (through funded trainees for example) roll out. Resourcing – KTP and KEEP grant funding to be applied for by university, between 33% to 50% match funded by charity or private sector. (quick turnaround and high success rate for University applications)

Currently we have 6 themes:

Water  
Biodiversity  
Decarbonisation  
Transport  
Behaviour change  
Adaptation

HCCSP has internal and external presentations as an agenda item.

Update provided by: Cllr Graham McAndrew

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