

## Agenda item No: 6

### EAST MIDLANDS IMPROVEMENT AND EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009

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#### Report of the Director

#### Climate Change Programme

##### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To present the proposals for expenditure of ring fenced Department of Energy and Climate Change (DEC) / and Communities and Local Government (CLG) grant to support the delivery of Climate Change objectives.

##### 2. Background

- 2.1 At the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 09 the EM IEP Officer Steering Group received the attached report detailing the proposals for expenditure of ring fenced Department of Energy and Climate Change (DEC) / and Communities and Local Government (CLG) grant to support the delivery of Climate Change objectives.
- 2.2 The Officer Steering Group have commissioned a mapping exercise of all the existing climate change groups and programmes.
- 2.3 The 'Lessons from Scandinavia' study visit set out in the report has EMDA funding. The outline programme developed by EMDA provides for two or three East Midlands representatives to visit Sweden over 4/5 days in the next few months. The Study visit will include visits/discussions with a number of completed climate change projects or adaptations by Swedish local government.
- 2.4 It also envisages discussions will be held with senior representatives of the Swedish Energy Agency. This organisation has a brief to support research and development within the fields of sustainability, climate change and energy innovation. It is widely recognised that the Scandinavian group of countries are more advanced in practical aspects of climate change mitigation/adaptation than the rest of Europe.
- 2.5 The outcomes of the study visit will be relayed to the East Midlands authorities at a future workshop and could influence development of our regional climate change practice. The report suggests the study visit could be a Member led delegation and the views of the Board are sought on this issue.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Board consider and approve the use of DEC / CLG ring fenced resources of £260,000 in 2008/11 for the programme of work set out in the appendix of the attached report.
- 3.2 The Board consider the appropriateness of a member led study group to Sweden within the 'Lessons from Scandinavia initiative'.

**Chris Allison**  
**Director EM IEP**

**EAST MIDLANDS IMPROVEMENT AND EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP OFFICER  
STEERING GROUP MEETING: 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009**

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**Report of the Director**

**Climate Change Programme**

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 This report sets out proposals for expenditure of ring fenced Department of Energy and Climate Change (DEC) / and Communities and Local Government (CLG) grant to support the delivery of Climate Change objectives.

2. Background

2.1 During 2008 CLG announced that an additional sum of £4m would be provided nationally to RIEPs to deliver climate change objectives. Of this the EM IEP was allocated £260k.

2.2 The aim of the programme is to offer support for all East Midlands Local Authorities, on the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and adaptation to climate change from their own estate and wider local area, with particular emphasis on the implementation and progression of National Indicators 185, 186 and 188.

2.3 The national indicators are summarised thus:

- NI185 = CO<sub>2</sub> reduction from Local Authority operations
- NI186 = Per capita reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in LA area
- NI188 = Planning to adapt to climate change.

2.4 Within the LAA sets

- NI185 is selected by Lincolnshire & Leicestershire
- NI186 is selected by all LAA areas except Lincolnshire & Leicestershire
- NI188 is selected by Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire & Rutland and Leicester and Nottingham have these as local indicators.

3. Programme development and management

3.1 The key elements of this programme were developed following a workshop held in Leicester on the 9 October 2008 at which 42 people attended from 32 organisations.

3.2 A Programme Steering Group with Local Authority representation drawn from each of the five sub regions within the East Midlands and regional and national agencies, GOEM, Emda, Emra and I&DeA has been established and will meet bi monthly to develop the programme in detail and review progress.

3.3 This programme of activity links into and takes account of the East Midlands Regional Climate Change Partnership Programme of Activity, but is specifically focused at Local Authorities and LSP's.

#### 4. Programme Components

4.1 The key elements for the programme which were identified as a result of the workshop held on 9 October 2008 are:

1. Engagement
2. Knowledge Sharing
3. Human resource support
4. Innovative Projects & research
5. Approach to Businesses

#### 5. Links to national activity

5.1 The programme will be responsive to the development of the national Best Practice Programme driven by CLG, DEC, IDeA & the RIEPs. The EM programme will look to make synergies and savings where possible by co-ordinating activities and working with national bodies.

#### 6. Funding

6.1 In addition to the DEC / CLG initial grant additional support of £10k has already been offered by Emda.

6.2 This specific funding is to support an initiative "Lessons from Scandinavia" and provides for a group of two or three individuals to visit Sweden to study at first hand examples of good practice and then for a workshop to be held within the East Midlands to disseminate information gained.

6.3 It is thought that such a study group should be led by an elected member, and the Steering Group is requested to make recommendations on this.

#### 7. Recommendations

7.1 The Steering Group is asked to:

- a) Recommend to the Board the use of DEC / CLG ring fenced resources of £260,000 in 2008/11 for the programme of work set out in the appendix.
- b) Advise on the appropriateness of a member led group to Sweden within the Lesson from Scandinavia initiative.

**Chris Allison**

**Director**

**East Midlands Improvement & Efficiency Partnership**

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Appendix 1: Expenditure Plan for DEC & CLG RING FENCED ALLOCATION

Programme Component	Activity	Outputs & Outcomes		£
<b>Engagement</b>	<p><u>Corporate engagement &amp; commitment</u> A series of workshops and events, or presentations (within an existing professional network meeting or event), focused at both sub regional level and professional networks</p>	Improve Local Authority directors and officers awareness and understanding of climate change (causes, effects, adaptation and mitigation measures)	During 2009	£10,000
	<p><u>LSP / LAA Member Engagement</u> A personalised training session (of awareness raising, perception challenging, information, debate and discussion) to be delivered to East Midlands LSPs.</p> <p>The sessions will strive to engage with the wider LSP partners such as Police, Fire, Health, Voluntary and Private Sector, emphasising the contribution they can have in building capacity to successfully deliver change.</p> <p>The briefings will cover an introduction to climate change, the role of LSPs in addressing the indicators, examples from other authorities (within and outside of the EM), discussions.</p>	Improve elected members' and LSP partners' awareness and understanding of climate change (causes, effects, adaptation and mitigation measures)	During 2009	£10,000
	<p><u>Elected Member Leadership Programme</u> Selected elected leaders would be invited onto the I&amp;DeA programme</p>	Improve elected members leadership skills	2009	Part within I&DeA programme  Part £10,000

<b>Knowledge Sharing</b>	<u>Regional &amp; sub regional events</u> A series of seminars, workshops, site visits, speakers, events etc around a wide range of issues that are imperative to the success of CO2 emission reduction.	Provide the opportunity for climate change officers and interested professionals to learn about the latest developments and initiatives within the region and nationally		£25,000
	<u>Lessons from Scandinavia</u> A fact finding tour to Sweden for regional representatives, coupled to a workshop event in the East Midlands describing the findings of the visit and identifying potential opportunities for solutions to be incorporated within the East Midlands.	Provide for an exchange of best practice from the Scandinavian public sector can be passed on to Local Authorities.		Funding of £10,000 specifically provided by Emda
	<u>Develop web area</u> Provide a specific area within the RCCP web site in which data and information supporting information can be collated which is complimentary to existing national networks		2009	£2,500
	<u>Develop case studies .</u> Areas of good practice would be identified by the Programme Steering Group during their normal activities and communicated to the EM IEP Communications Officer who would then write up the case study and arrange publication in both hard copy and electronic format for communication within the region, the national RIEP group and the Nottingham Declaration web site.	Provides an exchange of best practice between authorities	2009/11	Contained within EM IEP support team costs
	<u>Track Progress</u> Record the status of each local authority on progressing climate change actions; Capture information in the form of a template being developed with the Nottingham Declaration framework.	Track and demonstrate progress of LA s in EM	2009/11	Contained within Nottingham Declaration budget

<b>Human Resource Support</b>	<u>Peer Advice &amp; Support</u> Provide a budget to allow members and officers from high performing authorities to offer direct one to one peer support or mentoring to authorities who have development requirements.  Support under consideration includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provision of EM specific action planning templates and guidance to actions with measurable CO2 savings</li> <li>▪ Provision of EM specific adaptation risk assessment evaluation templates</li> <li>▪ Provision of consultancy services</li> </ul>	Provide for direct peer support around NI 185 186 & 188 targets for those Local Authorities not considered high performing	2009/11	£40,000
	<u>Support externally facilitated carbon management programmes</u> Support the activities of the Carbon Trust, Energy Savings Trust, and Salix Finance in delivering programmes of support to Local Authorities	Better coordination of support activities.	2009/10	£7,500
<b>Innovative Projects &amp; Research</b>	<u>Adaptation support</u> To build on the success of the East Midlands Regional LCLIP programme utilising either the East Midlands based Studentforce or via linkages to those universities specialising in climate change at master level. Engage postgraduates to directly assist authorities to undertake research and the necessary works to help authorities achieve level 2 of NI188 Adaptation.	To provide direct support through the use of post-graduates to undertake activities / research to enable sub-regional local authority / LAA partnerships / Unitaries to achieve NI188 level 2.	2009/10	£75,000
	<u>Innovative Projects</u> To develop innovative projects which would benefit from a regional approach and add value.		2009/11	£40,000

<b>Approach to Business</b>	<u>Approach to business</u> Develop a consistent methodology for approach to Business to ensure that all businesses that approach councils for advice on climate change receive consistent messages about the regions and local areas commitments and support available	Consistent message to business community	2009	£10,000
<b>Programme Manager</b>	Part costs for EM IEP Programme Manager		2009/11	£30,000
				£260,000