

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

23rd October 2009

Sustainable Construction Oxford

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide details of Sustainable Construction Oxford, 18th November 9am -5pm, Said Business School, Oxford.

2 Background

- 2.1 Professionals from all areas of the construction industry looking to develop their green credentials are being urged to attend the first of a series of conferences entitled Sustainable Construction Oxford, Blueprint for a Green Future.

- 2.2 Hosted by the Oxfordshire Economic Partnership, the event will bring together academics, private sector companies and local government. It will provide an opportunity to attend informative workshops and attend exhibitions on themes including:

- Delivering sustainable affordable homes
- Building for climate resilience
- Designing and delivering sustainably
- Designing for waste site management
- Sustainable energy and buildings

- 2.4 Speakers will include Henry Gordon Lennox, Senior Solicitor at Blake Laphorn, Mark Goldthorpe, Project Officer from the UK Climate Impacts Programme, Councillor David Robertson, the Deputy Leader of Oxfordshire County Council, Liz Reason of AECB and Chindarat Taylor, the Director of Pathway to Zero Waste.

- 2.5 The event runs from 9am-5pm and includes lunch. Tickets cost £25 and are available from Daniel.dempsey@oxfordshire.gov.uk. A promotional flyer for the event is attached at appendix 1.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 None – the event is funded through ticket sales (attendees are required to pay £25 per place) and ERDF/SEEDA funding.

4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 The event is relevant to the work of all partner councils in areas such as waste management, climate change and building control.

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5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 The event encourages businesses to see financial benefits of environmental good practice. It supports the following policies within the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy:

Policy 1 - The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership will encourage the efficient use of resources, reduce resource consumption and take responsibility for the wastes they produce.

Policy 7 - OWP will ensure that recycling facilities and services are available to all residents

The event also helps support the following Oxfordshire 2030 Sustainable Community Strategy Pledges:

- Ensure new development is built to high environmental standards
- Support individuals, businesses and communities to respond to climate change and to improve efficiency in their use of energy and water.

6 Options or Alternatives

- 6.1 N/a

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 The details of the event be circulated to colleagues and that Partner Councils consider attending the event.

8 Reasons for Recommendations

- 8.1 Encourages businesses to see financial benefits of environmental good practice.

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Background Papers: Event flyer