

HART'S GARDEN COMMUNITY THEMATIC GROUP - SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT MINUTES



DATE OF MEETING: 27 JANUARY 2021

I. ATTENDEES AND ABSENCES

In attendance:

Officers: Patricia Hughes
Christine Tetlow
Jen Kennedy
Noel Armstrong

Apologies:

Cllr Graham Cockarill, Cabinet Member for Place
Philip Sheppard, Hart District Council
James Moore, Hampshire County Council
Stuart Morton, Hampshire County Council

Stakeholders:

Mark Sumner, MOD
Chris Cornwell, Hartley Wintney Voluntary Care Group
Nick Silvester, Basingstoke Canal Society
Julia Abrahams, Hook Action Against Overdevelopment
Rob Vince, Stagecoach South
David Turver, We Heart Hart
Cllr John Orchard, Hook Parish Council
Mark Youngman, South Western Railway

2. WELCOME

In his absence, a short video from Cllr Graham Cockarill was played to welcome the group.

3. SHORT RECAP ON THE GARDEN COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

The Officers provided an overview of MHCLG Garden Community program and the opportunity to investigate a new garden community in Shapley Heath:

- **Overview of Timeline** - The Officers provided an overview of the project phases, estimated dates, timeframes, and tasks.
- **The Prospectus** - The Officers provided an overview of the documents in the prospectus and what each of those key outputs will include.
- **Stakeholder Forum Involvement** - The Officers provided an overview of each Thematic Group and what documents within the prospectus they should give focus

to. It was highlighted however, that groups will touch on most of the prospectus documents at some point.

- **Baseline Surveys and Strategy Reports** - The Officers advised that baseline surveys and strategy reports will provide the evidence to the prospectus.
- **The Art of the Possible** - 'What makes an exemplar community for you?'. As this opportunity is not in the planning system, there is freedom to look at things holistically and comprehensively in a way not often seen when exploring new settlements.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Officers provided an overview of the Core Functions, Roles and Responsibilities and Chairship of the Thematic Group.

5. CHAIR ELECTION

The Officers invited stakeholders to put themselves forward for the Chairship.

Chris Cornwell (Hart Wintney Voluntary Care Group) and John Orchard (Hook Parish Council) both put themselves forward as wishing to take this role.

Both nominees expressed why they wanted to be Chair and what they could bring to the role.

An anonymous electronic poll was shared with the group for voting. Anyone who was unable to view the poll, emailed their vote to the Garden Community Project Team.

The vote was tied; therefore, the Chair election has rolled over to the next meeting.

6. STEERING GROUP NOMINATION AND ELECTION

The Officers invited stakeholders to put themselves forward for the Steering Group.

David Turver (We Heart Hart), John Orchard (Hook Parish Council) and Chris Cornwell (Hartley Wintney Voluntary Care Group) each nominated themselves to sit on the Steering Group.

The three nominees expressed why they wanted to sit on the Steering Group and what they could bring to the role.

An anonymous electronic poll was shared with the group for voting. Anyone who was unable to view the poll, emailed their vote to the Garden Community Project Team.

The vote resulted with David Turver and Chris Cornwell being elected to represent the Sustainable Transport thematic group on the Steering Group.

7. VISION & OBJECTIVES – COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Officers introduced the Community Survey, which will provide an evidence base to inform the vision and objectives for the project. The MHCLG Garden Community Principles were outlined and clarity was provided as to those principles that this thematic group would focus on for the purposes of the Community Survey questions.

Several draft questions regarding 'Sustainable Scale' and 'Transport' were tabled to the group for initial thoughts.

The Officers agreed to set up a document library and collaboration channel (like Teams, for example) to allow knowledge sharing.

Members of the group were given **seven days** to provide feedback to the Garden Community Project Team.

8. NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING

The Officers advised that a transport consultant will be procured to undertake the baseline evidence to take this project forward. Officers noted that modal shift would be a key consideration for the group and Hart's Green Grid project would be relevant in this regard. Details of the next meeting will be provided shortly.