

## **Environmental Transformation 1<sup>st</sup> Scoping Meeting Minutes**

**Time and Place:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019, SLR Consulting, Brew House, Jacob Street, Tower Hill, Bristol, BS2 0EQ

**Present:** Ian Barrett, Taylor Meagher, Ryan Munn, Ed Rowberry, Sue Turner, Emma Burlow, Philip Stott, Savita Willmott, Janine Michael, David White, Finlay Boyter

**Apologies:** Roy Kareem, Ian Townsend, Andy Street

- 1. Welcome & introductions**
- 2. Background to City Funds and updates on other FPG's**

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The 4 Funding Priority Groups are linked to different priorities in the One City Plan:

- No Child Goes Hungry – Health and Wellbeing
- Economic Inclusion – Economy
- Community Initiatives – Homes and Communities
- Environmental Transformation – Environment

**Action: Taylor to circulate the Theory of Change to all FPG members.**

- 3. Draft Terms of Reference**

We want to ensure transformational change for our city that helps the environment, but also look at projects that tackle inequality and disadvantage.

- We need big social funders and support on carbon neutral projects
- International funding could be possible in the future
- We are speaking to multiple big and small funders
- We need to engage both small and large businesses in Bristol
- The ToR is focussed on systems change; perhaps we should use a clear example such as community energy
- Disruptive models would be good although riskier
- Natural environment doesn't stop at the city edge, how are we considering borders?
- Problem is taking projects to market at low risk, grant is important to de-risk projects
- Possibly aligning work through housing policies in government authorities.
- We left out transport from this group as the council is leading on it so strongly.

**Action: Group to send any comments on the ToR to Taylor to edit and bring back to the next meeting.**

#### **4. Evidence base**

We are able to have a student researcher in place to gather evidence and research for the group. Are there any obvious gaps in the evidence base? Where can further research go?

- Possibly create a 3-5yr research agenda with Universities
- Evidence should include national and local projects
- Information on City Leap and the Mayor's 2030 carbon neutral decision
- Circular economy
- 'Each Home Counts' did a review in 2015

#### **5. Potential projects and work avenues for the group**

- Opportunity for grant money in Circular Economy.
- Have we quantified additionality?
- We can't displace or repeat work
- Discussion on big projects vs smaller investments and the pros/cons of each. Suggested a smaller group that focusses on small disruptive projects with entrepreneurs/ small businesses.
- Small micro-traders don't invest in renewable tech as they don't have the initial finance.
- We should push small projects to collaborate (increasing capacity and impact)

**Action: Emma, Savita, and Janine to work with Ryan on a research brief**

**Action: Everyone to send fundable ideas to Ryan (grant or investment)**

**Action: Taylor to add conflict of interest text into all ToR's**

#### **6. AOB**

We need to consider the Public Fundraising Campaign.

City Funds is running a metrics workshop in March.

#### **7. Next meeting**

The City Funds is launching in July and the next scoping meeting for this group will be early April.