

## THE BENEFITS OF JOINING THE TRANSITION TOWN MOVEMENT WORKING PARTY

### MINUTES

Monday 5 July 2010 – 6.30 p.m.  
Board Room

#### Attendees

##### **Councillors**

G Dalby, C Meynell, and A Saffell

##### **Officers**

Keith Gordon, Senior Scrutiny Officer

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2010 were approved

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor C Meynell declared a personal interest, as he knew a witness through his employment.

#### **4. Recommendations**

Members of the working party considered their conclusions and recommendations.

During discussion, members referred to the main aim of the Transition Movement as increasing the public awareness of 'peak oil' and climate change while aspects of climate change are open to scientific debate and research.

The Council employs two sustainability officers and its priority is the promotion of the Green Footprints Challenge. The district is largely within the New National Forest.

The Council is achieving already many of the Transition Town Movement's aims. If North West Leicestershire were to become a transition district, it would inevitably involve additional work for the Council, as indicated in the Transition Initiatives Primer. At a time when the Council is required to look for a 25% reduction in expenditure this would be unnecessary expense.

While the County Council supports, in principle, the concept of Transition Communities, because of action it is already taking, it has not declared Leicestershire a Transition County. Similarly, Members agreed that the district should not join the

Transition Town Movement.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer undertook to circulate a draft report for the approval of the members of the working party prior to submission to the Environment Scrutiny Committee.

The meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.