**Upper Thames Catchment Pilot**

**Education & community engagement Task and Finish Group**

Notes of meeting on Tuesday 21 August 2012, 3pm

Attending: Liz Parker and Sarah Mason (GWT), Chris Cowcher (GRCC) and Chris Short (CCRI)

**1. Purpose of discussions**

To discuss the role of community engagement and education activities within the pilot and what might be included in the draft CMP.

**2. Key questions**

Is the CMP a technical document or one that is to be used by the partners as part of their engagement with groups and individuals across the catchment? *If it is a document for wider circulation then it needs to change. At the moment it is a technical report that is only accessible to a limited number of people, including only some of those on the Steering Group.*

What would be acceptable definitions of community, community engagement and education in the context of this pilot catchment? As a starting point we suggest the following:

Community: geographically and interest driven groups of people, people may be part of a more than one community.

Community engagement: approaches by which to involve and inspire people in a discussion in order for their views to be heard and included in particular activity or consultation.

Education: drawing people’s attention to existing tools and resources, raising awareness of key issues and how they are impact on the whole catchment, sharing information (e.g. maps) in a consistent way across the catchment.

**3. Suggestions for inclusion in revised CMP**

At the moment the CMP is a technical document that is not accessible to groups outside of the steering group, and perhaps to some within it. For community engagement a clearer front end or new document needs to:

* Provide a clear rationale explaining the relevance of the CMP to the key communities (geographical and interest-based) within the catchment
* Include a brief outline of the aims and actions that accompany the report
* Adjust the layout of the CMP so that data and actions are shown by parish
* Clearly indicate which partners (and corresponding contacts) are active in which parishes by type of activity/timing.

A web-based presence might be developed with a map of the parishes. Clicking on the parish and it reveals the various partners and contact points. This could be developed to include a report on activity across the catchment on a quarterly basis.