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Meeting	Bath and North East Somerset Local Strategic Partnership Board (Private Meeting)
Date	Wednesday, 23rd March, 2011
Time	2.00 - 4.00 pm
Venue	Aix en Provence Room - Guildhall, Bath

Attendees

Chair	Representing
Councillor Francine Haeberling	Bath & North East Somerset Council

Members	Representing
John Bader	Somer Housing
Ian Bell	GWE Business West
Ros Brooke	B&NES PCT
Councillor John Bull	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Councillor Paul Crossley	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Gary Davies	Avon and Somerset Police
Peter Duppa-Miller OBE	Avon Parish Council
Chris Head	SWAN - South West ACRE Network
Janet Rowse	B&NES PCT
David Salmon	Avon Fire & Rescue
Anne Slade	The Police Authority

In Attendance	Representing
Susan Bowen	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Luke Byron-Davies	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Councillor Tony Crouch	Vice-chair of BANES local councils association
Helen Edelstyn	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Andy Thomas	Bath & North East Somerset Council
David Trethewey	Bath & North East Somerset Council

Advance Apologies Received.	Representing
Ian Bell	GWE Business West
Ros Brooke	B&NES PCT
John Everitt	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Chris Head	SWAN - South West ACRE Network
Janet Rowse	B&NES PCT
Anne Slade	The Police Authority

Agenda

	Subject	Lead	Time
1.	Introductions and apologies for absence	Cllr Francine	14:00

		Haeberling (5 mins)	
2.	Declarations of Interest	Cllr Francine Haeberling	
3.	<p>Note of the meeting of 14th December & Forward Plan (Pages 5 - 12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covers: (1) Actions outstanding (2) Minutes from previous meeting (3) LSP Board Work plan • Background material: <u>(1) Minutes of 14th December</u> <u>(2) LSP Board Work Plan</u> • Desired outcomes: LSP Board's (1) Agreement on minutes (2) Understanding of action item status (3) Noting and adding to the LSP Board Work Plan 	Cllr Francine Haeberling (5 mins)	14:05

Strategy & Policy

4.	<p>Refreshing the Sustainable Community Strategy and a review of Local Strategic Partnership Framework (Pages 13 - 16)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covers: (1) A plan for the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy and review of the LSP to accommodate national and local change. • Background material: <u>(1) Agenda Item 4 (Refreshing the Sustainable Community Strategy and a review of Local Strategic Partnership Framework)</u> • Desired outcomes: (1) Agree that officers review the Local Strategic Partnership framework to ensure it can lead and deliver the SCS in the most effective way possible. (2) Agree that the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for Bath and North East Somerset is refreshed to accommodate local and national change. (3) Agree the remit, programme and timetable for the SCS refresh. 	David Trethewey (30 mins)	14:10
5.	<p>Local Area Agreement Performance Reward Grant Update (Pages 17 - 26)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covers: (1) Update of the funding available for the LSP. • Background material: <u>(1) Agenda Item 5 (Local Area Agreement Performance Reward Grant</u> 	David Trethewey / Susan Bowen (20 mins)	14:40

	<p><u>Programme Update) (2) Appendix 1 (Community Enablement Fund Profile) (3) Appendix 2 (Community Empowerment Fund Press Release)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desired outcomes: LSP Board (1) Note the update on the funding opportunities 		
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Governance, Other Business & LSP Board Requests.

6.	<p>Theme Partnership Update (1) Responsible Authorities Group (Pages 27 - 30)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covers: (1) Presentation and update on the work of the Responsible Authorities Group & any requests they may have to the Board • Background material: <u>(1) Agenda Item 6 (RAG Update to the Board) (2) Annex 1 (Community Safety Chart)</u> • Desired outcomes: LSP Board (1) Note the reports attached and receive Presentations from the Partnership chairs on key issues in the relevant theme areas (2) Offer suggestions and guidance on next steps to help deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy 	Gary Davies / Andy Thomas (20 mins)	15:00
7.	<p>Theme Partnership Update (2) Stronger Communities Delivery Partnership (Pages 31 - 32)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covers: (1) Presentation and update on the work of Stronger Communities Delivery Partnership & any requests they may have to the Board • Background material: LSP Board <u>(1) Agenda Item 6 (Stronger Communities Update to the Board)</u> • Desired outcomes: 1) Note the reports attached and receive Presentations from the Partnership chairs on key issues in the relevant theme areas (2) Offer suggestions and guidance on next steps to help deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy 	Cllr Tony Crouch / Andy Thomas (20 mins)	15:20

Performance & Risk Management

8.	<p>LSP Board Dashboard and Updates (Pages 33 - 34)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covers: (1) An update across the LSP on: 'Resources', 'Updates and Progress' and 	David Trethewey (15 mins)	15:40
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	<p>'Performance and Risk' from the period of January-March 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background material: <u>Agenda item 8 (LSP Board Dashboard Report)</u> • Desired outcomes: LSP Board notes and comments on the dashboard 		
9.	AOB	Cllr Francine Haeberling (5 mins)	15:55

Date of Future Meeting:

Thursday, 7 July 2011

Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

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Bath & North East Somerset LSP Board

14th December 2010

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

A. Actions arising from 14th December 2010 Meeting

No	Action	Resp.	Target	Status
48	Health and Wellbeing Theme Sponsor to consider if a broader partnership response to excess winter deaths is required	JR	March 2011	Verbal update at 23/3 meeting
49	Linkages with the Environmental Sustainability Partnership (ESP) and Primary Care Trust to be further developed	Jane Wildblood / RB	March 2011	Conversations ongoing with PCT and ESP

B. Actions outstanding from previous meetings

No	Action	Resp.	Target	Status
39	A project update to be provided on options for the next stage of the Whiteway project	AT	March 2011	Agenda Item 7

C. Detailed note of the meeting

Members Present

Cllr Francine Haeberling (Chair)	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Cllr Paul Crossley	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Cllr John Bull	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Gary Davies	Avon & Somerset Police
Ros Brooke	Bath & North East Somerset NHS Board Member
Anne Slade	Police Authority
Chris Head	Representing the Voluntary & Community Sector
Ian Bell	Representing the Business Sector
Peter Duppa-Miller	Representing Local Communities

In attendance

John Everitt	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Stan Frith	Sustainable Growth Alliance (for Agenda Item 6)
Cllr Charles Gerrish	Bath & North East Somerset Council (For Agenda Item 7)

Officers in attendance

David Trethewey (DTr)	Divisional Director, Policy & Partnerships
Luke Byron-Davies	Partnership Development Officer, Policy & Partnerships
John Wilkinson	Economic Enterprise & Business Development Manager (For Agenda Item 6)
Jane Wildblood (JW)	Corporate Sustainability Manager (For Agenda Item 7)

1. Introductions and Apologies for absence

Apologies were given by the following:

Michael Tichelar	Compact Board (Chair)
Janet Rowse	Bath & North East Somerset NHS

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Note of the meeting of 21st September

The detailed note of the meeting held on 21st September 2010 was agreed as a correct record.

There were no additions to the Forward Plan.

Strategy & Policy

4. Updating the Implications of the Comprehensive Spending Review

David Trethewey introduced the agenda item. At the request of the LSP Board, a working group has been established to investigate the impacts since the CSR and the election. The working group has begun to focus on people and places that are at potential risk.

Gary Davies updated that the settlement has now been given for the Police. Over the next four years there will be a £40-£41m cut. The majority of the first year cuts will come out of back office services. Recruiting for new officers will be frozen. After year 1, it is anticipated that frontline savings will be made. Neighbourhood policing will be 90% ringfenced.

John Everitt updated that the settlement for the Council was more severe than had been anticipated. There will be approximately £40m of cuts over four years. There are a number of grant issues that may have particular impacts. Council reserves will continue to be carefully managed and used responsibly.

Work is ongoing about ways to provide services through different providers, in particular in the context of the new powers proposed in the Localism Bill.

It was requested that poor housing is added as an extra impact to the CSR Implications report paper.

It was agreed that

Poor housing will be added as an extra impact to the CSR Implications report paper.

The update was noted.

5. Local Area Agreement Performance Reward Grant Update

David Trethewey introduced the agenda item. It is anticipated that approximately £1.2m will be claimed. £1m of this amount will go into the main fund for large projects. There will also be a smaller community chest fund.

The issue of projects being sustainable was discussed and it was explained that it was an important factor for projects to be sustainable because the funding will be given as one off funding.

Information about the fund will be made available publicly and councillors will have access to contact names in the theme delivery partnerships.

It was discussed that part of the criteria for projects should involve the bringing in of funding from other sources. This is particularly important for larger projects.

The community chest fund application process should be as simple and as straightforward as possible and should reflect the relatively low financial reward on offer. The ward councillors' initiative was cited as a scheme, which shows best practice for managing small grants.

It was agreed that

The process for the LAA Performance Reward Grant articulated in the report is endorsed

Governance, Other Business & LSP Board Requests**6. Theme Partnership Update (1) Economic Development & Enterprise**

John Wilkinson and Stan Frith presented the agenda item and highlighted the work that the Sustainable Growth Alliance (SGA) has undertaken this year. Notably, the Economic Strategy was launched this year. The SGA's primary role is to hold partners to account for the delivery of this strategy. Other highlights in 2010 included GWE supporting over one hundred businesses and the creation of 44 future job fund placements.

The emerging LEP agenda will be taken into account in the further development of the Economic Strategy to provide coherent policy for the area. There will be no extra money for LEPs.

The issue of super fast broadband in rural areas was raised. Stan Frith explained that this is a significant issue and ways are being explored to improve coverage.

The update was noted.

7. Theme Partnership Update (2) Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change

Cllr Chares Gerrish and Jane Wildblood presented the update. It was explained that a great deal of work has been done this year in the Environmental Sustainability Partnership (ESP). The first step of this year's work was to make sure that the Council was in a position to lead the way in sustainability. Subsequently, work has been done to develop the partnership structure and to develop new projects including the future proofing of buildings and beginning to address fuel poverty.

Key events in 2011 will include the Total Place reports being due in March, and potential opportunities to link up with the LEP. Next February, there will also be a report by the Energy Savings Trust on the area that will include information on transportation.

The issue of excess winter deaths was raised. A request was made for more information and whether a broader partnership response was needed.

The issue of energy monitors were raised and it was stated that they are available from local libraries.

The linkages with the ESP and the PCT were discussed and it was agreed that further dialogue will take place particularly around the representation in the ESP.

Key Actions

- **Request to Health and Wellbeing Theme Sponsor to consider if a broader partnership response to excess winter deaths is required (Action 48)**
- **Linkages with the Environmental Sustainability Partnership and Primary Care Trust to be further developed (Action 49)**

8 LSP Board Dashboard

David Trethewey introduced the agenda item. A full report on the LSP Annual Forum is currently being finalised and will be available in the New Year.

The dashboard was noted

7. AOB

Cllr Haerberling thanked all members for attending and closed the meeting. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 23rd March at 2pm in the Aix en Provence Room, The Guildhall.

D. Actions completed from previous meetings

(Actions will be shown once, then removed from subsequent minutes)

No	Action	Resp	Target	Status
45	The Partnership Position Statement: Financial Messages across the Local Strategic Partnership is revised to capture additional comments from Board members on the financial changes.	DTr	01.12.10	Completed
46	Health and Wellbeing presentation to be circulated	LBD	21.09.10	Completed
47	Establish a task group that will review the process of allocating Performance Reward Grant	DTr	14.12.10	Completed

Bath & North East Somerset LSP Board Work Plan 2011

Meeting	Category	Item	Purpose	Lead
23 rd March 2011	Strategy & Policy	Refreshing the Sustainable Community Strategy	Discussion on the drivers for change assessment and emerging priorities for the Partnerships set against the evidence base.	
	Governance, Other Business & LSP Board Requests	Theme Partnership Update (1) Safer Communities	Discussion and scrutiny of Theme Delivery Partnership by the LSP Board	Theme Sponsor / Chair of Theme Delivery Partnership
		Theme Partnership Update (2) Stronger Communities	Discussion and scrutiny of Theme Delivery Partnership by the LSP Board	Theme Sponsor / Chair of Theme Delivery Partnership
	Performance & Risk Management	LSP Dashboard	Update on progress across the LSP including performance, risk, achievements and resources	Council
7 th July 2011	Strategy & Policy			
	Governance, Other Business & LSP Board Requests	Theme Partnership Update (1) Health & Wellbeing Partnership	Discussion and scrutiny of Theme Delivery Partnership by the LSP Board	Theme Sponsor / Chair of Theme Delivery Partnership
		Theme Partnership Update (2) Children & Young People	Discussion and scrutiny of Theme Delivery Partnership by the LSP Board	Theme Sponsor / Chair of Theme Delivery Partnership
	Performance & Risk Management	LSP Dashboard	Update on progress across the LSP including performance, risk, achievements and resources	Council

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27th Sept 2011	Strategy & Policy			
	Governance, Other Business & LSP Board Requests	Theme Partnership Update (1) Economic Development & Enterprise	Discussion and scrutiny of Theme Delivery Partnership by the LSP Board	Theme Sponsor / Chair of Theme Delivery Partnership
		Theme Partnership Update (2) Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change	Discussion and scrutiny of Theme Delivery Partnership by the LSP Board	Theme Sponsor / Chair of Theme Delivery Partnership
	Performance & Risk Management	LSP Dashboard	Update on progress across the LSP including performance, risk, achievements and resources	Council
20th Dec 2011	Strategy & Policy			
	Governance, Other Business & LSP Board Requests	Theme Partnership Update (1) Safer Communities	Discussion and scrutiny of Theme Delivery Partnership by the LSP Board	Theme Sponsor / Chair of Theme Delivery Partnership
		Theme Partnership Update (2) Stronger Communities	Discussion and scrutiny of Theme Delivery Partnership by the LSP Board	Theme Sponsor / Chair of Theme Delivery Partnership
	Performance & Risk Management	LSP Dashboard	Update on progress across the LSP including performance, risk, achievements and resources	Council

LSP Board members are invited to add items to the work plan at any time.

Title:

A review of the Local Strategic Partnership model and Sustainable Community Strategy

<p>What is your request of the LSP Board?</p>	<p>The LSP Board is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Agree that officers review the Local Strategic Partnership framework to ensure it can lead and deliver the SCS in the most effective way possible. 2) Agree that the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for Bath and North East Somerset is refreshed to accommodate local and national change. 3) Agree the remit, programme and timetable for the SCS refresh.
<p>What do you want from the Theme Delivery Partnerships?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A commitment to contribute to the SCS refresh, especially the review of the vision, priorities and actions. 2) Identify up to date priorities and performance measures for the SCS performance management framework.
<p>Background material</p>	

Background

Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)

Over the last year there have been a number of changes that will impact on Bath and North East Somerset’s Local Strategic Partnership. This includes the withdrawal of the Governments performance assessment framework (LAAs and CAAs) and the introduction of new partnerships and Boards, such as the Health and Wellbeing Board. It presents both an opportunity and a challenge; The Partnership will have more scope to prioritise the issues that matter most to B&NES, but it will need to provide leadership and deliver the priorities within a difficult economic climate and a shifting partnership landscape.

Some of the changes that will have an effect on the partnership are listed below:

- A new national Government that has:
 - Withdrawn the local performance management framework, which includes Local Area Agreements.
 - Changed the local partnership landscape including changes to Health and Wellbeing and Local Enterprise Partnerships.
 - Introduced the concept of ‘Big Society’ and Localism.

- Locally there have been new local strategies and plans including the Economic Strategy and the Children and Young People's Plan.
- May local elections.

The Partnership will need to ensure that it is robust and able to adapt to change. As a result the B&NES LSP framework will be reviewed to make sure that it makes the most of new legislation, greater policy and performance freedom and effective decision-making. At present the LSP consists of:

- Board
- Executive
- Theme Delivery Partnerships
- Ad-hoc Project Groups
- Annual Forum

The LSP review will consider whether this partnership framework is right for effective partnership delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). The review will present a proposal for a streamlined decision-making process that provides leadership, partnership coordination, delivery, monitoring of delivery, and makes the most of people's time and their contribution to the LSP. The proposals may include a change in the role, remit and frequency of partnership meetings. The LSP Review will run alongside the SCS refresh and will conclude in October 2011.

LSP Board members will be asked to contribute to thinking on the LSP review. We are keen to get individual views and different organisational/sector perspectives on the role and the future of B&NES LSP. Board members are asked to consider the below issues and should be prepared to contribute to discussion on the future of the LSP at the Board meeting on 23 March:

Discussion points:

- What does the LSP need to do to make the most of the changes taking place?
- How will the changes, impact on your organisation /sector /department? How will this change how you work with the LSP?
- What should the LSP focus on in the future?
- What is working well? (e.g. Theme Delivery Partnerships)
- How can the LSP better utilise the expertise of the independent, voluntary and community sector?
- Should the LSP develop a locality based approach?

The LSP will continue to evolve as new legislation, partnerships, strategies and plans and community leaders develop and embed. The aim of this review

is to develop a partnership model that can best deliver LSP priorities at this point in time.

Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)

The current B&NES SCS was launched in 2009. It sets out a vision for B&NES and drives service priorities across the LSP and Theme Delivery Partnerships. Since its publication in 2009 there have been a number of changes, as described above, that will have had an impact on the way the SCS is managed and delivered. Perhaps the most significant is the withdrawal of the Governments Performance Management framework (LAA and CAA). Local elections in May and the introduction of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy will further impact on the role and delivery of the SCS.

Regardless of this change the SCS remains a statutory responsibility. There is a need to refresh the B&NES SCS to reflect these local and national changes, ensuring that it is up to date and leads service delivery across B&NES.

The refresh will consist of a review of the vision, priorities and actions as well as the performance management framework. It will look at how the SCS fits with other strategies, plans and partnerships including the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Board. The end product will be a revitalised SCS that inspires aspirational service delivery in B&NES.

Appendix 1 Programme and Timeframe

An outline programme and timeframe for the SCS refresh:

Action	Timeframe (2011)
Review of new legislation and impact.	April
Review of Localism and how the SCS can contribute to delivering this agenda.	April
Initial consultation with LSP Board members, partners and services to review the vision and priorities.	March - May
Consultation with Council to review the vision and priorities.	May - June
Work with theme delivery leads to identify up to date key priorities.	May - June
Review performance management framework.	August
Develop refreshed SCS	August
Agree refreshed SCS with LSP Board / Council	September
Publish refreshed SCS	October

Local Area Agreement Performance Reward Grant Programme Update

What is your request of the LSP Board?	The LSP Board is asked to: Note the update on the funding opportunities Community Empowerment Fund Press Release
What do you want from the Theme Delivery Partnerships?	Theme Delivery Partnerships are asked to update their membership on the funding.
Background material	Appendix 1: Community Enablement Fund Profile Appendix 2: Community Empowerment Fund Press Release

Background

The LAA Performance Reward Grant Programme was last discussed by the LSP Board on 14th December. At this meeting it was agreed that the funding would be distributed through a 'Main Fund' (£1m) and a 'Small Grants Fund' (£300k).

Key Progress

- The PRG is now being viewed as part of the wider Community Enablement Funding. Detail of this wider funding is at **Appendix 1**.
- The Council, as the accountable body has now agreed that the process outlined to the LSP Board on 14th December will be the method of distributing the funding. The LSP Executive is the decision maker for the Main Fund. The relevant theme sponsor will act as the sponsor for their theme's bids.
- The LSP Task Group that was formed at the LSP Board request met to discuss the communications for the funding on 7th March. The Task Group also inputted into the process for the allocation of funding.
- A press release has been published on the funding at **Appendix 2**. This is the first step in widely publicising the funding opportunities.
- Bidding for the Small Grants Fund has now opened and is available by either contacting Funding & Programmes or by accessing the Community funding page on the Council website.

LSP Board's Role in Communicating the Funding

- Bidding for the Main Fund will be through the LSP Theme Delivery Partnerships. Members of the public will be able to submit funding ideas via the Council's website or by contacting Funding and Programmes in the Council. These ideas will be forwarded to the relevant Theme Delivery Partnerships.

Members of LSP Board are asked to communicate the funding opportunities to their groups and networks. To assist members of the

Board with this communication, information including presentations and guidance notes are available from Funding & Programmes. The theme coordinators for the theme delivery partnerships will also be able to assist in information giving information and help on the bidding process. The theme coordinators are:

Stronger Communities Delivery Partnership

Coordinator: Andy Thomas

Andy_Thomas@bathnes.gov.uk

(01225 394322)

Sponsor: Gary Davies (Avon & Somerset Police)

Responsible Authorities Group

Coordinator: Andy Thomas

Andy_Thomas@bathnes.gov.uk

(01225 394322)

Sponsor: Glen Chipp

Children's Trust

Coordinator: Mary Kearney-Knowles

Mary_Kearney-Knowles@bathnes.gov.uk

(01225 394412)

Sponsor: Ashley Ayre

Sustainable Growth Alliance

Coordinator John Wilkinson

john_wilkinson@bathnes.gov.uk

(01225 396593)

Sponsor: John Betty

Health & Wellbeing Partnership

Coordinator: Derek Thorne

Derek.thorne@bathnes-pct.nhs.uk

(01225 831813)

Sponsor: Janet Rowse

Environmental Sustainability Partnership

Coordinator: Jane Wildblood

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(01225 477685)

Sponsor: Andrew Pate

Next Steps

- The Main Fund is due to launch on 1st April.
- Ideas for funding on or after 1st April can either be submitted directly on the Council's Community Funding Information page or by contacting the Funding and Programmes Team on 01225 477278
fundingandprogrammes@bathnes.gov.uk

- The LSP Board will be regularly updated with the progress of how and when the PRG is allocated.

Appendix 1: Community Enablement Fund Profile

NAME	AMOUNT	MANAGED BY	APPROACH /CRITERIA
LSP Performance Reward Grant	£1m- Main Fund £300,000- Small Grants (split 50% revenue and 50% capital- due to be paid to the Council as the accountable body by the end of the financial year 2010/11)	Council Policy and Partnerships team on behalf of the LSP NOTE: this budget will be managed through LSP governance arrangements	<p>Key Criteria of the Fund</p> <p>The Funds should be used for building capacity in the community and in achieving this there is a need to show how the proposed project supports delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy. The proposed projects will also have to show how they will be sustainable in the long term. Particular focus should be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increasing the capacity of the Civil Society ○ Increasing the capacity of Communities ○ Public Sector capacity / collaborative working ○ Technology and infrastructure ○ Local Business capacity ○ Supporting vulnerable people <p>Principles of the Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It should be used to build capacity in the community ▪ Any projects funded should be aware that this is one-off funding ▪ It should be used to Pump Prime activity which becomes sustainable in its own right (Main Fund only) ▪ It should be used to reduce the need for future funding and be built around Invest to Save principles ▪ Any projects funded should have an exit strategy in place (Main Fund only) ▪ Applications should include realistic milestones (Main Fund only)
Council- Youth Community Empowerment Fund	£150,000* (including amounts allocated under the November	Council Children's Services	This will help support young people 11 to 19 years (and up to 25 for those with special education needs) but primarily focusing on those 13 – 19 years. The funding is to help develop new positive activities, summer programmes; youth clubs and projects focused on the needs of children and young people or to

Appendix 1: Community Enablement Fund Profile

NAME	AMOUNT	MANAGED BY	APPROACH /CRITERIA
	resolution and Budget Council)		<p>support initiatives which seek to involve young people or give young people a greater voice in existing community activity. The funding is designed to build local capacity to deliver activities and the ability to match fund (in money or kind) and to demonstrate how future activities can be provided without on-going funding will be key criteria. This fund will only be allocated to support Voluntary Organisations/groups including Town and Parish Councils with staffing costs and/or general running costs of activities for young people .i.e. Revenue funding. The funding is not for equipment or capital work. This fund can support time limited projects, or part of a long term programme/project.</p> <p>From Council Headroom- delegated to the Council’s Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Chief Executive</p>
<p> P S Council- Fund to help disadvantaged communities, regeneration and localism projects </p>	£336,000**	Council Policy and Partnerships: team	<p>The scheme will build on and learn from community enablement projects in Bath and North East Somerset and will pay particular attention to delivering the principles set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping those who need it the most • Promoting civic pride • Local involvement in local solutions • Promoting democratic accountability • Investing for the long term <p>From Council Headroom- delegated to the Council’s Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Chief Executive</p>
Council- Ward Councillor Initiative (in base budget)	£130,000	Policy and Partnerships	<p>The scheme so far has provided significant support for local projects and organisations; it will be extended to all Councillors to support and develop their local community leadership roles</p>

* Council agreed to earmark an additional £40k from this headroom amount to support Keynsham Time Out and Radstock Youth Centre during the transition period, recognising that the two youth centres have each already been allocated £15k following the Council resolution of 16 November, 2010;

**Council agreed to the following funding from this headroom amount:

- reinstate £14k to the Shout Out advocacy service ; £8k to Bath Contact Centre.
- reinstate £110k to support carers' activities including short breaks for disabled, vulnerable and disadvantaged children.
- allocate £60k to support the ongoing costs of maintaining and opening Victoria Hall during the transition to the new councils.

Cabinet was also asked to consider allocating £30k to resource extra hours for Family Support Workers for home learning for children aged 0-3 who have complex medical needs and disabilities and to consider allocating the funding for this from this headroom allocation.

Appendix 2 – Press Release

New cash for local community projects

Local communities and voluntary groups are being encouraged by Bath & North East Somerset Council to apply for a share of £300,000 to offer constructive activities and projects that help communities tackle the issues that local people think are important. The £300,000 is being released from the £2.3 million Community Empowerment Fund set-up by the Council.

Small grants of up to £5,000 are available - the funding and award of the money is being made through the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) which is the organisation which brings together local public services, voluntary organisations, and community groups.

Councillor Francine Haeberling (Conservative, Saltford), Leader of Bath & North East Somerset Council and Chair of the LSP, said, "The best ideas about how to improve local communities often come from the people who live in them. This is one of the guiding principles behind the Community Empowerment Fund.

"We are pleased that the Partnership is able to support local projects through this small grants scheme as the first element of the Community Empowerment Fund. We want people to play an active part in shaping the future of their community and make each grant go a long way and we look forward to receiving proposals from the community."

How to apply

Although the application process does not formally start until April, organisations are invited to approach the Partnership now for details so they can start developing their bid through cef@bathnes.gov.uk or call 01225 477669. More details are also available at www.bathnes.gov.uk/cef

To make things as simple as possible for local community groups, organisations applying will not need to be registered charities but must have a formal constitution or set of rules. Applications must also demonstrate evidence of community support.

The Fund explained

It was agreed by the Council's Cabinet that the overall Fund should be topped-up by £368,000 to £2.3 million by using a VAT refund it recently received from the Government giving an even greater opportunity for a range of local organisations to offer constructive activities for young people, support disadvantaged communities, help regeneration, and deliver local projects.

There are different streams of money that make-up the Fund.

- £1.3 million, including the money for small grants, is from the Local Strategic Partnership and is intended help deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy;
- £420,000 - help disadvantaged communities, regeneration and localism projects;
- £150,000 – Youth Community Empowerment Fund
- £130,000 – Ward Councillor initiative

Further announcements about how the rest of the Fund will be spent to support activity in the area and build stronger communities will be made over the coming months.

The purpose of the Fund is consistent with the Coalition Government's Localism Bill which proposes to give greater public involvement in how local services are provided. The key principles setting the overall approach to ensure the most effective use of funds have been agreed. These are helping those who need it the most, promoting civic pride, local involvement in local situations, promoting democratic accountability, and investing for the long-term.

Some commitments have already been made by the Council to support Keynsham Time Out and Radstock Youth Centre, the Shout Out advocacy service, Bath Contact Centre, carers' activities including short breaks for disabled, vulnerable and disadvantaged children, and for Victoria Hall, Radstock.

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Notes to Editors

The scheme is designed to help local groups to play a greater part in helping their community and to get involved in local decision-making. Over the two year life of the fund, £150,000 is available for capital spending such as equipment whilst the remaining 50% is for other costs such as training: groups can however apply for a mixture of both.

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Responsible Authorities Group

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Background material	

Update from Responsible Authorities Group

Introduction

Bath and North East Somerset Responsible Authorities Group (RAG) acts as the Local Strategic Partnership's delivery arm for Community Safety. It comprises Council representation (including the Cabinet member and Children's Services), Police, NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Probation Service, Somer Community Housing Trust, and Avon Fire and Rescue.

The RAG is responsible for preparing and implementing a strategic assessment and Community Safety Partnership Plan that will inform and ensure local priorities will feed into the discussions of the LSP and Overview and Scrutiny Panels. It is also responsible for co-ordinating funding streams to meet the partnership's objectives as set out as well as monitoring progress against the partnership's targets and milestones. The partnership structure and relationship with the LSP is set out in an Annex to this report

What are the current local priorities?:

- Reduce Anti social behaviour
- Safe and vibrant Night Time Economy
- Reduce Crime and fear of crime – PACTs
- Protect the most vulnerable - domestic abuse and hate crime
- Minimize harm from substance misuse
- Safeguarding young people and reduce re-offending

How does the RAG deliver these priorities?

For each area of work, there are detailed action plans and a lead agency, which will sponsor and champion operational plans and in many cases chair delivery sub-groups.

Key Issues for the RAG

- Moving away from a set Government “model” of Community Safety Partnerships
- Managing reductions in all central funding streams
- Focusing on local concerns and priorities- eg night-time economy- rather than national performance indicators
- Increasing community involvement in and ownership of local concerns (link with Stronger Communities)
- Driving improvement and efficiency through better joint working and by resolving the issues that cause most concerns- eg by addressing the “top offenders”

Other key drivers for change include:

- The move to elected Police Commissioners
- Changes to the Government’s approach to Anti Social Behaviour which introduce less complex procedures but which re-emphasise support for the most vulnerable victims

Further detail on how the RAG proposes to meet these challenges will be provided in a Presentation to the Board.

Community Safety Partnership Chart Issued at 1/3/11

Accountable for the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy

The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) is formally the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP)

- RAG brings in wider partners
They act as sponsors for the priorities within the Community Safety Plan and refer to local priorities for day to day delivery (see below)

Acts as the delivery arm for the CDRP
Set by Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and Police and Justice Act 2006
> Priorities are set through the Strategic Assessment
> Link to Sustainable Community Strategy and Stronger Communities

Responsible Authorities Group (RAG)
Police District Commander (Chair)
Somerset Community Housing Trust
B&NES Council (Inc; Cabinet Member, YOT, P&P)
Avon Fire & Rescue
Avon Probation Service
B&NES PCT

Community Safety priorities

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- Safe and vibrant Night Time Economy
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Stronger Communities Delivery Partnership

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Update from Stronger Communities Delivery Partnership

Why was it formed?

This Partnership was established following the LSP review in 2009. It is designed to deliver the SCS's "Stronger Communities" theme. It was formed by re-focusing the LSP Communities Group on the following:

- better use of existing community networks and engagement
- briefing on key issues in advance
- identifying specific priorities for further work
- managing the delivery of relevant targets
- responding to changing circumstances

Who sits on it?

Organisations represented are:

- Town and Parish Councils in Bath & North East Somerset (currently providing the link to the LSP Board from communities)
- Action for Pensioners
- Faith Forum
- Somer Valley Partnership
- Member of the Youth Parliament
- Chew Valley Area Partnership (currently providing the Chair)
- Federation of Bath Residents' Associations
- Volunteer Centre
- Student Community Partnership
- Environs of Bath Committee
- Bath People First
- Compact Board (observer status)

The Partnership has met quarterly since January 2010: attendance and engagement has been consistently high.

What has it done?

The partnership has received updates from both Council officers and from member organisations. This has led to

- Detailed analysis of the Localism Bill and the challenges and opportunities it presents (the outcomes of this work will be presented to the LSP Board)
- Discussions relating to the LSP's Whiteway project which led to the successful Connecting Communities bid to extend this work
- Detailed consideration of how the groups can contribute to the Localism agenda and to managing performance targets

Next Steps

The Partnership has expressed a strong wish to:

- Work with public services to reshape ways of working, helping in particular to support LSP reward grant projects across all LSP themes
- Be involved in further discussions about the implications of Localism and the Localism Bill
- Be involved in agreeing and setting appropriate performance targets

Local Strategic Partnership Board Dashboard (Prepared March 2011)

RESOURCES

<p>Performance Reward Grant Fund Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submission of the LAA PRG has now been completed. The final claim was for £1,361,386.31 The Council approved the criteria for usage of PRG Next steps <p>The two PRG Funding schemes (Main Fund and a Small Grants Fund) are due to launch on 1st April.</p>

UPDATES & PROGRESS

LSP Exec Sponsored Projects Update	
Project Name	R/A/G
Localism / Community Engagement Strategy	G
Core Strategy	G
Intelligence Project	G

<p>LSP Achievements and Updates</p> <p>Children's Trust Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft Children and Young People's Plan for 2011-2014 has been produced. All the services working with c&yp across Bath and North East Somerset have come together as the Children's Trust Board (CTB) to produce this plan. A consultation took place during February and a final draft is due in April <p>Stronger Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stronger Communities Partnership has now discussed the Localism Bill in detail. Whiteway engagement work has led to dialogue with waste services on improvements to litter bin provision, food waste and recycling: opens potential for further development of Proud of Your Doorstep scheme Neighbourhood Agreement for Whiteway now at first draft stage: key issue raised by the community is need for "single point of contact"
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<p>Safer Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Joint Tasking" arrangements now in place identifying and tackling top local issues to be addressed through partnership working: first initiative to focus on fly-tipping in rural areas Discussions are advanced with the BID on securing sustainable funding for the successful Kingsmead Taxi Marshal scheme <p>Health & Wellbeing Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Health and Social Care Bill is initiating significant change to the NHS. Commissioning, service provision, public health and local authority responsibilities are all subject to new structures between 2011 and 2013 NHS B&NES was assessed as being in the 'best performing' category in a CQC report on community stroke services. <p>Environmental Sustainability Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebration event to raise profile of B&NES support for schools' work to reduce energy use, attracted TV coverage Exceeded target of 5 community groups participating in Local Energy Champions scheme: 6 groups taking part Leading the Low Carbon Total Place research project to investigate a low carbon future for the West of England
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PERFORMANCE & RISK

<p>LAA 2 (2008-2011) National Indicator Summary (Source: QPR Feb 11) New Performance Framework due to begin 04/2011</p>	
<p>The following Nis have been cancelled by Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NI 19 (Rate of proven re-offending) NI 04 (% of people locally influencing decisions) NI 54 (Services for disabled children) NI 139 (Older people living independently) NI 167 (Congestion, morning peak) NI 177 (Local bus journeys) NI 187 (Tackling fuel poverty) <p>Off Target NIs</p> <p>NI 130 (Social care clients receiving self directed support)</p>	<p>Green 11</p> <p>No data 8</p> <p>Cancelled 7</p> <p>Amber 1</p> <p>Red 1</p>

LSP Risks February 2011

#	DoT	Name	Actions Taken / Planned
1	R	There is a lack of effective engagement from LSP Board partners of time / resources / capacity due to changes in government policy resulting in inefficient use of resources, reputational loss, loss of confidence in LSP and lack of delivery of SCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms of Reference for the LSP Board developed with sign up by Board members Regular reporting of SCS and board work plan in place Policy & Working Group formed
2	R	There are reductions in housing and economic development related funding for B&NES from the Government which could impact on major capital schemes resulting in lack of delivery of the SCS, and lack of delivery of LSP committed priority schemes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on tracking and understanding implications of emerging cuts – The actions for this will be reviewed once the CSR implications are fully understood
3	A	Partnership governance arrangements are not robust leading to lack of clarity over what LSP is achieving, financial arrangements and who is accountable for delivery resulting in reputational loss, and inefficient use of resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms of Reference for the LSP Board and all theme delivery partnerships are developed now. Governance robust but need to review role and purpose of the LSP in light of changing agenda.

