

Bath and North East Somerset Local Strategic Partnership Board (Private Meeting)

Tuesday, 14th December, 2010
Brunswick Room - Guildhall, Bath

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Chair	Representing
Councillor Francine Haeberling	Bath & North East Somerset Council

Full Members	Representing
Ian Bell	GWE Business West
Ros Brooke	PCT - BathNES
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 - the South West ACRE Network
Anne Slade	Avon & Somerset Police

In Attendance	Representing
John Everitt	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Councillor Charles Gerrish	Bath & North East Somerset Council

Officers In Attendance	Representing
David Trethewey	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Jane Wildblood	Bath & North East Somerset Council
John Wilkinson	Bath & North East Somerset Council

Apologies for absence	
Janet Rowse	B&NES PCT
Michael Tichelar	Independent

1. 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	Janet Rowse	March 2011	Outstanding

49	Linkages with the Environmental Sustainability Partnership and Primary Care Trust to be further developed	JW /RB	January 2011	Outstanding
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2. 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	Work plan March 2011

3. Introductions and apologies for absence

Apologies received were given

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Note of the meeting of 21st September & Forward Plan

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.

6. Strategy & Policy - Understanding the Implications of the CSR

David Trethewey introduced the agenda item. It was explained that at the request of the LSP Board, an officer working group has been established to investigate the recent impacts resulting in changes 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 by central government 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.

The issue of joining up functions with partners or other local authorities was raised. It was explained that there are already strong link ups with health services. However in other

cases such as revenues and benefits it is not viable to combine services and instead it is better to provide a more focused service.

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.

7. Strategy & Policy - Local Area Agreement Performance Reward Grant Update

David Trethewey introduced the agenda item. The LSP Executive has also fed into this process. 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

8. Governance, Other Business & LSP Board Requests - 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.

9. Governance, Other Business & LSP Board Requests - Theme Partnership Update (2) Environmental Sustainability Partnership

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 Sponsor to consider if broader to excess winter deaths is required.
- Linkages with the Environmental Sustainability Partnership and Primary Care Trust to be further developed

10. Performance & Risk Management - 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

11. 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.

12. 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