



WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough

STEERING GROUP MEETING 21 April 2008

Draft – subject to confirmation at the next meeting

Present:-

Mr Hugh Fenton	Chair, Business Advocate (Larger Business / Northamptonshire Chamber) (Chair, Environmental Task Group)
Ms Rachael Abbott	Community Advocate (Rural)
Mrs Jenny Dixon	Community Advocate (Older People)
Mr Martyn Emberson	Northamptonshire County Council Directorate, Fire & Rescue
Chief Supt. Paul Fell	Northamptonshire Police (for Safer Task Group)
Cllr Eileen Higgins	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Mr John Hughes	Northamptonshire Heartlands Primary Care Trust (PCT) (Chair – Healthier Task Group)
Mrs Lyn Martin-Bennison	Chief Executive – Borough Council of Wellingborough
Mrs Anne Toms	Community Advocate (Voluntary & Community Sector)
Mr Jonny Whitmore	Community Advocate (Youth)

In Attendance:-

Mr Joe Hubbard	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Ms Dipana Patel	Northamptonshire County Council
Ms Carole Stephenson	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Mr Terry Wright	Borough Council of Wellingborough

Apologies:-

Mr David Cross	Business Advocate (Smaller Business / Wellingborough Chamber/Town Centre Partnership) (Chair – Prosper Task Group)
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1. **WELCOMES/INTRODUCTIONS/APOLOGIES**

Mr H Fenton welcomed Ms R Abbott, who had been nominated by the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Forum to provide maternity cover for Mrs C Turner as the Community Advocate (Rural), and Chief Supt. Paul Fell, the new Police Area Commander.

Apologies for absence were noted as listed above.

2. **STEERING GROUP MEMBERSHIP**

It was noted that Peter Hook had now left Connexions through redundancy and Connexions had stated they were unable to support attendance on the Steering Group in the longer term due to their 10% reduction in government funding. Mr H Fenton advised that he would temporarily take over the Chair of the Children and Young People Theme Group until the Partnership restructuring was finalised.

Mr H Fenton advised that Rev D Hughes would not attend future meetings as he had just moved to Devon. It was hoped that a suitable replacement would be found to recommend to the Steering Group but an acceptable person had not yet been found. It was noted this was a short term measure because at the end of the year, appointments would transfer from this Steering Group to the VCS Forum.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2008 were agreed as an accurate record.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Mrs J Dixon advised that site inspections with the PCSOs had been held in the Pyghtle estate regarding litter and graffiti.

Ms D Patel confirmed that all of the Neighbourhood Renewal areas had improved and were becoming less deprived.

5. **WELLINGBOROUGH SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY/PLAN**

Mr H Fenton advised that the conference had been successful and generated lots of comments/suggestions, which were displayed on the sheets for the Group's perusal. It was noted there were currently 49 targets plus 3, if economic one were to be delivered Borough level as opposed to County level.

After discussion, It was agreed that the Partnership should take aim to take on about 35 outcomes / targets, which could be best delivered through partnership working at a Borough level.

Mr J Hubbard advised that it would make sense to align the Community plan targets with that of the County Community Plan and also take into account the LAA targets and those that were particularly relevant to Wellingborough.

Mr T Wright questioned whether there should be prioritisation of the outcomes to enable resource allocations to be made to achieving the priorities.

Mr D Patel advised that any outstanding commitments to the current Community Plan priorities should be transferred to the new Plan to maintain the continuity.

(Ms R Abbott left the meeting)

Ms C Stephenson suggested that the priority outcomes should be owned by the groups, whose member organisations were capable of making a difference.

Mr H Fenton made reference to the comments made at the Conference under each of the headlines in the Community Plan, including those which the Partnership were not presenting supporting, which he and Carole Stephenson had incorporated into the presentation document.

(Mr M Emberson joined the meeting)

Chief Supt Paul Fell suggested that the 49 plus targets could be assimilated to fit into each of the theme groups, thereby reducing the number of targets. Cross cutting targets needed to be addressed, e.g. growth agenda/alcohol abuse.

Mr J Hughes advised that the Substance Misuse Group assisted in preventing and changing lifestyles/habits.

It was suggested that the Steering Group should own the equalities target but another suggestion was that growth was the greatest issue and that the Steering Group should be its delivery group.

It was noted that the Development Group comprised of Mr H Fenton, Ms R Hadaway, Mr J Hubbard, Mr J Hughes, Supt R James, Ms D Patel, Ms C Stephenson, Mr J Wilson and Mr T Wright. Ms R Abbott had attended to provide the rural challenge. This group would be taking the output from the Conference, using the direction from this meeting, to make proposal on priorities to go out for public consultation, proposing the revised Partnership structure / organisation and preparing the new Sustainable Community strategy / Plan.

Mr H Fenton advised that the Development Group's proposals would be sent electronically for partners' approval during June and would go to the Borough Council Committee that month.

Mrs J Dixon suggested that consultation on the proposals be sent electronically via the voluntary sector database.

Mrs A Toms suggested that an explanatory note should accompany the consultation leaflet.

Area Commander P Fell suggested that the documentation be written in 'plain English' to enable all communities to understand the purpose of the Community Plan.

6 **PROGRESS ON REVISED LAA BOARDS, ETC & LINKAGES TO AREAS**

Mr H Fenton advised that, other than the formation of the Public Service Board to replace the Strategic Board, there had been little progress on the LAA Board restructuring or linkages to localities.

7. **WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP – FUTURE ORGANISATION**

Discussed under item 5.

8. **HIGHLIGHTS/ISSUES FROM CURRENT TASK AND THEME GROUPS**

Mr H Fenton confirmed that an update on the current task and theme groups had been made at the Partnership conference.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr H Fenton thanked Cllr E Higgins for her contributions to the Group and wished her well in the forthcoming Mayoral year.

Agenda items for next meeting

Approval of the new structure of Partnership

NHS / PCT Changes following the Darzy Report - John Hughes

Approval of the Youth Strategy

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 14 July 2008 @ 5.30pm to be held in the Committee Room,
Swanspool House, Wellingborough

The meeting finished at 6.35pm