



WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough

STEERING GROUP MEETING 14 July 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)
Mr David Cross	Business Advocate (Smaller Business / Wellingborough Chamber/Town Centre Partnership) (Chair – Prosper Task Group)
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)
Mr John Hughes	Northamptonshire Teaching Primary Care Trust (PCT) (Chair – Healthier Task Group)
Mrs Lyn Martin-Bennison	Chief Executive – Borough Council of Wellingborough
Mr Mike Prescod	Community Advocate (BME)
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
Mr Terry Wright	Borough Council of Wellingborough

Apologies:-

Councillor A Gonzales De Savage	Cabinet member, Northamptonshire County Council
Ms Carole Stephenson	Borough Council of Wellingborough

1. **WELCOMES/INTRODUCTIONS/APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were noted as listed above.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2008 were agreed as an accurate record, subject to the deletion the words 'low worst' at the end of item 4.

Mrs J Dixon requested clarification as to whether Ms C Stephenson was suggesting that the groups should be represented by community members to enable them to make a difference to the priority outcomes.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

Mr H Fenton advised that the Youth Strategy consultation was complete but it had not been update and, particularly, the action plan had not been expanded. This was to be done by the Partnership's Children & Young People (C&YP) Change Manager, a secondment funded by the C&YP Partnership Board, but she had ceased the secondment and had not yet been replaced. A replacement solution was being progressed.

4. **NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL SURVEY**

Ms D Patel presented a summary of the Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Survey 2008, which had been distributed to over 12,000 households in neighbourhood managed areas in the County in February 2008. A good response rate of 34% had been received in comparison with the survey carried out in 2007 (19%). The full County report could be emailed by the Chair, if requested. It was noted that Hemmingwell had been included in the survey this year in addition to Brickhill, Croyland, Swanspool and Queensway. The 2008 survey revealed that Wellingborough remained the area with the lowest ratings or levels of satisfaction for most of the questions raised in the survey.

It was expected that a detailed analysis of the Wellingborough data would have been available by now but Ms D Patel advised that it had been delayed due to software issues and was now expected at the end of July. Rather than wait for the next Steering Group meeting in October, Mr H Fenton advised that an extra session, to inform Steering Group members and others of the local detail, would be arranged soon after the information was available.

Mr H Fenton advised it was important to fully understand the relevance of the Wellingborough data, especially as it now included the Hemmingwell area, and to discuss how the Neighbourhood Renewal Theme Group could progress actions necessary to improve the quality of life and service provision in the neighbourhood management areas.

5. **THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE NHS – HIGH QUALITY CARE FOR ALL – THE DARZI REVIEW REPORT**

Mr J Hughes gave a presentation on the findings of the High Quality of Care for all NHS Next Stages Review Final report led by Lord Darzi, an NHS clinician, working in partnership with professional colleagues across the service. A full version of the report was available from the Chair, if requested.

It was noted an invitation had previously been circulated to the Steering Group members to engage in a 'Question Time' Debate Forum on 31 July 2008 at the Northampton Saints Ground together with a discussion document – Facing the Future - on the future plans for the Northamptonshire's health services. Mr J Hughes suggested that Steering Group members should attend this debate to enable their questions/views to be discussed and answered by the Debate Panel comprising leading local clinicians and NHS managers.

The outcomes from the Debate Forum would inform the development of proposals for change, which would then be shared with the public as part of a formal 12 week consultation period later on in 2008.

Mrs A Toms reported that the Daylight Centre had limited resources to deal with the number of people with alcohol problems visiting the Centre.

Mr J Hughes reported that Northampton & Kettering General Hospitals (NGH/KGH) had seen a 17% reduction in coronary heart disease as a result of the ban on smoking in public areas.

Mr M Emberson advised that more work had been done in Wellingborough than anywhere in the County via the 'Kick Smoking into Touch' and 'Smoke Free Homes' initiatives.

It was noted that both NGH/KGH would continue to be located at their present sites with full Accident & Emergency services.

Mrs A Toms referred to a community scheme known as LINKs (Local Involvement Networks), which was out for tender and which would provide networking opportunities to discuss how health and social care services should be delivered.

Mr M Prescod raised the issue of communication with the BME communities regarding consultations. Mr J Hughes advised that a new scheme would be introduced in October to tackle inequalities and the BME would become part of that scheme.

6. **COUNTERING TERRORISM**

Chief Superintendent Paul Fell referred to the Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy, known as 'Contest' which aimed to reduce the risk from international terrorism to enable people to go about their business freely and safely. Stakeholders from government departments, emergency services, voluntary organisations, business sector and partners across the world needed to be involved in developing and delivering the Counter Terrorism Strategy.

The Strategy was divided into four principal strands:-

Prevent – tackling the radicalisation of individuals which sustains the international terrorist threat;

Pursue – reduce the terrorist threat by disrupting terrorists and their operations;

Protect – strengthen infrastructure and offer protection to reduce the vulnerability to a terrorist attack;

Prepare – mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack.

It was noted that the Prevent strand of the Strategy was the most relevant for the Wellingborough Partnership. Partners needed to develop understanding, analyse information and improve strategic communication.

Chief Superintendent Paul Fell referred to the Prevent Strategy and Prevent Violent Extremism, copies of which would be made available to the Chair.

It was noted that from 2009, local authorities would be inspected by the Audit Commission on the preventative agenda.

Chief Superintendent Paul Fell advised that five Community Terrorism Forums had been set up in the north of the County, one for each of the Local Authority areas and one at the Basic Command Unit to encourage engagement with the Muslim community to counter terrorism.

Mr M Emberson advised that the Public Places – Pubs and Clubs document also focussed on the Protect strand of the Strategy.

Mr M Prescod reminded the meeting that Afro-Caribbeans could also be Muslims.

7, **WELLINGBOROUGH SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY/PLAN**

Mr H Fenton advised that the Community Plan priorities consultation leaflet had been distributed to all householders, via the Link, and businesses. It was noted the consultation ended on 30 September 2008 and feedback would be provided at the next Steering Group meeting in October.

8. WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP – FUTURE ORGANISATION

Mr H Fenton gave a presentation on the proposed revised organisation / structure of the partnership, the proposed function and outcome / target allocation to the groups and the composition of the Steering Group, Task & Theme groups, as proposed by the Development Group. A list of the priorities and targets, how they linked to the LAA targets and number to show the group to which they fitted was tabled at the meeting.

It was recommended and agreed that Equalities would be progressed through the Steering Group.

It was noted that the Better Task Group would have two focuses – Community and Environment. Mrs R Abbott expressed concern that the proposed renaming of the Environment Task Group to Better Task Group would make it difficult for the public to understand its meaning. Mrs A Toms said that she thought that the name related well to the “Better” stand of the Community Plan.

It was noted that the Safer Task Group was the Crime and Disorder Partnership and to be known as the Safer Task Group / CDRP. The Healthier Task Group would be known by that name.

It was noted that 4 current Task Groups would focus on delivery across the Borough while the Neighbourhood Task Group would focus on activities in specific parts of the Borough e.g. priority areas, rural, etc. and include the Community Cohesion remit.

The Children & Young People (C&YP) Theme Group was to remain as such and would act as an Area C&YP Board when they were set up, as anticipated.

The revised organisation, function and target allocation was agreed and that part of the presentation would be emailed to the group.

It was agreed that the Task and Theme groups would continue to be chaired by a member of the Steering Group or one of the regular support officers. An elected member of the Wellingborough Council would be offered a place on each of the Task / Theme groups. It was envisaged that the elected Members, linking to the Leadership team, would improve the understanding and involvement by the Council on the work of the Wellingborough Partnership.

Actions plans for achieving each of the outcomes / attainment of targets specific to the Task groups would need to be prepared, regularly reviewed and reported to the Steering Group. It was noted that the Theme group was intended to be mainly strategic and information exchanging.

The proposed composition of the Steering Group was discussed. It was proposed to fill the current vacancies by offering the leaning and skill place to the Chair of the Education Partnership, and make the environment place to one of development and offer it to the Chief Executive of North Northamptonshire Development Company. As sounding suggest that finding a Community Advocate for all Faiths was not currently possible and to fill an environment gap, it was proposed to change the vacant Community Advocate role from Faiths to Environment. It was noted that 3 community development focused representatives from different faiths were to be sought for the Neighbourhood Task Group.

It was also proposed to increase the Steering Group by 2 places – one for the Deputy Leader of the Borough Council of Wellingborough and one for Social Housing to be offered to the Chief Executive of Wellingborough Homes. It was also proposed to offer Observer status to the Principal of Tresham College. After discussion, it was agreed to offer a full place on the Steering Group to the Principal of Tresham College increasing the number on the Steering Group to 19.

Mrs J Dixon expressed a concern as to whether the general public would understand the meaning of 'Sustainability' and 'Community Cohesion'.

Mrs J Dixon referred to the Inter Faith East Midlands Conference taking place in Nottingham and the forthcoming Government guidance regarding interfaith at local and regional level.

Mrs J Dixon questioned Steering Group members as to their opinion on the role of the six voluntary & community sector advocates.

It was noted that the voluntary sector had a really important part to play in not just acting as advocates for the community but also in delivering and co-ordinating actions within the Borough.

Mr H Fenton said that the change in role of the Community Advocate would need to be agreed by the Voluntary & Community Sector Forum. This would be one of the roles to be filled by their selection procedure following the Forum meeting in October.

The revised composition of the Steering Group was agreed and the new members are to be invited to join. The new full listing is shown in the Appendix.

Suggested additions to the Task Group membership was discussed; Northamptonshire ACRE; Daylight Centre; Citizens Advice Bureau were examples of others for inclusion.

It was noted that, through the Task groups' action plans, work would be commissioning from various organisations, such as the Northamptonshire Healthcare – mental care with learning disabilities to deliver the outcomes/targets.

Mrs J Dixon suggested that the Carers Thematic Group may be able to provide an additional linkage from local to county level on the targets relevant to the preventative agenda. It was noted that the HCOP group provided that linkage and it was not desirable to set up another reporting mechanism.

Mr M Emberson advised that as part of the County Council re-structure, linkages to the LAA2 targets were created. It was noted that community safety was now within his remit.

Work on changing the revised group composition would proceed and a report on progress given at the next Steering Group meeting.

9. HIGHLIGHTS/ISSUES FROM CURRENT GROUPS

None that needed to be reported.

10. MEETING DATES IN 2009

The Steering Group agreed the following dates for its meetings in 2009, all Mondays at 5.30pm:-

19 January, 20 April, 13 July and 5 October 2009

The Wider Partnership meeting would be held on 8 June 2009. (time tbc)

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr M Emberson referred to Lord Pitt's report which outlined 92 recommendations regarding flooding nationally, which were far reaching from planning to response and information sharing.

Mrs J Dixon questioned whether there were any arrangements for the voluntary sector to have an event regarding the consultation on the Community Plan priorities. It was suggested that this be taken up by the Voluntary & Community Sector Forum.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 27 October 2008 @ 5.30pm to be held in the Committee Room, Swanspool House, Wellingborough

The meeting finished at 7.45pm

APPENDIX

**Wellingborough Partnership
Steering Group composition
(from October 2009, subject to acceptances of invitations)**

Borough Council of Wellingborough	
Leader	(Cllr John Bailey)
Deputy Leader	(Cllr Paul Bell)
Chief Executive	(Mrs Lyn Martin-Bennison)
Northamptonshire County Council	
Cabinet member	(Cllr André Gonzales De Savage)
Director	(Mr Martyn Emberson)
Northamptonshire Police	
North Northamptonshire BCU Commander	(Ch Supt Paul Fell)
Northamptonshire Teaching Primary Care Trust	
Deputy Director of Public Health	(Mr John Hughes)
North Northamptonshire Development Company	
Chief Executive	(Mr Simon Evans)
Tresham College	
Principal	(Mr Mark Silverman)
Wellingborough Education Partnership	
Chair	(Mr William Thallon)
Business	
Larger Business / Northamptonshire Chamber	(Mr Hugh Fenton)
Smaller Business / Wellingborough Chamber	(Mr David Cross)
Community Advocates	
BME	(Mr Mike Prescod)
Environment	yet to be selected
Older People	(Mrs Jenny Dixon)
Rural	(Ms Carolyn Turner – Ms Rachael Abbott providing maturity leave cover)
Voluntary Sector Forum	(Mrs Anne Toms)
Youth	(Mr Jonny Whitmore)
Social Housing	
Chief Executive, Wellingborough Homes	(Mr Dave Willis)