



# WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

*the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough*

## MINUTES

*DRAFT – subject to approval at next meeting*

<b>MEETING</b>	Children & Young People Theme Group
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	Monday 9 July 2007 at Swanspool
<b>PRESENT</b>	Peter Hook (Chair, Connexions), Hugh Fenton (LSP Chair), Vanessa Forbes (Hatton Extended Schools Partnership), Joe Hubbard (WBC), Gill Chapman (WBC), Jenny Platt (Connexions), Paula Orr (NCC, Children and Young People), Maureen Shram (BCW), Callum Heckstall-Smith (BCW), Peter Morrell (BCW), Adelle Phillips (Chair, Wellingborough Education Partnership), William Thallon (Vice Chair, Wellingborough Education Partnership, Wrenn), Janet Sanders (Home Start Wellingborough and District), Stephanie Canning (Wellingborough Health Partnership Officer)
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Maggie Marshall (Job Centre +), Steve Carpenter (NCC – EIP), Councillor Eileen Higgins, Edith Galliers (WBC), Janet Baker (Hatton Partnership), Anne Waterman (Sure Start)

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1.	The Chair welcomed those present and introductions were made.	
2.	<b>Minutes &amp; matters arising from 16 April 2007</b>  Approved as a true record. Both matters arising had been acted on.	
3.	<b>Consultation – an area framework for service delivery – paper from Commissioner for Children and Young People</b>  PH and HF are to meet with Kate Yates, County Commissioner for Children & Young People next week regarding proposals for an area framework. KY had presented a paper to the County CYP Board. She was now consulting locally on the proposals. PH invited the group to consider the proposals and provide feedback to take to the meeting with KY.  The suggestion to establish virtual teams to work at sub-borough level was considered. The number and basis for such areas was debated e.g. Safer Community Team areas.  It was recognised that the LSP CYP Group could perform a local commissioning function if that is what is required in future. PO reported on the recent Every Child Matters Workshop held at The Castle. The view from	

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	<p>that meeting was that it would be best to use an existing forum. It was recognised that the CYP group might need a revised membership if it were to take on a local commissioning function. Currently it serves as an information-sharing forum and all are welcome to attend.</p> <p>It was recognised that 1 group for commissioning/governance purposes would be sufficient for Wellingborough but that the virtual teams of professionals would need to work more locally in clusters. PH reported that the development of the Prevention Through Learning Teams (a multi-agency initiative from the Teenager Partnership) had been progressing slowly in part because of the lack of suitable premises for co-locating multi-agency teams with access to the necessary IT for record keeping etc. Virtual teams may therefore be a necessary starting place.</p> <p>KY had proposed appointment of a local coordinator – seconded from one of the services. It was felt that this should be someone local.</p> <p>It was noted that services provided for the 5 Every Child Matters outcomes need to include the universal as well as the targeted and specialist services. The discussion paper lists about 20 types of worker potentially in the ‘virtual team’.</p> <p>It was recommended that reducing the turnover of staff in different agencies would help and that a local directory of named professionals serving local areas would be helpful, e.g. practitioners working with people on Hemmingwell.</p> <p>GC reminded the group that Sure Start still had a need for a body for governance purposes. This group currently receives reports.</p> <p>AP &amp; WT highlighted the importance of rigour in the arrangements and the quality of the people providing services. It was agreed that in future this group needs to be proactive, not just a forum for information exchange.</p> <p>Links with the Education Improvement Partnership were discussed. The Partnership is now known as the Education Partnership. Its focus has yet to be agreed but is likely to be those issues of deep concern to all schools e.g. attendance, inclusion. They are aiming to appoint a Coordinator next week.</p> <p>The Chair summarised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it would be good to have a single body for ECM. The LSP CYP Theme Group would be able to fulfil the role, subject to clarification of remit and review of membership.</li> <li>- Putting together the virtual teams is a second key aspect that is better taken forward locally with the support of the agencies concerned.</li> <li>- If an officer is appointed to help develop arrangement it would be better if they are local</li> </ul> <p>PH/HF will take forward these views to the meeting with KY next week.</p>	<p>PH/HF</p>

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4.	<p><b>Every Child Matters Workshop 25 June – Paula Orr</b></p> <p>Paula gave feedback on the recent event. It is clearly a massive issue and tangible things need to be in place. On a positive note services in Wellingborough are together on CAF rollout, now in October.</p> <p>2 schools have agreed to look at piloting – Weavers and Warwick Schools. Pilot will help with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- issues and how might they be tackled differently</li> <li>- services people find helpful</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p>Locally staff are unclear on how it will all look. Richard Ward had been unable to attend. It was recognised that CAF developments need to tie in with ECM/virtual team developments as discussed earlier. CAF was perceived as a referral form process but in fact the training helps people understand it is much more.</p> <p>PO had agreed to facilitate locally but progress was dependent on resources being available.</p> <p>PH commented on developments in Corby. Staff had been trained but momentum had been lost as they hadn't put it into action in any significant quantity. AP mentioned that Corby &amp; Northampton had both benefited from significant development funding. It was suggested that Richard Ward should be invited to a future meeting of this group.</p>	PH
5.	<p><b>Education Partnership Update – William Thallon</b></p> <p>The Board is developing a constitution. Next Monday is the Steering Group.</p> <p>They aim to appoint the Coordinator in September. This is a critical role, and several people are interested. The role is NCC funded in the first year, thereafter self-sustaining. First priority may be Inclusion. All but two Heads have got together round the table – real progress.</p> <p>The DfES are likely to put cash in if it hits the things they are interested in.</p> <p>The Coordinator will need to find money. Schools may have to pay a levy.</p> <p>PH offered feedback on school leavers from Connexions, if schools agree information can be shared. WT stated that feedback on success stories (not just NEET) would be useful as well.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Sure Start Report (Anne Waterman)</b></p> <p>Primarily for information. Concerns regarding reduction/reallocation of resource. PH – Michael Robinson to be included on circulation list and to be sent the report. SC to circulate the report to colleagues at the PCT.</p>	PH SC

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7.	<p><b>Round Table Information Exchange</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HF – DfES Integrated Youth Offer. There are 2 DfES funded consultants working on IYO with an initial focus on the Eastern Districts of Northampton and Wellingborough. This is a short term piece of work (3 months).</li> <li>• SC – Healthy Eating Programme: 16 schools involved with Year 6 the target group – focus on no smoking.</li> <li>• JS – Home Start AGM next Monday. Invitation to attend.</li> <li>• VF – Breakfast &amp; After School places targets hit. Chill Out Club has funding. ‘New arrivals’ event. Adult Learning programmes.</li> <li>• Connexions – NEET Group currently 157 before counting in this year’s school leavers. Very dependent on 07 cohort going into their ‘intended destination’ in education. Only 19 vacancies currently.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Future meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 October 2007, 3.00 pm, Swanspool. }</li> <li>• 7 January 2008, 3.00 pm, Swanspool. }</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Two weeks before LSP Meetings.</p>	