



WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough

Neighbourhood Renewal Theme Group Meeting

18th March 2008 – Hemmingwell House

Draft – subject to confirmation at the next meeting

Present:

Carole Stephenson (CS)	Borough Council of Wellingborough (in the Chair)
Gill Chapman (GC)	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Cllr Alan Bailey (AB)	Borough Council of Wellingborough (Chair of the Community Committee and Council Lead for Community Cohesion)
William Thallon (WT)	Prosper Task Group
Maria Thomas (MT)	Borough Council of Wellingborough
Funke Adedeji (FA)	Healthier Task Group
Chris Hill (CH)	Northamptonshire County Council

1. Apologies:

Insp. Ali Reynolds (AR)	Northamptonshire Police
Hugh Fenton (HF)	Better Task Group and Voluntary Sector Forum
Dipana Patel (DP)	Northamptonshire County Council – Neighbourhood and Rural Renewal Unit

2. Matters arising (not on agenda):

Wellingborough Education Partnership – The draft Action Plan has been produced and is currently being consulted upon with schools. They are also collecting examples of good practice.

Transition at all stages is being looked at to make sure that the right communication mechanisms are in place to ensure that transition between schools does not hinder pupil progress.

3. Neighbourhoods update

Hemmingwell

- A bid has gone to NEL for a first stage application for the Skills centre

- A paper is going to BCW Committee on the 18th March advising that the current running costs (approx. £11k) are retained to support the initial handover. It is also advising that £90k capital is allocated for refurbishment, as match funding for the possible NEL funding. This is based on an earlier assessment which identified the sum needed to bring the centre up to an acceptable standard.
- The new path to the exterior of The Well and the steps leading to the shop are currently being renovated
- The Smart Watering will be completed next week.

Queensway

- The Empowering Cllrs Fund is being used to install CCTV at Olympic Way shops and to support the four Infant and Junior schools in the area with extra activities including greater cultural awareness.
- Sure Start and the four Infant and Junior Schools have set up an extended schools partnership for the Queensway area. **Action : Chris to suggest that Wrenn School are invited to participate**

Croyland

- The section 106 monies projects are progressing well. Warwick School Education Bungalow is complete, and arrangements are being made to occupy it. Both Church Halls are well underway with their improvements and The Kingsway Centre has made the decision to pursue refurbishment of the existing building whilst still seeking funding for the extension.
- The motorcycle inhibitors are currently being installed at key locations on Croyland Park. This has been championed by the Borough Councillors who have worked with Swanspool Councillors and used their Ward Support monies to enable this to happen.
- The Co-Op has worked with the Partnership and made a real impact on clearing up the environment around their shop. This has included removal of a significant number of sharps, a commitment to train staff for their removal in the future, clearing rubbish, improving lighting, installing CCTV, and new litter bin and committing an extra half hour of staff time daily to keep the site clean. This has made a real impact on Windmill Close alleyway.

Swanspool

- Cllr Ainge and Cllr Bell have met with Maria and Carole to discuss the way forward for Swanspool. There has been a ward walk about and the Councillors are very supportive of the partnership approach. Much of the work has centred on strong partnership work with the SCT's and using the Community Panels for partnership working. The priorities for the area will reflect both the combined findings of Councillor engagement and SCT doorknocking. Swanspool needs a different approach to the other areas.

Overarching Projects

- There have been significant additional resources from public health improvement recently. The PCT have employed a number of Health Improvement Co-ordinators who have themed responsibilities. **Action: Funke to forward the latest structure chart.**
Age Concern has been commissioned to manage project, Building Capacity for Health. This is directly targeted at NR areas and whilst the resource is shared across the north it is having an impact in local areas.

Borough Council of Wellingborough now have a dedicated officer for health who has a lot of experience in promoting smoking cessation and other health issues. There has been a successful County bid for funding through Corby Council and Wellingborough have a share of that.

4. Performance Management

A presentation which had been adapted to fit Wellingborough was handed out to the Theme Group. (please see the attached). The presentation details the headline domains and indicators which are collected through the Safer and Stronger stats, the IMD and the NR satisfaction survey but additionally suggests how we might capture some of the vital signs of community change alongside the concrete performance data. There is a proforma which can be used for up to 10 key projects to measure impact. An example was shared with members of the Theme Group and **Chris will distribute the 8 projects put forward for Wellingborough for the Group to comment upon by mid April.** William commented that he was concerned that we collected genuine NEET data and suggested that we used an average figure taken over 12 months. The data will be presented to the CDRP and NR Theme Group. An analyst is being recruited at the County Council to collate this data. It was noted that this should coincide with the CDRP plan.