



WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough

Neighbourhood Renewal Theme Group Meeting

24th July 2007 – Hemmingwell House

Draft – subject to confirmation at the next meeting

- Present:** Gill Chapman – Wellingborough Council
Dipana Patel - Neighbourhood and Rural Renewal Unit – NCC
Insp. Ali Reynolds – Northamptonshire Police
Funke Adedeji – Healthier Task Group
Hugh Fenton – Better Task Group and Voluntary Sector Forum
Cllr Alan Bailey – Chair of the Community Committee and Council Lead for Community Cohesion
Maria Thomas – Wellingborough Council
Chris Hill – Northants County Council
David Willis – Chief Executive – Wellingborough Homes
Gavin Chapman – Research, evaluation and Monitoring Officer – NCC
- Apologies:** Carole Stephenson – Wellingborough Council
William Thallon – Prosper Task Group

2. Matters Arising not on the Agenda

DP has spoken with Debbie Moore and is scheduled to meet her.

DP has been involved in the tendering process regarding Health Equalities linked to the LAA. This is about initiatives to address health issues in Neighbourhood Renewal areas. DP has a meeting with the Health Improvement team and will bring some information to the September meeting.

HF wanted the group to note that the County Council have disengaged with the Better Task Group. This is being addressed.

The Voluntary Sector Forum was very well attended

The County Council have appointed Katherine Kershaw as the new Chief Executive and Paul Burnett as Director for Children and Young People. Mark Charters, Director for Community Services is leaving.

Tony Ainley, Head of Amenity Services is leaving the Borough Council of Wellingborough.

3. Local Area Agreement; Safer Stronger Communities updates:

Neighbourhood Renewal Mori/Ipsos Survey

Please see attached presentation and the notes used for the presentation.

Neighbourhood Renewal Performance Indicators (Dipana Patel)

The original Neighbourhood Renewal strategy had 12 National Floor Targets. Through the LAA we have developed more relevant Performance Indicators that can be measured locally and will be owned by partners, which will be applied across all NR areas. Twelve indicators have been approved and we are in the process of getting measurements against these approved in the next couple of months.

These targets will drive the Wellingborough Action Plan. Once the measurements have been agreed an additional Theme Group meeting will be organised in September to determine their impact for Wellingborough. At the same stage we will look at the Crime and Disorder templates with a view to using them for the Neighbourhood Action Plans.

Neighbourhood Renewal Business Planning

DP will be reporting progress to the SSCB every 3 months.
CS will report on the Safer side.

4. Neighbourhoods Update

Hemmingwell

- The meeting with Simon Trundle had to be cancelled but will be re scheduled.
- The Action Plan was shared with Hemmingwell Action Group and concern was expressed over the lack of targets against education and health. The next meeting will address education.
- The newsletter will be going out shortly.
- Domestic Violence has been highlighted as an issue and we will soon be doing some promotional signposting related to this.
- There has been a lot of work around litter. Wardens have been door knocking, particularly looking at safety of bins, and there have been more frequent litter picks

Queensway

- There is work with Hardwick Junior School to mainstream the counselling project.
- The youth holiday club run by a community volunteer is proving very popular and they have a joint day with Alliance For Black Children this week based at Weavers School.
- Weavers Secondary School is also integrating the counsellor service in their school.

Croyland

- Methodist Church secured £185,700 from Joseph Rank Trust for a Youth Café in the town centre. They are also putting in a bid for the County Council money for youth programme. They are in the process of recruiting a youth worker which they are funding. Once the town centre café is up and running it is planned that youth work will also happen on Croyland.
- Croyland Community Association are developing a community garden and have submitted this for an Improve Your Patch Award.

- The Safer Community Team are exploring the possibility of a neighbourhood base at the old surgery at Berry Moor road shops.
- The newsletter is currently being printed.
- Highways NR monies is being used to replace lighting on Kingsway and the alleyway next to the Co Op.

Swanspool

- There has been one Partnership meeting.
- The recent substance abuse presentation from Robin Burgess showed an issue with drugs for Swanspool and Castle (see attached).
- Swanspool is also a pressure point for the police as the town centre is a high crime area so they have less time for community engagement. More resources are needed

Overarching Neighbourhood Renewal

- McAlpine will be doing a house survey with tenants around asbestos.
- Community safety funding is being sought for two projects with schools. A Young Detectives Scheme led by Safer Communities Teams with Primary School age children and a Motor Vehicle Road User Scheme with Secondary Schools, age 14-16 years who are not engaging in school.
- There has been a meeting with the Neighbourhood Learning Co-ordinator to plan learning hubs in Neighbourhood Renewal areas.

5. Any other business

- The integrated youth offer means we are in a position to start influencing.
- The governance for children and young people is moving to a local level.
- The Drug Action Team presentation to Wellingborough Partnership highlighted drug related issues for Wellingborough Neighbourhood Renewal areas as well as Castle. This may mean that we need to review Castle as a future focus. The presentation will form part of the Health focus for the next NR Theme Group meeting.
- We need to be progressing community representation.