

LSP Board
26 January 2006
Retford Town Hall
1.00 pm – 4.00 pm
MINUTES

Present:

Vice-Chair:	Michael Newstead, Director of the BCVS
Jill Davies	Representing Richard Johnson, Nottinghamshire Police (attended for part of the meeting)
Richard Edwards	Neighbourhood Pathfinder Manager
Phil Fone	Chief Executive, North Nottinghamshire College
David Hunter	Acting Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council
Keith Jones	Group Manager, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
Liz Jefferies	National Association of Local Councils
Liz Lesquereux	Head of Communities and Partnerships, Nottinghamshire County Council representing Nigel Hamshere
Paul Learoyd	Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
Greg Morrall	Neighbourhood Management, Government Office for the East Midlands
Louise Newcombe	Chief Executive, Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust
Rachel Quinn	Deputy Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council
Sharon Stoltz	Assistant Director of Public Health, Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust
Mick Storey	Chair of Education, Nottinghamshire County Council
Fran Walker	Consultant, North Nottinghamshire College
Gillian Blenkinsop	Bassetlaw District Council
Jo Wilson	Bassetlaw District Council

Visiting Speakers

Sarah Chapman	Dig for Fire
Laura Derry	Dig for Fire
Helen Greenwood	Acting Principal Transport Planner, Nottinghamshire County Council
Kate Revell	Team Manager, Public Transport Strategy Team, Nottinghamshire County Council

Apologies:

Chair:	Michael Quigley, Chair of the Local Strategic Partnership
John Berridge	Chair of the Nottinghamshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team
Julie Bowling	Human Resources Manager, B&Q/Exel
Nigel Clifton	Chief Executive, Doncaster and Bassetlaw NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust
Pauline Elliott	Chair of Social and Community Development Sub-Group, Bassetlaw District Council

Lianne Evans	Chair of the Environment Sub-Group (Bio-Diversity Action Group)
Nigel Hamshere	Assistant Director of Regeneration, Nottinghamshire County Council
Jim Hanrahan	Alliance SSP
Richard Johnson	Chief Superintendent, Nottinghamshire Police B Division
Mary Mitchell	Hospitals Manager, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Roger Ranson	Acting Chair of the Economic Development Sub-Group
Tom Stockwell	North Nottinghamshire Job Centre Plus

158. Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 October 2006 and matters arising

Minutes agreed as a true record.

On minute 151 – Greg Morrall had suggested contacting the Government News Network not Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle.

Matters Arising

Fran Walker confirmed that plans were going well for Skills 2006. She would need the help of all Board Members and all sub-groups of the LSP.

The finale for the month of June is a gala dinner, concert and awards ceremony which will be hosted by Clumber Park. Fran asked that organisations wishing to be involved could sponsor a table for 10 people at a cost of £350.

Anyone interested should contact Fran Walker (fwalker@nnc.ac.uk).

Gillian Blenkinsop had followed up the issue of publicity at Doncaster Sheffield Robin Hood Airport. She had costings for advertising. The airport were however, looking to set up a Tourist Information desk and material from the District would be displayed at this point.

159. Putting the Pride Back Campaign Update – Presentation from Dig for Fire

Dig for Fire presented plans for the Pride campaign. All of the elements of the campaign were at a planning stage and included proposed timings, key deliverables and tactics apart from the Volunteering element which was to be launched on Valentine's Day.

A copy of the presentation is attached at Appendix 1.

Comments/Questions

Councillor Storey expressed concern that the County had not been actively involved in the campaign as did Liz Lesquerex.

It was confirmed that the campaign was at the planning stage except the volunteering element. All Board members support would be needed for the campaign to be a success and there was every opportunity to be actively involved.

Sharon Stoltz and Louise Newcombe commended the campaign and thought that it offered a number of innovative elements.

Paul Learoyd said that large pieces of public art were not always sympathetic to their context of the natural and built environment.

He also made the Board aware of a flagship project which the County is leading on. The project will see the existing Sherwood visitor centre moved and replaced by a Cultural Heritage/Information Hub. This is the subject of a massive bid of in the region of £25 m. Steve Calvert is leading on this from the County side who can be contacted at steve.calvert@nottscc.gov.uk.

160. Patient Led NHS Consultation – Presentation by Louise Newcombe Report

A copy of Louise Newcombe's presentation is attached at Appendix 2.

Louise explained that a national consultation was taking place on the future shape and numbers of primary care trusts and strategic health authorities. The consultation was running from 14 December to 22 March 2006. The stated aim of these proposals is to strengthen the commissioning of health services, to improve the ability of SHAs and PCTs to design, plan and develop better services for patients, to work more closely with local government and to support good general practice.

A public consultation event on the future of the Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust was to be held on 17 February 2006 at Retford Town Hall.

Michael Newstead encouraged partners to support the Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust. It was agreed that the LSP would respond in favour of an Independent PCT for Bassetlaw as the first option. Failing that the option linking the Bassetlaw PCT with Doncaster was the best of the 3 options on offer

Louise advised the Board that the Bassetlaw PCT would provide value for money and would meet the efficiencies expected from larger organisations.

161. Local Area Agreements - an update

Sharon Stoltz presented the paper that had been produced in conjunction with Bassetlaw District Council outlining the progress in developing the LAA as at the time of sending out the Board agenda papers.

It included the key outcomes, priorities, plans for the performance management of the LAA, a draft legal agreement that would underpin the delivery of the LAA and confirmed the targets that would be stretched in return for a pump priming grant and reward grant.

Sharon explained that the agenda was moving very quickly for example the LAA although in its third draft at the time of the agenda going to print was now in its fourth draft. Further work would continue within the 4 partnership blocks and within the LAA Management Group to ensure that deadlines for the submission of the LAA were met.

Fran Walker said that it was important not to ignore the skills agenda – it was a common thread going through all the blocks of the LAA.

Paul Learoyd was disappointed that a number of the stretch targets under the sustainable part of the Safer and Stronger block had been dropped e.g. the one in relation to nature reserves.

Louise Newcombe said that organisations should be aware of the financial provision that would need to be made to achieve the stretch targets. She argued that they would not be achieved without the commitment of an organisation's own mainstream funding.

Liz Lesquerex expressed frustration that GOEM had been very prescriptive about the content and style of the LAA.

The important role of the LSP in delivering the LAA featured within the report along with the need for the LSP to contribute to the production and performance management of a local delivery plan.

162. Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder Update

Richard presented a progress report on the Neighbourhood Pathfinder initiative in Manton. A copy of his presentation is attached at Appendix 3.

The presentation fed back the results from two recent evaluations which were positive.

The main dilemma for Richard and the team in Manton is the pressure for short-term quick wins v longer term change. The cornerstone of the approach is the view that service users are not passive consumers of services but they can help shape and influence service delivery.

Some of the successes to date are listed in the attached presentation.

Greg Morrall from GOEM confirmed that it had made a good start and signs were positive for the future.

163. Representation of the Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder on the LSP Board

Richard Edwards left the room for this item. Michael Newstead asked if the Board had any objections to the Neighbourhood Pathfinder Manager being a member of the Board.

It was unanimously agreed that the Neighbourhood Pathfinder Manager should be a member of the Board.

164. Local Transport Plan

Helen advised the Board of the contents of the draft Local Transport Plan. The draft 5 year plan was the second Local Transport Plan to be produced for Nottinghamshire and had been the subject of widescale consultation.

Helen highlighted the priorities within the strategy (see Appendix 4) and also detailed some major planned schemes. e.g. the refurbishment of Retford Bus Station.

Board members were invited to comment on the priorities in the draft plan or if they had specific scheme ideas they could be fed in to Gillian Blenkinsop or direct to Helen at Helen.green@nottscc.gov.uk or gillian.blenkinsop@bassetlaw.gov.uk

165. Accessibility Planning

Kate Revell, the Acting Team Manager, Public Transport Strategy Team attended the meeting instead of Jenny Bentley, the Principal Accessibility Partnerships Officer. Kate explained the policy background to accessibility planning which was based on tackling social exclusion.

Kate explained that accessibility was about much more than planning isolated routes to an activity, place of work etc. It was about the accessibility and location of services and how transport inter-connects in a seamless way for the benefit of the users.

Bassetlaw had already produced an issues paper on the transport and accessibility issues for the District which had been produced by a task group of the LSP. County had found this very useful.

The Accessibility Plan focuses on 5 key areas Access to education and training, Access to Employment, Access to food and essential services, Access to health facilities, Improving access across all themes for older and disabled people. None of these issues differed widely from those identified by the Bassetlaw task group.

Kate highlighted that a consultation event was planned for 10 February which many organisations in Bassetlaw would be invited to. A draft accessibility strategy should be available by then.

167. Items for Information

These items were noted.

168. Date and time of next meeting

27 April 2006 in the Gray Room, Fluid Power Centre.