

**LSP Board**  
**1 February 2007**  
**The Crossing, Worksop**  
**9.00 am – 4.00 pm**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:**

<b>Chair:</b>	Michael Quigley, Leader, Bassetlaw District Council
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Michael Newstead, Director, BCVS
Penny Altham	Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council
Fiona Clark	Group Environment Manager, Groundwork Cresswell Group
Bernard Coleman	Managing Director of A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd
John Connolly	Deputy Chief Executive, North Nottinghamshire College
Pauline Elliott	Chair of Social and Community Development Sub-Group, Bassetlaw District Council
Nick Finlay	Partnerships Superintendent, Nottinghamshire Police
Phil Fone	Chief Executive, North Nottinghamshire College
Liz Jefferies	National Association of Local Councils
Paul Learoyd	Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
Glen Mears	Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (representing Andy Pearson, Group Manager)
Mary Mitchell	Hospitals Manager, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Louise Newcombe	Chief Executive, Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust
Mick Storey	Deputy Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council
Bob Wallace	Strategic Partnership Services, Nottinghamshire County Council (County LSP Co-ordinator for the Bassetlaw area)
Fran Walker	Consultant, North Nottinghamshire College
Steve Walker	Deputy Head, Valley Comprehensive School
Mark Williams	Nottinghamshire County Council
Gillian Blenkinsop	Bassetlaw District Council
Jo Wilson	Bassetlaw District Council
<b>Guest Speakers:</b>	Eve Dewsnap, Nottinghamshire County Council Richard Money, Nottinghamshire County Council

**Apologies:**

John Berridge	Chair of the Nottinghamshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team
Steve Calvert	Assistant Director of Environment and Strategy, Nottinghamshire County Council
Nigel Clifton	Chief Executive, Doncaster and Bassetlaw NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust
David Colebeck	Chief Superintendent, Nottinghamshire Police
Richard Edwards	Neighbourhood Pathfinder Manager, Manton Community Alliance
David Hunter	Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council
Bernard Coleman	Managing Director of A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd
Andy Pearson	Group Manager, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
Tom Stockwell	North Nottinghamshire Job Centre Plus

Sharon Stoltz Deputy Director of Public Health, Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust  
Lynn Tupling Manager, Retford Action Centre and Chair of the Environment Sub-Group

**196. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

A point of clarification was made by Mike Quigley on minute 193. Members of the Board agreed that they supported a comprehensive feasibility study being done for Site C and could not make a judgement regarding viability until then.

There was a discussion regarding potential support for the Project Manager post. This has been checked with the project and they have confirmed that the costs of the Project Manager are currently covered.

Louise Newcombe said that the Board would need to decide if it would publicly support the schemes and that we may be asked to be more involved in the future.

Pauline Elliott said that the completion of the Business Plans – to support Site C would be a catalyst for further action.

The Health event that the Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust and the Manton Community Alliance had run was felt to have been a great success.

**197. Evidence base to support our priority areas**

Richard Money took members of the Board through a wide range of data which supported the issues that the Board have chosen to prioritise.

This presentation has already been circulated on CD for members information/action.

**198. Presentation on the 3 priority areas**

Presentations were received from Louise Newcombe, on Alcohol Misuse, Well-being and Success of Children and Young People from Fran Walker, and from Phil Fone on Skills and Worklessness.

Copies of the presentations are attached.

Work will continue to refine the action needed to address these priority areas and progress will be reported to the next Board meeting.

**Comments**

Alcohol

The Police welcomed the proposal to tackle the issue of Alcohol misuse.

Louise confirmed through her presentation that there was action that could be taken locally to address the issue of alcohol misuse that would complement the work that the DAAT will be leading on through a county-wide Alcohol Board.

The issues that were suggested as priorities for local action were: -

- Tier 2 treatment
- Influencing activity of Police on enforcement
- BDC Licensing policy
- Support for A&E
- Support for prisoners and people on community service with alcohol problems

### Well-being of Children and Young People

Low level aspirations, engagement with parents and the delivery of life skills training as a one-stop approach were identified as issues that could be supported by the BLSP.

The group are proposing to go forward with a pilot project suggested by the Valley Comprehensive School in the autumn 2007. The pilot road-show would promote the many opportunities available to young people.

The main target audience would be Year 9s but would have sessions for year 10-11, parents/carers and the wider community at different times of the day.

This theme is linked closely to the other BLSP priority area of Skills and Worklessness.

The group also plan to work with Children's Centres and Extended schools to address parental involvement and valuing the education process at pre Year 9.

### Comments

Louise Newcombe asked if any work had been done to survey young people on their aspirations to provide a baseline for this group?

No-one was aware of any specific surveys in this area.

Pauline Elliott expressed surprise at the levels of aspiration in the area. In her experience in Scotland there were similar levels of deprivation to Bassetlaw but this fuelled a desire to improve and progress a career.

### Skills and Worklessness

Phil started his presentation by saying that we have made good progress in this area and that we are now working on some of the most challenging issues of developing skills and reducing worklessness. He did not want us to forget the progress that had been made.

The group would follow a 4 stage approach: -

- 1) Identify the client groups/cohorts that local organisations currently prioritise
- 2) Identify the provision offered by local organisations and to which client groups/cohorts

- 3) Map the information gathered at (1) and (2) and identify any gaps in provision – geographic or client group i.e. hidden unemployment: carers; those choosing not to work/having no need to work, but with necessary skills
- 4) Work with providers to fill the gaps

#### Comments

The issue of our geography was raised which makes it more challenging to influence the agendas for the City Regions.

Pauline Elliott attends the Sheffield City Region meetings on behalf of the Council and Councillor Quigley has also attended.

Pauline offered to feedback to the Board at future meetings on what is being discussed at this forum and how Bassetlaw can benefit.

### **199. Feedback from Eve Dewsnap on the Nottinghamshire Local Area**

Eve had attended the Panel to update members of the Board on the progress of the LAA.

Eve reported that a 6 monthly review of progress had been submitted to Government Office East Midlands. The Partnership had been ranked as Amber for both overall progress and for its direction of travel. Green is the highest ranking and Red the lowest.

The reason for the rating is as follows: - (Extract from the GOEM report is detailed below)

#### Overall progress

Amber

There are significant gaps in the outcomes, indicators, targets and trajectories or data relating to a minority of mandatory outcomes and other outcomes of key importance to the local partnership and it remains unclear how and by when one or more of these gaps will be filled or removed.

There are significant risks to the achievement of a minority of the mandatory outcomes and other outcomes of key importance to the local partnership and it remains unclear how one or more of these are being or will be addressed. For example, the crime outcome for the Home office PSA1 is highly unlikely to be met as several of the key volume crime indicators – violent crime, criminal damage, theft from motor vehicle – are increasing.

Overall governance has yet to be fully embedded. The Strategic Board has only recently been formed and has had limited impact. Consequently there are concerns about escalation routes for issues unresolved at a lower level i.e. failure to get data for baselines from partners.

## Direction of Travel

Amber

The LAA Management Board is addressing key weaknesses identified at the sign off but many of them still remain. The majority of concern is around the high numbers of targets and baselines still not established and the numbers of targets proposed to be refreshed.

There is also a concern that progress against developing some of the indicators and targets has been difficult and has not progressed at all since sign off, particularly in the Safer Stronger Communities block where partners need to provide data.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SINCE THIS RATING QUITE A NUMBER OF BASELINES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED E.G. THE COMPLETION OF CUSTOMER SATISFACTION FIGURES TAKEN FROM A NATIONAL SURVEY REPORTED IN JANUARY 2007.

## Annual Refresh

Eve had submitted refreshed action plans for the 4 LAA blocks to GOEM on 19 January 2007. She was waiting for feedback on these and would then be re-publishing the LAA. Part of this exercise was to address an additional 27 mandatory indicators that had to be included in the LAA.

Strong objections had been expressed regarding this because centrally imposed targets went against the spirit of a "local" agreement.

## Delivery Planning

All LAA blocks were working on completing delivery plans at the earliest possible date (anticipated end March 07).

## Partnership Assessment

There will be a review of the partnership arrangements in April/May 2007 and October 2007. This is not a formal GOEM assessment.

## Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership

Eve said that she saw Bassetlaw as adopting a best practice approach. We were the only LSP that had taken LAA issues and prioritised them at Board level for action.

Eve said that she already worked closely with Bassetlaw but would appreciate an opportunity to work with us further and to use this model to influence others in the County.

We were very pleased to do this.

**200. Other Business**

It was noted that on the 28<sup>th</sup> March a meeting was being held to discuss the establishment of a Transport & Accessibility Group for the BLSP. This has come about as a result of the issue being raised by a number of partners, and it was agreed there was a need to further co-ordinate current projects and previous work i.e. LTP Consultation, and the previous Board group that looked at 'Access'. The Environment Sub-Group proposed to take the lead and initiate the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> and further information would be sent out to those partners who had a direct link to previous and current projects. This did not however preclude other LSP partners from getting involved if they could see a link back to the work of their organisation. The meeting is being held between 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm at Retford Town Hall.

For further details please contact either Lynn Tupling at [manager@retfordactioncentre.org.uk](mailto:manager@retfordactioncentre.org.uk) or Jo Wilson at [Joanne.Wilson@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:Joanne.Wilson@bassetlaw.gov.uk).

An update on the future of the Wheels to Work scheme was mentioned by the Leader – a copy of a letter and poster area are attached for members information.

**201. Date and time of next meeting**

27 April 2007 – 9.30 am – 12.30 at the Fluid Power Centre, Carlton Road, Worksop