

Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership Board
14th May 2010
Venue: CORE, Manor Business Park, East Drayton
9.30 am – 12.30 pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Chair:	Councillor Michael Quigley, Leader of Bassetlaw District Council
Vice-Chair:	Lynn Tupling, Manager, Retford Action Centre
Gillian Blenkinsop	Deputy Head of Community Engagement and Performance, Bassetlaw District Council
Bernard Coleman	Director, A1 Housing
Bryn Coleman	Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
John Connolly	Principal, North Notts College
Gerald Connor	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Cara Crossland	Bassetlaw District Council (minutes)
Felicity Cox	Chief Executive, Bassetlaw NHS
Richard Edwards	Pathfinder Manager, Manton Community Alliance
John Everitt	Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
Claire Frost	Housing Strategy and renewal Manager, BDC
Cheryl George	Health Improvement Principal, Bassetlaw PCT
Mandy Green	Bassetlaw Women's Aid
Liz Jefferies	NALC
Mary Mitchell	Hospitals Manager, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Trust
Richard Money	Consultant (preparation of the Bassetlaw evidence base)
Geraldine Pearce	Director of Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service
Michael Stenson	Drug Co-ordinator, Job Centre Plus
Phil Sibson	Managing Director, Aquila Business Products Ltd
Fran Walker	Consultant, North Nottinghamshire College and Chair of the Learning and Skills Sub-Group
Derek Wilkinson	Retford and Worksop Churches Partnership
Joanne Wilson	Policy and Scrutiny Co-ordinator, Bassetlaw District Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

Apologies for absence were received from:

David Hunter	Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council
Nigel Clifton	Chief Executive, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Trust
Sally Penn	Senior Children's Centres Co-ordinator, North Nottinghamshire College

David Pearson	Strategic Director of Adult Social Care and Health, Nottinghamshire County Council
Keith Poyser	Bassetlaw Area Strategy Group
Graham Sheppard	Senior Relations Manager, Job Centre Plus
Karen Tarbuton	Rural Officer, Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire and Chair of Social and Community Development Sub-Group.
Dave Wakelin	Chief Superintendent, Nottinghamshire Police B Division

At this point item 3 was taken to accommodate the presenters additional meeting commitments.

2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND MATTERS ARISING

Board minutes 08.02.10:

Item 3

- Supervisors will be interviewed this week and will hopefully start in June.
- The Review Panel will meet early October

Item 6

- PS noted that there are currently around 700 people involved in the Backing Bassetlaw Scheme.
- BC noted that information about the scheme goes into every new tenant pack.
- PS noted that he will follow up the idea of having a Future Jobs Fund post to promote the scheme.

Item 8

- GC noted that approximated amount of funding was £41,700 not £74,000

Executive minutes 08.04.10:

MQ noted that the Executive Group were unable to look at the applications for funding in the last meeting because of the elections and that they will look at in the next meeting on 3rd June.

3. "SINGLE CONVERSATION" – PRESENTATION

CF presented a powerpoint presentation to members.

The aim of Single Conversation is to enable partners to reach a shared position on the area's ambitions and objectives for housing, growth, regeneration and renewal by:

- Bridge local ambitions and national targets
- Achieve locals ambitions through a shared investment plan
- Agree local delivery
- Achieve positive outcomes for people and place.

Single Conversation will do this by addressing housing; infrastructure; regeneration and community activities.

Single Conversation is Local Authority led with a shared vision, objectives and mutually agreed priorities based on local ambitions and collaborate working with public, private and third sector organisations.

KF noted that a local investment plan will be developed, the deadline for the first draft will be June 2010 and June 2011 for the final version.

All possible developments will be scored and ranked within the investment plan, resources will then be mapped to the possible developments.

The key challenges will be:

- Resourcing the process
- Ensuring robust process for ranking priorities across the HMA
- Ensuring political buy in across HMA
- Ensuring mechanisms available for all key stakeholders to be involved
- Tight timescales

GB asked how much investment would come into Bassetlaw from the process and how much would be available for housing.

CF explained that she could not give an answer at present, that because of the recent changes in Government it is unclear at the moment how much funding from HCA will be available next year.

She noted that in the East Midlands there are 4/5 HMA areas that are all battling for funding and that they need to sell Bassetlaw to secure funding. She noted that a lot of the funding would go to housing and regeneration, and would be a mixture of new build houses and refurbishing existing stock.

CF noted that Harworth is a key area to be targeted for economic growth. She noted that Bassetlaw needs more affordable housing and that HCA have funded sites in Retford Town Centre and Ordsall and are now looking at Everton and Gringley.

CF noted that HMA is not just about housing and that partners can bid to HCA for money where it links with the Investment Plan.

JE asked about the specific criteria for 'green' resources to be included as well as standard infrastructure and noted that the Environment Group could be involved.

BC noted that HCA are consulting on energy efficient building and are also looking to consult on refitting existing stock.

CF noted that the Investment plan will go to the Governance Group for delivery of HMA Housing Strategy which will be used as a sounding board in June and a representative will feedback to the group.

4. HEADLINES FROM THE BASSETLAW AUDIT REPORT

RM presented a powerpoint presentation to members.

Forecasts suggest a slow recovery from the recession; the sectors which are likely to show future job growth include health, electrical, business services, construction and retailing.

Bassetlaw has relatively low economic activity and employment rates although it compares well with City Region neighbours and is relatively self-contained with 71% of employed residents working locally.

The business creation rate in Bassetlaw is higher than average and the business survival rate lower than the national average.

Bassetlaw increased its position in the Government IMD league table by 30 places between 2004 and 2007, now stands at 101 out of over 354 districts in England; this compares to Mansfield at 30ish, Nottingham at 12th, Doncaster at around 40, Rotherham at 76th, Sheffield at 89th.

The most deprived areas of Bassetlaw have remained constant over the last 40 years indicating that this is likely to be intergenerational.

Education and Skills

- GCSE results in Bassetlaw and Nottinghamshire County are worse than the national average and many SCR neighbours.
- Girls' GCSE results are 10% better than that of boys
- 19% of the working age population have NVQ4 level qualifications but 20% have no qualifications.

Population and Health

- Smoking and obesity are according to the JSNA public health enemies number 1 and 2. Bassetlaw has the 3rd highest obesity rates in the county; it matches the regional rate but is 7% higher than the national average.
- On smoking, Bassetlaw also ranked third in the county, this is 4% better than the regional rate but 3% higher than the GB rate.
- Alcohol is an issue for health, alcohol related hospital admissions, as well as for crime and town centre liveability. Bassetlaw has the highest rate of alcohol specific hospital admissions for under 18s.

Housing and Land Use

- Need for affordable housing
- Low levels of office space
- Rurality/access/loss of services and service delivery are important in many areas

Crime and Community Safety

- 56% of respondents to Place Survey feel that activities for young people most need improving and improving crime levels came second with 38.8% feeling that this should be the top priority.
- There has been a significant decrease in crime rates for Bassetlaw, serious acquisitive crime down by 18% in the last year and ASB offences also falling fast

GC noted that Community Safety has received a red flag, as improvements in reducing crime are not happening as fast as elsewhere. He noted that the Safer Nottinghamshire Board have developed new Delivery plans/ Strategies to focus activity.

GC noted that they have a refreshed tactical delivery and are working with health as education, health and employment all impact on crime. He noted that the key issue is to take a different approach as long-standing issues are remaining despite interventions.

CG noted that intergenerational work and locality working are key to making improvements.

FC noted that Bassetlaw has achieved the highest reduction in smokers quitting across the East Midlands.

CG noted that they have also got a specific plan for targeting obesity.

GC noted that to move up the table next year there needs to be a reduction of 75 crimes per week.

5. UPDATE ON THE LAA REWARD GRANT

GB briefed members on the report, which was circulated prior to the meeting.

GB noted that the Reward Grant money is less than anticipated and that it is key to prioritise appropriately and that it will be monitored on a 6 monthly basis.

MQ noted that the money is there to support LAA targets and that members should consider this when submitting bids.

RE noted the Total Place Event takes place on 27th May at Worksop Town Hall, 12.00 noon – 3.00 pm with lunch provided.

6. OUTCOMES OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

GB noted the date for the second workshop has been rescheduled for 18th June 2010 – 9.30 am – 12.00 noon at the Idle Valley Learning Centre.

The two risks that were judged to be of greatest significance with a very high likelihood of occurring and of catastrophic impact were poor educational attainment and the recessionary impact.

GB recommended that Members of the Board note the outcomes from the risk management workshop on 19 March. She advised members to review the report prior to the 18th June and assess against the questions stated at 1.4.

7. DRAFT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

GB noted the report and advised members that they need to think if the structure is right for delivery and that the item should be tabled at the next Executive Meeting for discussion of key issues.

8. HARWORTH – CONNECTING COMMUNITIES UPDATE

GB noted that a presentation documenting current outcomes had been produced consisting of images and success stories of people in the community.

CG noted that Sonja Clark has been working with the group and that data/evidence has been gathered which will support locality working.

The recommendations of the report were agreed by the Board.

Action: GB to circulate the presentation to Members

9. FEEDBACK ON THE MANTON IMPACTS REPORT BY SHARED INTELLIGENCE

RE noted that MCA had completed an assessment through shared intelligence and had positive feedback about the work taking place which involved working with local and national partners.

RE noted that those on the edge of the work do not fully understand the outputs of the Pathfinder and that the main focus was to change people's relationships with the Public Sector and residents.

RE noted Bassetlaw's Pathfinder business model is:

- To improve the relationship between people and providers, moving it from one of blame to one that stimulates collaboration.
- To provide a safe place to develop and test new ways of working for those partners who co-own the Pathfinder.
- To develop a range of community engagement tools that are appropriate to people's expectations and life styles, resulting in high levels of engagement locally

RE explained that the effect was that in the beginning the citizen was disengaged from the community and evidence now shows that five years later 60% of residents are now actively engaged in some with the Pathfinder.

He noted that Manton has been described as within the top 3 areas in the Country for Participatory Budgeting. He also noted that there is a greater level of trust between Police and citizens than there has been for generations due to citizen engagement and Participatory Budgeting, crime levels last year in Manton dropped by 20%.

RE noted that the website has been redesigned and in the year ending April 2010 the website had 560,940 hits. This is an increase in the region of 150% on the previous year.

RE noted that in March the Pathfinder began to test facebook as an engagement tool. Within a few days the site attracted 253 people, and they can now use this as a way of publicising events and as a two way communication tool with residents.

MQ asked where they are in terms of rolling out the project and lessons learned to other areas of the district.

RE noted that the project is about learning and sharing and that the Board has agreed that he look at how the approach can be replicated elsewhere in the District.

10. LOCALITIES WORKING GROUP

RE noted that the Working Group had met twice and that the Risk Management session helped further define priorities.

RE noted that there will be a written report, the original deadline suggested was September but this will now be brought forward and a draft version will go to the group for comments and amendments.

He noted that collaboration between partners could mean several things:

- Multi agency team working for one joint aim.
- Doing things outside of the norm and breaking barriers
- Pooling budgets and resources

It was agreed that a draft version of the report will be presented to the Executive Group on the 3rd June.

11. BLSP REFRESHED CONSTITUTION

JW briefed members on the report and noted that the Health Sub Group will be electing a new Chair and Vice-Chair and that the Community Safety Partnership are in the process of refreshing their Constitution.

The recommendations to agree the amendments and to review the Constitution annually were agreed by the Board.

12. Q4 2009/10 PERFORMANCE REPORT

JW briefed Members on the report. She noted that in terms of the LAA June is the final deadline for data for indicators and that she would circulate a final report when the data is available.

JW noted that she is in the process of following up outstanding issues from projects.

GB reminded members that the Community Cohesion money for this financial year is £75,000 plus carry over.

JW noted that people should bring projects forward as soon as possible as most of the money is still unallocated.

Members noted the report.

13. BASSETLAW LDF UPDATE

GB noted that there is a LSP wide event planned.

14. WELL-BEING AT WORK AWARD SCHEME

CG noted that the Well- Being at Work launch event takes place on 17th June at Idle Valley Learning Centre. She noted that she would circulate a flyer with further information.

PS noted that the Biz Ex event takes place on 27th May and that he will forward the information to GB to circulate.

15. EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS

16. INTERIM CHANGE OF PERSONNEL

It was agreed that MQ would draft a letter on behalf of the Board to Nigel Clifton.

Action: MQ to draft a letter to NC

17. FUTURE JOBS FUND

GB noted that a list of Future Jobs Fund employers was circulated with the Board papers for information.

18. BASSETLAW LOCAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2010/2011

19. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

MQ suggested the next Board Meeting take place at Laing O'Rourke.

DW gave a brief update on Street Pastors and circulated an Annual Report to Members.