

LSP Board
3rd February 2011
Idle Valley Rural Learning Centre, Retford
9.30 am – 12.35 pm
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Michael Quigley, Leader of Bassetlaw District Council

Vice-Chair: Lynn Tupling, Chief Executive, Retford Action Centre

Gillian Blenkinsop	Deputy Head of Community Engagement and Performance, Bassetlaw District Council
Bernard Coleman	Managing Director, A1 Housing (Bassetlaw) Ltd
Bryn Coleman	Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
John Connolly	Principal, North Nottinghamshire College
Felicity Cox	Chief Executive, NHS Bassetlaw
Anne Danvers	Job Centre Plus
Richard Edwards	Manton Community Alliance
John Everitt	Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
Tim Gladman	North Nottinghamshire College
Cheryl George	Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust
Sue Gill	Head of Partnership Commissioning, NHS Bassetlaw
Julie Hamilton	Senior Democratic Services Officer, Bassetlaw District Council
David Hunter	Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council
Liz Jefferies	Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils
Wendy Knight	Deputy Director, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals
Bev McKay	Family Intervention Project Worker
Geraldine Pearce	Director, Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service
Keith Poyser	Bassetlaw Area Strategy Group
Dave Wakelin	Chief Superintendent, Nottinghamshire Police B Division
Fran Walker	Consultant, North Nottinghamshire College
Derek Wilkinson	Retford and Worksop Churches Partnership/Street Pastors
Joanne Wilson	Policy and Scrutiny Co-ordinator, Bassetlaw District Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and all Group members introduced themselves.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Sally Penn Surestart Children's Centres

2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 4th November 2010

With regard to Minute No 4 – Local Development Framework Update, G Blenkinsop confirmed that a formal letter of support had been sent from the Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership Board for the Local Development Framework's Core Strategy, and that thanks had been passed onto Richard Schofield's team.

With regard to Minute No 5 – Budget Balances – Cohesion and LAA Reward Grant, M Quigley clarified that tenders had gone out for the CCTV upgrade and that its development is proceeding.

With regard to Minute No 6 – The Voluntary and Community Sector – Opportunities and Threats, G Blenkinsop reported that the list of voluntary and community organisations in Bassetlaw, together with County-wide organisations working in Bassetlaw, had been circulated to all Board Members. Also, the 'Big Society' event had been well attended and had been a very good debate giving an national Government and community and voluntary sector perspective.

AGREED that the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 4th November 2010 be approved as a correct record.

(b) Minutes of the Executive Group meeting held on 4th November 2010

With regard to Minute No 3 – Equalities Multi-agency Group/Equality Impact Assessments, M Quigley reported that Bassetlaw District Council was undergoing its Equality and Diversity Peer Review the week commencing 7th February 2011 and that those partners who were being interviewed were to be briefed.

AGREED that the Minutes of Executive Group meeting held on 4th November 2010 be received.

(c) Minutes of the Executive Group meeting held on 13th January 2011

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3. OVERVIEW OF THE DISTRICT

(a) Bassetlaw District Council

David Hunter, Chief Executive of Bassetlaw District Council, gave a presentation on 'Bassetlaw in 2011 and looking forward over the next 12 months'; a handout of the presentation slides was tabled.

The presentation outlined: financial position statement; major savings; major investments; planned structural changes; planned changes to staffing; and planned changes to service delivery.

Questions/issues raised/comments included: how the revenue support grant is calculated and possible pressure to approve major planning applications to gain business rates.

(b) North Nottinghamshire College

John Connolly, Principal of North Nottinghamshire College, gave a presentation on the College's current position and how funding cuts will affect its future, including: the abolition of

the Education Maintenance Grant (EMA) for 16-18 year olds; apprenticeships; the Wolfe Review; the development of academies; reduced funding for adult training; business activity and diversification to satisfy alternative employment needs; and its own workforce.

Questions/issues raised/comments included: competition from academies; LAA investment to Serlby Park School; the impact on student numbers of the abolition of the EMA; and the value of training/education for youngsters must not be underestimated.

(c) NHS Bassetlaw

Felicity Cox, Chief Executive of NHS Bassetlaw, gave a presentation on '2011/12: The Agenda – National to Local'; a handout of the presentation slides was tabled.

The presentation outlined: the timetable for transition to GP consortia, PCT cluster arrangements, the NHS Commissioning Board, and Health Watch and Health & Wellbeing Board development; the transition for people; and operating framework changes.

F Cox also informed the Board that the current PCT representatives would no longer be attending future Board Meetings but alternative representatives may be doing so.

Questions/issues raised/comments included: the delivery of health prevention work; accountability of GPs; and how the GP consortia will link to the community.

(Bev McKay and Tim Gladman joined the meeting during this presentation.)

(A comfort break was taken at this point.)

(d) Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Wendy Knight, Deputy Director of Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, gave a presentation on the Trust's local challenges; a handout of the presentation slides was tabled, although the slides were not actually shown.

The presentation outlined: efficiencies; shortages of medical staff; competition; engagement with stakeholders; patient expectation; external influences; GP consortia; and a review of clinical services.

Questions/issues raised/comments included: competition with Rotherham and the reasons for an unsuccessful bid to manage Bassetlaw's community health services.

(e) North Nottinghamshire College

Tim Gladman, Employment Engagement Manager at North Nottinghamshire College, gave a presentation on the LAA Reward Grant project which supports individuals and businesses via the provision of matched funding for business focused/employment training. Its aim is to generate skills within the local SME market via an incentive to support ongoing transferable skills across a range of levels. The target was 120-125 outcomes and to date this year 110 have been achieved comprising 37 individual resident requests and 21 business requests. The target should be achieved by the end of March 2011. Courses include higher education, professional development/practitioner programmes and employability skills i.e. vocational.

Questions/issues raised/comments included: the positive effects of such a project, particularly on crime figures in North Notts; and ways must be found to continue such schemes.

(T Gladman left the meeting.)

(f) Family Intervention Project

Bev McKay, Family Intervention Project (FIP) Worker, gave a presentation on the LSP funded project which works with families in crisis. It is a supportive role for the whole family and looks at realistic changes which can be made, pulling together support from different agencies, with reviews being held every 4-6 weeks after the initial week-long assessment. FIP has an 86% success rate and there is post-closure contact every 6, 12 and 18 months. Bev has the capacity to work with up to eight families because this is a very intensive programme.

Questions/issues raised/comments included: potential for alcohol, smoking and weight prevention work; working with other agencies e.g. Manton Community Alliance, Children's Centres; the referral criteria and process; and signposting.

(G Pearce left the meeting during this presentation.)

(g) Nottinghamshire Police

Dave Wakelin, Chief Superintendent of Nottinghamshire Police, gave a presentation on the 'County Division Restructure'; a handout of the presentation slides was tabled.

The presentation outlined: current structure; new BCU structure; senior management team; new geographic landscape options; advantages of the new approach; risks and opportunities; delivery plan for the BCU change programme; and the County's top 15 Wards which had been identified because of their levels of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Questions/issues raised/comments included: the future of Safer Neighbourhood Groups; Bassetlaw has shown the greatest reduction in crime within Nottinghamshire, possibly as a result of partnership working and fast tracking resources to problem areas.

(h) Future Economic Challenges

A handout of Phil Sibson's presentation on future economic challenges for Bassetlaw and the UK was tabled at the meeting for information.

AGREED that:

1. A more detailed discussion session with the health agencies be arranged.
2. A list of the employers working with T Gladman at the North Nottinghamshire College be circulated to Board Members.
3. Regular updates from the Family Intervention Project Worker be given to the Board.
4. The application form and criteria for a FIP referral be circulated to Board Members.
5. Arrangements be made for Bev McKay to meet with other relevant agencies/contacts.
6. Thanks be recorded to Chief Superintendent for his continued commitment to the LSP and his personal commitment to Bassetlaw and the County.

4. BUDGET BALANCE LAA COHESION FUNDING

A schedule of projects for which funding has been allocated was presented to the Board for approval. This will leave a balance of £19,855.50.

AGREED that the schedule of funding be approved.

(The following reports had been circulated prior to the meeting but were not discussed.)

5. LAA REWARD GRANT FUNDING UPDATE

The Board was updated on projects which had already been allocated funding. It was noted that £7,000 previously designated for LSP Admin Support had been reallocated by the Executive Group on 13th January 2011.

6. UPDATE ON LOCALITY APPROACH

The Board was updated on the work of the Neighbourhood Sub-Group. Development activity included: co-ordination protocol; asset survey; delivery; and latest developments.

7. QUARTER 3 2010/11 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Board was presented with the performance and management update for Quarter 3 (October to December) 2010-11. The performance report for April to December 2010 from the Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood Community Safety Partnership was also presented.

INFORMATION REPORTS

8. NCC BUDGET PROPOSALS CONSULTATION RESPONSE

The Board was presented with a copy of the response by the Vice-Chair of the Bassetlaw LSP to Nottinghamshire County Council's Chief Executive which expressed concern at the proposed NCC budget cuts which will have specific impacts in Bassetlaw. A copy of NCC's response was also attached.

9. CONSULTATION RESPONSE FOR SUPPORTING A STRONGER CIVIL SOCIETY

The Board was presented with the Bassetlaw LSP's response to the Cabinet Office consultation document 'Supporting a Stronger Civil Society' which had been submitted on 5th January 2011.

10. COMMUNITY BASED BUDGETING

The Board was updated on a new Government initiative which is aimed at co-ordinating the funding and delivery of public services in geographical areas.

11. THE IMPACT OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING CUTS

The Board discussed the impact of proposed spending cuts on the future of the Bassetlaw LSP. Questions/issues raised/comments included: the LSP is needed to protect Bassetlaw; a risk analysis is needed to produce a local delivery framework; impact of a possible change in political administration; the need to present the effectiveness of the LSP to ensure its continuance; a shared agenda and priorities needs a co-ordinated approach; abandonment of the LSP could destroy 'localism'; and is the LSP to proceed on its refreshed action plans or refresh the action plans with new priorities/objectives and monitoring?

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Dates for the Board and Executive Group Meetings in 2011 were presented for approval.

AGREED that:

1. Dates for the Board and Executive Group meetings be confirmed.
2. Availability for the meeting of the Executive Group scheduled for 3rd March 2011 be confirmed.

As there was no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.35pm.