

**BLSP Learning and Skills Sub-Group  
15 February 2006  
1.30pm – 3.30pm  
Retford Leisure Centre**

**MINUTES**

**Attending:**

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| Fran Walker (Chair) | North Nottinghamshire College         |
| Tom Bannister       | Bassetlaw District Council (Planning) |
| Eddie Burgess       | NCC Youth Services                    |
| Chris Carrington    | LSC Nottinghamshire                   |
| Nicky Corbett       | North Notts College                   |
| Virginia Darby      | SI of the Dukeries                    |
| Pete Davies         | Enable                                |
| Helen Goldsbrough   | ACLS, Notts County Council            |
| Janet Northover     | LEA/NNLP                              |
| Oliver Scott        | Bassetlaw District Council (Planning) |
| Lynn Whitworth      | Enable                                |
| Jo Wilson           | Bassetlaw District Council            |

**39 Introductions and Welcome**

Fran Walker welcomed members to the meeting.

**40 Apologies**

Apologies were received from V Bacon, Cllr. B Bowles, J Collins, J Dawson, J Dallinson, D Harris, D Hayes, B Hill, R Ranson, N Simpson, B Squire Wiggins, S Walker, C West, R Woodhead, J Yarham.

**41 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

- 41.1 Re 31.5: There will be a meeting at BCVS at 10-12 on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February to explain the implications of the development of Children's Centre within the District. It was noted that these developments may impact on future ESF bids.
- 41.2 Re 32: It was noted that there had been a number of discussions taking place regarding potential ESF bids. Interested parties were requested to stay behind after the meeting for a further discussion.

## **Consultation on Core Strategy Preferred Options for the Local Development Framework (LDF) – BDC Planning**

Tom Bannister and Oliver Scott from the Policy & Implementation Unit in Planning Services gave a brief presentation to members on the next stage of the development of the LDF – the Core Strategy Preferred Options.

TB and OS reiterated that the planning system was changing to have a LDF rather than a Local Plan. The key part of this document was deciding where development should be and what land should be used. The key considerations are economic, environmental and social implications of development.

One specific element of the new documents is to capitalise on the Airport development – RHADS – particularly regarding employment. In terms of identifying Tuxford, Carlton and Misterton as local centres, it was felt that they currently acted as common centres for their surrounding villages.

Pages 12-13 outline the proposed spatial objectives for Bassetlaw, which all development will be considered against. Pages 19-20 outline the preferred option.

Sustainability is a key issue for all development. The LDF will be the main driver of development. Traditionally it was a 10-year plan as the old Local Plan, under the new system the documents can be changed every 2-3 years. The core of the LDF will be 4 documents, which can be changed individually.

FW noted that the spatial objectives that aligned best with the Sub-Group were SO6, SO8, SO11, SO12, and SO15.

### Question and Answer Session

HG – felt that transport was a key issue for the District, how is this being addressed?

TB – NCC are the Transport Authority for the area and we always liaise with them however due to privatisation NCC also have barriers to what they can do.

EB – queried how past mistakes in development would be avoided, where development had been concentrated without services i.e. Mattersey Thorpe and Rhodesia.

TB – agreed that they wanted to avoid development like that, and the proposed development centres should avoid developing in rural areas where there aren't services to support.

JW – noted that the LDF has to act as the spatial development document that supports the implementation of the Community Strategy.

OS – noted that the current Local Plan from 1995 and the development that followed has not operated in line with government thinking following 1995. The new LDF will try to control infill development and protect the rural area.

FW – explained the development being considered at Idle Valley and questioned whether this would be considered as part of the Retford area or rural. Would the development be allowed?

TB – targeted development to allow the site to develop would be allowed, but essentially the area would be protected as much as possible.

#### **43 BLSP Learning & Skills Action Plan – Action Plan Group**

JW, CC, and HG reported back to the group on the meeting that took place in January to review the Action Plan. The current version was circulated to members in the meeting, as well as the projects that were in the section for existing work.

Members of the group were asked to provide updates on the remaining Actions as per the normal quarterly reporting. However, if there are changes at any time of the year, please send an update through to Jo Wilson.

JW informed the group that the Children & Young People Group (BCYPG) were in the process of finalising their own local plan. It was noted that elements of the Learning & Skills Action Plan needed to be transferred across. The two areas where there would need to be cross-working with the group are:

- Children's Centres (getting parents in to learning/work, and addressing the worklessness agenda)
- Extended Services (community learning on school premises).

**Action: Eddie Burgess to attend BCYPG meeting and ensure education elements are included. JW to ensure regular contact with Sue Gill as the Group/Action Plan develops.**

#### **44 Update of ESP Document and future of NNLP – Janet Northover**

JN gave a brief background to NNLP and explained the current situation.

NNLP was founded in 1999. Following changes within LSC funding they now want to see a Skills Board set-up within the local area. The Board will report on, and co-ordinate action on the 6 priorities of ESP. They are currently forming a co-ordinated plan for delivery.

There are two strands:

- (1) 14-19 Working Group (co-ordinating body from White Paper)
- (2) Adults/ Employment/ Learning & Skills

The 14-19 Group is currently working on an ESF bid, based on changes to adult and community learning services.

There will also be a new approach to training provision – Train to Gain (previously employer training providers). The employer will be assessed and then training will be sourced from a local provider. The employer will have three options of possible providers. Once the provider has been chosen then resources will be released to the provider to complete the training.

Aimhigher has a local database of courses and JN felt that if adult courses were added to this we could map provision available.

In addition, if the company has less than 50 employees they will receive money to ensure staff can be released for training. However, it will only be free for first

level 2 qualifications or basic skills.

#### **45 Local Area Agreements Update**

The final draft was being completed ready for submission to GOEM. Copies will be circulated when available. They are also available from the partnership website ; [www.nottinghamshirepartnership.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamshirepartnership.org.uk)

**Action: Regular update to be provided at meetings.**

#### **46 Update on Learning Communities**

46.1 Terry White from Tuxford School had been unable to attend. EB gave an update and noted that they had accessed funding related to sports facilities. They were also focusing on the extended services with schools and work was being planned for Easter and the Summer holidays.

46.2 LW gave a brief update of her work. To date Lynn has:

- Met with existing champions
- Produced personal learning plans
- Worked with partners on new nominations for learning champions
- Provided IAG OCN training
- Provided Counselling OCN training

The Guardian and Trax FM featured the Learning Champions Ceremony that took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> February, provided good publicity for the project.

Some champions have been referred to college for courses covering food hygiene; computer skills; childcare; and teaching assistants.

It was acknowledged that Lynn's appointment was a key development within the project.

PD also praised Lynn's achievements and recruitment of champions, based on the resources available, compared to other TLC's in Notts – for example St. Anns employ a full-time co-ordinator and have six paid champions.

#### **47 Bassetlaw Skills 2006**

FW noted that there was a meeting planned for the 28<sup>th</sup> February, and that the full programme should be planned by then.

Nicola Simpson was doing work with the schools within her area, and it was suggested JW check the involvement of BDC's Sports Development Team.

In week 4 there will be a business lunch held by Smith Kraven at the Lion Hotel. On the 30<sup>th</sup> June a Gala dinner will be held at Clumber Park. There is the opportunity to sponsor the tables and 8 have sponsorship so far including B&Q, Wilkinson, Aquila.

**Action: Progress update to next meeting.**

**48 Olympic 2012 project – Nicky Corbett**

NC reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow (16<sup>th</sup> Feb) to complete a Scoping Day. This will look at both the BOOT project and the potential Centre for Sport and Learning in the Manton area. Sites for the Centre are still being assessed but it is likely to include a running track and an all-weather pitch. This particular element of the project will link to the Princes foundation – Responsible Public Buildings Scheme.

Cllr Bowles and Alan Vigers are currently looking at how Bassetlaw, and the East Midlands in general, can get more involved with the Olympics. It was noted that John Mann is supporting the idea of one of the Olympic teams staying in the Bassetlaw area.

**Action: NC to keep group updated.**

**49 Community Strategy Annual Progress Report**

A draft of the current version was circulated for comments.

**Action: All responses to JW by the end of February.**

**50 A.O.B.**

50.1 FW reiterated the need to support the 'I Love Bassetlaw' campaign, which was launched yesterday on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. The day had been very successful and the number of volunteers recruited was being finalised.

50.2 PD noted that the Gateway Centre in Carlton had applied to Enable for capacity building funding. Enable will support the centre to deliver learning in the community. The staff running the centre are working with A1 Housing and assessing the potential for the Gateway Centre to be a pilot for other Tenants and Residents Associations in the District.

**51 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

27<sup>th</sup> March 2006, 1.30pm-3.30pm, venue TBC.