



Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership (BLSP) Conference

Summary Report

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of the conference held on the 11th May was to:

- § Celebrate the success of the Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership (BLSP – hereafter referred to in this report as the Partnership);
- § Share agendas across the Sub-Groups of the Partnership and discuss future objectives;
- § Consider future issues – in particular Local Area Agreements (LAAs) and the Countywide Community Strategy;
- § Discuss how we can improve the way we work together and prepare for the future changes.

The conference was well attended and all partners worked in a concentrated and focused way throughout the day, productivity was high and the quality of the debate was impressive. The results are set out in this report, all comments and views were recorded and verbatim flipchart notes are available.

1.2 In order to set the context for future action and share a common view on where the Partnership is now, the Sub-Groups were firstly asked to review their priorities and successes. The full list of issues raised is included in section 2 of this report. This illustrates considerable achievements including: Finningley airport; Bassetlaw Skills Fair 2003 and 2004; increased numbers of drug users accessing treatment leading to reductions in crime; Manton Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder; the development of the Healthy Living Centre; and Wheels to Work. These were highlighted as examples of projects that would not have happened without partnership working.

1.3 Sub-Groups articulated a clear set of priorities, with some groups having a debate about the need for a review of priorities and targets to ensure the Community Strategy was reflecting current issues and priorities.

1.4 Chapter 2 of this report also sets out the results of a subsequent exercise where Sub-Groups were asked to consider partnership working, what was working well, what wasn't and how they could improve. It is intended that Sub-Groups consider the suggestions for improvements at their next appropriate meeting (this forms part of the draft Way Forward Plan for the partnership, as set out at the end of this section.) The exercise generated some strategic suggestions for the Partnership Board and these are also highlighted for consideration in the 'Way Forward' Plan.

1.5 In order to share agendas and promote joint working across the Sub-Groups, participants undertook a task that focused discussions between members of different groups. The specific task was to identify common issues and ideas for joint working. The activity produced an impressive range of ideas and connections to be followed up. These are set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

- 1.6 The conference afternoon session focused on the new government initiative of Local Area Agreements (LAAs). A presentation on LAAs was given by the facilitators Dawn Reeves and Rebecca Croxson – copies of the presentation were included in the conference pack and are available from gillian.blenkinsop@bassetlaw.gov.uk. There were a number of issues and questions raised about LAAs and a range of reactions expressed from participants about how LAAs would affect Bassetlaw. Reactions included major concerns (around process and engagement) through to acceptance and a clear pragmatism from some participants who were focusing on how the Partnership could make it work and take advantage of it for the area.
- 1.7 It was clear that there is a need for further information on the subject and that the development of an LAA within a county framework will be challenging for the Partnership. Participants were reminded that ideas and suggestions discussed during the earlier exercises would still form part of the way forward. The LAA builds on the work of the Partnership and is a mechanism to set out what the Partnership is doing (outcomes and targets), how it will deliver it, associated funding streams will be mapped and this will be agreed with Government via the County Council. It was highlighted that the main difference with LAAs was the focus on outcomes and how performance/ outputs are monitored. (The LAAs will be based on the local issues identified within the Community Strategy.)
- 1.8 The facilitators also set out how the ideas / proposals generated by Sub-Groups would fit with the LAA and reflected back the experience of the pilots, that whilst it was hard work completing the LAA there were significant benefits. The challenges for the Partnership in completing an LAA include: reviewing the Governance Arrangements to ensure that the Partnership is fit for purpose, has it the right mechanisms in place to manage the overall performance and delivery of the outcomes and targets agreed in the LAA; developing an appropriate Performance Management Framework – building on existing systems and aiming to reduce bureaucracy and working with the County Council and wider partners to deliver added value for Bassetlaw through the process.
- 1.9 The table below is a draft summary of the proposed key actions to be addressed as a result of the conference. The Partnership Board and partnership support staff will need to review the actions and assign responsibilities and timescales in discussion with partners. The conference feedback was positive and although time was limited at the end of the day the objectives were largely achieved. The Chair thanked everyone for their time and input and the conference organisers for their hard work.

Draft Way Forward Plan for the Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership (BLSP)

<u>Proposed Action for Improvement</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Key contact</u>	<u>Support required</u>
Common issues for the Partnership Board			
1. Agree a partnership approach to marketing and promoting an enhanced image of the District			
2. Develop a coordinated approach to communicating the achievements of the partnership and the District			
3. Appropriate mechanism to formalise linkages between Sub-Groups e.g. LSP group members rotate 'visits' to other groups, agree common targets and joint activities. Consider an annual conference with wider stakeholders and theme groups involved			
4. CDRP to consider closer working with neighbouring areas to share experience and secure focus on issues in wider area affecting community safety in Bassetlaw.			
5. Consider evaluation of the Manton Pathfinder and develop an approach to tackling deprivation in neighbourhoods across the District			
Actions for all theme groups			
6. Review outcomes in the Community Strategy and in advance of the LAA. Theme groups to have a clearer focus on delivering outcomes and targets			
7. Theme groups to review list of ideas for potential joint work between groups and ideas for improvement highlighted above.			
Local Area Agreement (LAA)			
8. Consider the review of governance arrangements and structure of the Partnership in the light of the LAA. Review scope to include: Clear links with Children and Young Peoples Theme Group; development of a 'Chairs group'; exploring the need for transport as a separate theme group. (Note: it was suggested that this review be carried out urgently by a Sub-Group of the Partnership)			
9. The need for a review of performance management approach for LAA outcomes – does the Partnership need to restructure its performance management arrangements or does its existing structure provide a sufficient focus on the outcomes? Fit between national targets and local targets needs to be set out.			
10. The Partnership needs to consider the incorporation of rural service indicators and the level of rural service provision			
11. Exploration of Voluntary and community sector funding for engagement and development of mechanisms for communities /groups to be involved in service delivery and decision-making (as per mandatory outcomes in LAA.)			

2 Where we are now and how we can improve partnership working

2.1 Participants worked through three exercises in order to assess where the Partnership is now and how we can improve partnership working. The results are set out here and in the following section of the report. The notes are arranged in Sub-Groups and are intended for the groups themselves to consider the issues raised and how they will take them forward. Some issues have wider significance for the whole partnership and these are highlighted at the end of the section and will form part of the considerations by the Board.

2.2 Economic Regeneration Sub-Group

Key Priorities

1. Quality of jobs/ employment opportunities to generate prosperity;
2. Local Development Framework land availability;
3. Links to education/ workforce development;
4. Marketing;
5. Transport: need for separate theme group in LSP.

Successes

1. Created jobs and reduced unemployment;
2. Finningley airport;
3. The Turbine.

Reviewing Partnership Working

Worked Well	Hasn't Worked Well
Clear 'shopping list' of desirable <u>projects</u> as a result of strategic review;	Difficulty engaging with the private sector – understanding their needs and how to attract investment;
Turbine but need to fill it, grow on/ back fill.	Need clearer forum for engaging private sector – large, small and medium businesses;
Realistic, achievable ideas – compete for funds with strategic initiatives, not haphazard proposals for available funds.	Dragging focus towards Bassetlaw – away from Notts;

	Linking to schools – planning for the future, making it easy for them to get involved in discrete projects;
	Image improvements – aspirations.

Ideas for Improvement

- § Develop a Bassetlaw awards ceremony – bring businesses together to celebrate success and energise;
- § Attract a global player to the area – linked to Finningley airport and land availability;
- § Developer / investor forums – to share ideas, understand common/ conflicting agendas;
- § Maintain project focus; Retford Rail Station – marshalling yards; Turbine – next stage, graduation; Workforce skills – quality of jobs.
- § Box above our weight – sell ourselves, engage externally (Northern Way, etc);
- § Make transport a separate theme area;
- § Focus on a partnership approach to marketing and press etc.

2.3 Learning & Skills Sub-Group

Key Priorities

1. Lifelong learning for everyone;
2. Ambition and achievement for everyone;
3. Skills for employers and future employers – workforce development.
4. Everyone’s ambitions should be raised.

Successes

1. Bassetlaw Skills Fair 2003 and 2004;
2. Bassetlaw Test-bed Learning Communities and Local Learning Champions;
3. Extensive networking and sharing of best practice due to wide range of partners in Sub-Group. We have managed to promote initiatives across a wide geographical area and range of organisations.

Reviewing Partnership Working

Worked Well	Hasn't Worked Well
Specific projects e.g.; TLC; Skills Fairs; Work shadowing; Work experience; Directory.	Influencing organisations agendas (e.g. LSC)
Doing 'things' together – like today!!	Links with PFI and Specialist schools.
	Communications are an issue!
	Operations Group?

Ideas for Improvement

- § Work more closely with SSP/ LSC – re: worklessness project and other sector skills
- § Joint conference – review all organisations strategies/ missions/ aims/ objectives/ goals
- § A brief succinct matrix, highlighting common themes – working towards a more cost effective approach
- § Ensuring members cascade information to their organisations on themed events;
- § LSP group members rotate 'visits' to other groups.
- § Utilising Board members to get things done
- § How can we link with children and young peoples group?
- § Capacity to support LSP

2.4 Community Safety Partnership

Key Priorities

1. Fear of Crime – promote success through media, community engagement;
2. Delivering new priorities;
3. Working with other Theme Groups – focus on prevention.

Successes

1. Drug users into treatment – reductions in crime;
2. Improved the Partnership;
3. Reduced overall levels of crime.

Reviewing Partnership Working

Worked Well	Hasn't Worked Well
Commitment of partners;	Additional funding;
Resourced partnership;	Sustainability – how shared out – (GOEM);
Quality of information – provides focus on issues;	Not sufficient action on alcohol problems;
Emphasis on drugs;	Communications often negative or not developed;
Achieved last strategy targets;	Quality of information – sometime biased depending on source and agency;
Consultation as required;	Consultation is not regular with all partners.
Involves wider community.	

Ideas for Improvement

- § Capturing essential information and re-transmitting to other members, agencies, groups and community;
- § Getting better value from individual agency financial resources by sharing and having a basis for spending to prevent;
- § Pro-active rather than re-active;
- § Considering joining with neighbouring areas to gain greater experience and resource.

2.5 Social & Community Development Sub-Group

Key Priorities

Promote active citizenship:

1. Equal access to services;
2. Involve young people;
3. Work closely with communities.

Successes

1. Successful in achieving Manton Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder;
2. Bassetlaw District Youth Assembly;
3. Endorsed the A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd. bid for an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO);
4. Production of BLSP Equal Opportunities Policy Statement.

Reviewing Partnership Working

Worked Well	Hasn't Worked Well
Good cross-section of groups/ organisations;	Identifying communities in the District and engaging with them (utilising Manton techniques);
Has helped partnership working;	Improving information flow/ focussing information;
Potential from Manton approach to multi-agency working/ community input;	Bassetlaw image/ promote good news stories;
Networking opportunities;	Need to focus agenda/ attendance and outputs.
Today has helped group to refocus and recognise need to concentrate on outputs and linkages with other Sub-Groups;	
Good vibes.	

Ideas for Improvement:

- § Refocus – different style, less committee approach;
- § Look at outputs/ action points – different style, less committee approach;
- § Linkages with other Sub-Groups;
- § Key points from Manton – translate for Bassetlaw.

2.6 Environment Sub-Group

Key Priorities

1. Environmental awareness – environment is central to Quality of Life;

2. Increase number of local Nature Reserves – cross links; health; skills & learning; crime reduction – engage community from the start;
3. Sustainable transport – alternatives to the car; rural transport.

Successes

1. Community Action for Wildlife (CAW) – SSP funded;
2. Wheels to Work etc. achieving projects that wouldn't otherwise have happened – added value;
3. Identifying cross-links with other groups – e.g. had Health Sub-Group to meeting.

Reviewing Partnership Working

Worked Well	Hasn't Worked Well
Identify 'links' with other Sub-Groups.	Actual communication/ development of these 'links'.
Achievements so far: Community consultation events e.g. Manton Environment Gala; LTP Consultation Task Group; Farmers markets in Retford.	Development of new ideas/ fresh projects NOT already undertaken within our own organisations.
Attendance, enthusiasms within our issues group, 'quality debate/ discussion'.	Need to think more strategic – across all Sub-Groups.
Quality of presentations sourced for our issues group.	Keeping an up-to-date database of group members; Reaching out to key groups and organisations; Correct attendees.
	Action point list (facilitating meetings).

Ideas for Improvement:

- § Inviting other Sub-Group members to discuss/ present within our issues group;
- § Development of a 'Chairs group'
- § Communicating minutes of other Sub-Group meetings (action points);
- § Time-limited working groups;

§ Promotion of success of LSP projects.

2.7 Health Sub-Group (Bassetlaw Partnership for Health)

Key Priorities

1. Accident prevention – roads, employment and in the home – event is to be held in the Autumn;
2. To ensure that a wide range of partners understand the implications of the various initiatives around children and young people;
3. Healthier lifestyle strategy e.g. reducing levels of obesity.

Successes

1. Developed the Healthy Living Centre and there will soon be a celebration event;
2. Annual event to share the action plans and receive feedback;
3. D.Y.N.A.H. – a service commissioned through partnership working and funding.

Reviewing Partnership Working

Worked Well	Hasn't Worked Well
Continuity;	Review of goals and priorities (synergy);
Resourced;	Action Plan needs updating, review priorities.
Focussed (outcomes);	
Trust;	
Annual event;	
Honest attempts at wide communication;	
Clear Action Plan;	
Consolidate HLC network;	
New practical projects.	

Ideas for Improvement

- § Review of goals/ priorities;
- § Mapping of activities/ linkages;
- § Time limited task groups dealing with priority issues;
- § Sharing burden of engagement with external agencies.

2.8 Issues for the Partnership Board and the Partnership

The feedback from the Sub-Groups generated some broader ideas and questions for the Board. These included the need for:

- § A clear focus on a partnership approach to marketing and promotion to enhance the image of the District;
- § Clearer focus on delivering outcomes (and targets);
- § Clear links with the Children and Young Peoples Group (Children's Services Group);
- § Linkages between Sub-Groups to be more organised and less ad-hoc e.g. LSP group members rotate 'visits' to other groups, develop a mechanism.
- § Consideration of joining with neighbouring areas to gain greater experience and resource.
- § Development of a 'Chairs group'
- § Transport: need for separate issue group in LSP.
- § Key learning points from Neighbourhood Management in Manton to be captured and applied as appropriate to other neighbourhoods in Bassetlaw.

3. Making connections and adding value

3.1 One of the key objectives of the day was to share agendas across the Sub-Groups of the Partnership and discuss future objectives. The exercise participants carried out at the conference ensured that a focused conversation took place between members of different Sub-Groups. The groups:

- § Shared their priorities and successes (confirmed through the previous task);
- § Identified shared or common issues and;
- § Generated ideas for joint action.

The full results are set out in Appendix 1 of this report and will be referred to each of the Sub-Groups for consideration. There were however a number of common issues across the range of Sub-Groups and some ideas that would add-value for more than one group. These are highlighted below:

3.2 Common / shared issues:

- § Raising aspirations and ambitions for young people;
- § Enhancing the image of the district (and promoting tourism);
- § Promoting healthier lifestyles – strong link between a number of groups;
- § Community facilities and access to services in communities;
- § Community involvement and influence across a range of groups and service delivery agents;
- § Working with people / communities at a local level – sub-district / neighbourhood;
- § Creating quality job opportunities.

3.3 Ideas for joint action

- § LSP marketing and promotion campaign;
- § Learning from and building on the Manton Pathfinder activity;
- § Intergenerational projects;
- § Build on the 'Extended Schools' initiative;
- § Addressing fear of crime through breaking down isolation – physical activity;
- § Working with families, parents and children on the environment, health and creating learning opportunities;
- § Intermediate labour market project to improve the environment/develop construction and other skills;
- § Skills and life coaching for young people.

These issues will be referred to the Board for consideration in the way forward for the Partnership.

4. Way forward, Local Area Agreements and initial suggestions for the Board

4.1 The conference afternoon session focused on the new government initiative of Local Area Agreements (LAAs). A presentation on LAAs was given by the facilitators Dawn Reeves and Rebecca Croxson – copies of the presentation were included in the conference pack and are available from gillian.blenkinsop@bassetlaw.gov.uk. There were a number of issues and questions about the LAA and a range of reactions from participants. It was clear that there is a need for further information on the subject and that the development of an LAA within a county framework will be challenging for the Partnership. Attendees also had the opportunity to ask any questions and raise issues for Bassetlaw. The feedback on this session is set out below in two parts: initial comments and issues for Bassetlaw; and suggested actions to be considered.

4.2 Initial comments and issues for Bassetlaw:

- § Need to be clear on incentives for Bassetlaw;
- § Seek clarity/ guidance on way forward – if not clear, make own suggestions;
- § Need to be clear what the local issues are and how we are addressing them already – this is about how to monitor/ manage it.
- § Fear loss of funding compared to seeing a potential opportunity to get greater focus on real deprivation needs in Bassetlaw but who will be negotiating? How can BLSP influence this?
- § Accessible transport to be built into the LAA;
- § Is there a hidden agenda for a one-tier system?
- § How will/ can LAA support engagement with communities?
- § BLSP Board needs to move quickly to address LAA issues! Recognising capacity issue/ constraints;
- § Effective BLSP – needs to be involved and key partners in own right – where is point of contact and how can we be engaged?
- § Need to be clear where neighbourhoods fit in overall LAA as delivery mechanism and where does community engagement fit in LAA as process?

4.3 **Suggested actions to be considered**

Participants were reminded that everything that had been discussed during the morning part of the conference could still be done. The LAA builds on the work of the Partnership and is a mechanism to set out what the Partnership is doing and how it will deliver it. It was highlighted the main difference with LAAs is the focus on outcomes and how performance/ outputs are monitored. The LAAs will be based on the local issues identified within the Community Strategy.

The suggested actions for the Partnership on LAAs included:

- § The need for a review of performance management approach for LAA outcomes – does the Partnership need to restructure its performance management arrangements or does its existing structure provide a sufficient focus on the LAA outcomes?
- § The fit between national targets and local targets needs to be set out.
- § Can LAA help with rural deprivation? Get it recognised and responded to. The BLSP needs to consider appropriate rural deprivation outcomes.
- § Time-limited task group to develop proposals for Board on what has been identified today and suggest way forward;
- § Voluntary Sector – funds to support engagement (opportunity to look at core money for the sector) working out how we will meet outcomes for community involvement;
- § Review the structure of the Partnership – Sub-Groups already meeting four LAA strands but could there be an improved Children & Young People's Group? Lots of options to explore – including going for four groups related to four outcomes;
- § Make the conference an annual event?

- 4.4 The table within the Executive Summary is a draft summary of the key actions to be addressed as a result of the conference. The Partnership Board and partnership support staff will need to review the actions and assign responsibilities in consultation with partners.

Appendix A - Making connections across Sub-Groups

One of the key objectives of the day was to share agendas across the Sub-Groups of the Partnership and discuss future objectives. Attendees undertook an exercise across in their Sub-Groups to:

- § Share their priorities and successes (confirmed through the previous task);
- § Identify shared or common issues and;
- § Generate ideas for joint action.

The exercise ensured that a focused conversation took place between members of different Sub-Groups. Attendees recorded key issues from the discussions on worksheets, as set out below:

Social & Community Development and Economic Regeneration

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. Raising aspirations, especially for young people;
2. Enhancing the image of the District.

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Improved marketing via local media, improve relationships with local media;
2. Some positive messages from all partners – LSP marketing campaign;
3. Improve Robin Hood airport website information about Bassetlaw;
4. Make the community aware of/ use the Turbine (also Fluid Power Centre);
5. Find more support for Young Enterprise.

Social & Community Development and Learning & Skills

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. Involving young people;
2. Raising aspirations;
3. Equal access to services/ training/ transport to college and work;
4. Not enough emphasis on vocational learning.
5. Manton Pathfinder – raising aspirations and engagement;
6. Provision of debt and money advice;
7. Trying to apply Sure Start principles in Manton area through Pathfinder (Wednesday Women Group) – community engagement, individual and community;
8. Travellers access to services particularly education learning service;
9. Celebrating learning within the community through volunteering;

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Extended schools and out of hours learning – audit what's there;
2. Joint work on basic skills/literacy access;
3. Identify and attract alternative funding to deliver new projects.
4. Manton Pathfinder – raising aspirations and engagement;
5. Provision of debt and money advice;
6. Trying to apply Sure Start principles in Manton area through Pathfinder (Wednesday Women Group) – community engagement, individual and community;
7. Travellers access to services particularly education learning service;
8. Celebrating learning within the community through volunteering;
9. We should have “Community Champions” as well.

Social & Community Development and Community Safety:

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. Media/ marketing.

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Key messages from all partners – much more positive image needed;
2. Community facilities in new housing areas.

Social & Community Development and Environment

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. Training and awareness of young people;
2. Community involvement;
3. Sustainable transport.

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Sustainable transport;
2. Working with young people;
3. Community involvement – Local Nature Reserves.

Social & Community Development and Health

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. Connections around Children's centres – is there any local flexibility – working families tax credit;
2. Inland Revenue withdrawing from providing a locality service – in debt advice would like personal contact;
3. Healthy Living Centre – linked with debts;

4. Healthy eating/ farmers markets, trying to change culture; Manton – different fruits; plot to plate; community food education/ Langold Group.

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Map Langold – steps for walking;
2. Working with people from where they are – normal lives;
3. Healthy walks at Clumber – needs transport to get there;
4. Talking on walks helps social exclusion;
5. Access to sports facilities throughout the winter, not just the summer;
6. Work together

Health and Environment

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. Accident prevention/ transportation issues – cycle routes/ pathway improvements Local Transport Plan (LTP) funded;
2. Reducing obesity/ Improving Health – access to green-spaces; Local Nature Reserves, RSPB “Natural Fit”, BTCV “Green Gym”, Sherwood Rangers.
3. Healthy eating – growing schemes/ allotments.

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Access information to green-spaces for groups/ individuals based on health benefits etc.
2. Transport (representatives from Bassetlaw PCT on LTP subgroup) – focus on most influencing transport ‘issues’ group, for representative from health sector.
3. Improve the number of local nature reserves – different groups of people. Need to think about different opportunities – safe and managed.

Health and Learning & Skills

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. Children and young people;
2. Accident prevention – education and skills (First Aid), HSE, prevention in schools;
3. Life education people – Jeremy the Giraffe;
4. Cutting corners – local employers? Health & Safety.
5. Healthier lifestyles – education, food, leisure/ physical activity; educate how to cook (on a budget), tackles literacy as well, physical activity;
6. Build capacity in building industry (increase skills – National sector skills priority) – high incidents of accidents in this sector (first aid skills).

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Parents of young children – safety in the home. Care;
2. Adolescents – loss of self care – complex issue;
3. Yet children are very protected – need a very safe environment to explore;
4. Inter-generational passing of experience;
5. Do we take too much a compartmentalised approach;
6. Are there financial barriers – yet in sure start they have found that financial assistance does not work;
7. Debt is not seen as a problem;
8. Role of extended schools – what can they add?
9. Education/ Learning – embedding healthy lifestyle issues and accidents - funding;
10. Use community empowerment network.

11. Embedding healthy living and Health & Safety education/ awareness within Basic Skills Agenda. Engage voluntary/ community sector as providers, as well as statutory bodies.

Environment and Economic Regeneration

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. Sustainability Issues – location of employment land;
2. Tourism – internal tourism and attracting outside visitors to the district (e.g. Idle Wide tree project).

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Tourism – prestige projects and smaller projects (e.g. visit a nature reserve and eat lunch in a local pub);
2. Planning – retention of green infrastructure; innovative design of developments (green roofs, Sustainable Urban Drainage schemes (SUDs);
3. Sustainable transport – access to work;
4. Community involvement – design of green space in developments.

Learning & Skills and Economic Regeneration

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. Raising aspiration – quality of jobs - innovative;
2. Businesses attracted to area – new business;
3. Innovation centre – links with Lifelong Learning;
4. Engagement – developing skills to start own business.
5. Aspiration/ inspiration;
6. Workforce skills;

7. Image branding;
8. Turbine/ Food Tech Centre/ Fluid – links to businesses, developing workforce skills.

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Work with business innovation centre;
2. Mentoring scheme;
3. The Turbine – offering higher level qualifications – links with Derby University – possible virtual connection with universities;
4. Potential network of innovation centres across the county;
5. We can all be learning broke – celebrate achievements and success;
6. Increase awareness for young people of other opportunities;
7. Business infrastructure;
8. Image to sell District;
9. Quality of jobs – not just quantity;
10. Transport.
11. Marketing – Board issue;
12. Skills matching – better understanding of employers; improved links with schools; workshop event;
13. Worklessness – economically inactive; skills coaching;
14. Entrepreneurial skills – working with schools.

Learning & Skills and Community Safety

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. How to work with young people before they become involved with crime – link with learning/ schools;
2. Link with schools to find out young people's views – what are links with the Youth Service?;
3. Need to pay attention at a younger age.
4. Education and employment – alternative means to crime and ASB;
5. Promote good citizenship.
6. Fear of crime – engaging with communities;
7. Delivering key priorities of strategy;
8. Focus on crime prevention.

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Young people are identifying learning experiences – dancing, football, sport;
2. Children's Centre coming to the area;
3. We need to find out more about what is going on on the ground – how can the LSP help us do this? – possible rota system from the groups to attend other groups;
4. Need to involve Connexions Youth Worker.
5. Partnership – Sherwood, YOT etc.;
6. Supporting partners to promote good citizenship.
7. Accidents – risk assessments strategy;
8. Fear of crime – physical activity, social isolation;
9. Environmental health – abandoned cars.

Learning & Skills and Environment

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. Community Action for Wildlife (CAW) Project – helping people develop skills for environmental jobs – links to Sure Start – Bat Book and links to Langold Country Park Group;
2. Celebrate Learning Champions through Environmental Projects;
3. Environment Fair 2004 – raising awareness/ promotion/ information sharing;
4. Groundwork Creswell – ILM Projects and 14-16 Youth Disaffection work (Breakthrough Project).
5. Wheels to Work Project.

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Using alternative learning environments - outdoors;
2. Celebrating Learning Champions through Environment Projects;
3. Shortage of construction/ environmental labour;
4. Embedding basic skills for environment protection into Basic Skills agenda;
5. Boosting ambition/ tackling social exclusion through Youth Engagement Projects;
6. Access to learning, Value of learning disseminated;
7. Identify groups both Sub-Groups already work with re learning and skills;
8. Target the parents of children environmental Sub-Group are working with;
9. Sustainable access to learning and training opportunities.
10. Celebrate CAW volunteers – through Learning Champions;
11. Promote initiatives across groups;

12. Groundwork – intermediate labour market – to improve the environment;
Groundwork – 14-16 year old disaffected children – develop ambition and social interaction;
13. Being outside in the environment = different learning forum;
14. Link areas/ funds together – creating programmes and facilitating groups;
15. Construction – identify skills needed by employers and makes Bassetlaw attractive; resources in Bassetlaw to boost skills; how funds and projects can link together voluntary sector;

Economic Regeneration and Community Safety

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. Employment of ex-offenders;
2. Focus on prosperity;
3. Fear of crime;
4. Business crime.

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Positive communications strategy for LSP, partners
2. Image/ branding of Bassetlaw.

Economic Regeneration and Health

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. Children's Services – link to workforce skills (literacy/ numeracy); school leavers;
2. Accidents – links to transport/ accessibility;
3. Marketing/ promoting the District;

4. Obesity – promote healthy lifestyle; impact on employment/ sickness.

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Present positive messages;
2. Promote/ market the District; Health as key employment section;
3. Joint working on Children's Services to improve links to workforce skills/ work with school leavers – working with schools.

Community Safety and Health

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. Accident prevention;
2. FOC – through health problems (obesity/ disabled).

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Risk assessments;
2. Implications of 24 hour drinking;
3. Consensus that Health Agenda embedded into Community Safety Strategy.

Community Safety and Environment:

Identify the connections/ shared issues between your two groups:

1. FOC – people using open spaces;
2. Environmental crime – fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, etc.

Suggestions for joint working you could explore:

1. Improving communication between partners;
2. Education (preventative) and awareness in the impact of environment issues within a community.

Appendix B -

Summary of Event Evaluation

What attendees liked about the event:

- Overall participants rated the morning session as very positive and energetic, providing good networking opportunities as well developing constructive ideas for future direction;
- Some participants said that as a result they were much clearer about what the Bassetlaw LSP is doing (especially other Sub-Groups) and that they enjoyed the opportunity to explore the way forward with others;
- Many participants were positive about the chance to discuss each groups priorities and share information between groups, regarding it as valuable networking; participants felt that the exercises for the Sub-Groups were well structured and allowed some useful insights and learning on links between groups;

What didn't work so well:

- Overall participants preferred the morning session to afternoon. Some participants suggested that reversing the order of the morning and afternoon topics could have provided a more positive end to the day and a discussion more focused on the specific Local Area Agreement (LAA) issues for Bassetlaw; others felt that the order was right as it allowed the morning to be used to share information and explore the work of the Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership and its Sub-Groups.
- Participants commented on the balance of information on LAAs – some felt not everyone needed to hear about LAAs, whilst other participants felt that it was right to take the opportunity to discuss LAAs as a group. Some participants said they were not previously aware of LAAs, so expressed concerns and doubts, including about the level of consultation with partners.

- Some participants felt that there was too much information presented on LAAs and that at times it was presented too quickly and was difficult to follow. Some participants said that as LAAs were a new agenda, they would have liked some background information to read prior to the event.

Suggestions for improving future events:

- Overall there was support for future events to bring together partnership members. A few participants also wanted the attendance for future events to include key local representation such as local schools.
- For future events, many participants wanted opportunities to continue to talk to other Sub-Groups and some wanted the chance for more contact with the Board.
- Some participants felt that the structure of the event was okay as it was, others wanted more time in the afternoon to debate key issues, such as the way forward for LAAs.
- Some participants felt that for any future events the introduction of sensitive issues (such as LAAs) to a large group of delegates could be supported by involving more members prior to the event so people were prepared for what would be discussed.

Other comments:

- Many participants felt that the event was well organised and run; with good quality refreshments and venue;
- Overall many participants said this was an enjoyable, informative and useful event.