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BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Held on Thursday, 16 July 2009 at 2.00 pm in
Norfolk Room, The Committee Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham

PRESENT

J Clemo	Norfolk Rural Community Council
Supt. K Elliott	Norfolk Constabulary
Mr P. Elliott	Norfolk County Council (LSP Sub)
Mr M.D. Eveling JP	The Probation Service
Mrs J. Godfrey	Wayland Partnership
Mr G. Hayes	Dereham Area Partnership (Substitute)
Mr B. Horner	Voluntary Norfolk
Mrs S. Matthews	Norfolk Association of Local Councils
Tim Swaine (In place of Mr N. Stott)	Keystone Development Trust

In Attendance

Mark Fretwell	- LSP Officer
Stephen James	- Policy and Performance Manager
Robert Walker	- Director of Community Services
Elaine Wilkes	- Senior Member Services Officer

- Jan Godfrey in the Chair -

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Introductions

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Michael Eveling as a new Member of the Board, representing the Probation Service.

Congratulations were extended to Jan Godfrey on being awarded the MBE.

Introductions were then given round the table.

15/09 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

Updates were given on the following matters:

- a) Project Rainbow, Watton (Minute 8/09) – It was likely that a request for assistance with finding a venue for this project would come forward for the Board's consideration in September.
- b) Skills Road Map (Minute 10/09) – Members were invited to let Mark Fretwell know if they had any questions or required further information on the presentation received at the 9th June Board meeting, which he would then take forward to Lucy Walker.

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16/09 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from David Ovenden, William Nunn, Trevor Holden, and Valerie Jenkins.

17/09 URGENT BUSINESS

Pride in Breckland Project

Rob Walker was pleased to advise that Richard Wills had been appointed as the new Pride Coordinator and had commenced work. A Project Board meeting was arranged for 12 August and members could expect to see a lot of new activity from now on.

The position was noted.

18/09 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

A declaration of personal interest was made by Tim Swaine as a representative of Keystone Development Trust which had interests in projects in relation to agenda item 7 (project funding).

19/09 SAFER COMMUNITIES

A joint presentation was given on the topic of community safety in Breckland.

Headline issues in Breckland were:

- Night time economy
- Criminal damage
- Anti social behaviour
- Non-dwelling burglaries (rural areas)
- Road safety
- Home safety (fire – over 65s)

Also an issue was that of perception versus reality, as identified from the Place Survey 2009, notwithstanding the fact that Breckland was a relatively safe place to live.

A joint approach to community safety was proposed between Norfolk Constabulary, Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service and Breckland Council, who all had a shared agenda and a strong record of working together.

Community safety had wider impacts, including health and wellbeing and economic prosperity (from business crime), and was best addressed through a joined-up approach.

Notable successes included the introduction of Respect Zones in Dereham, Attleborough and Swaffham, work to overcome anti social behaviour in Toftwood, Dereham, reductions in road traffic casualties, Operation Dampen Spirits (action against arson), and the Civic Pride campaign.

A number of ways to improve community safety through joint working to

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reduce crime and anti social behaviour were to be taken forward as follows:

- Integrated service teams
- Monthly tasking and coordinating process
- Joint assessment of emerging issues at district level
- Joint forward planning for anticipated trends
- All agencies working together to target common issues
- Information sharing
- Pooling of resources
- Avoiding duplication
- Streamlined partnership arrangements

There was Partnership support for integrating service teams, streamlining arrangements and through a commitment of resource to targeted projects. It was also the view that two stand alone CDRPs would give greater benefit, and to link the LSP more closely to the CDRP, where often agencies were represented by the same people and topics were also often similar.

In this way, it was felt improvements could be realised from:

- Efficiency savings and improved services
- Faster action before a problem had a bigger impact
- Joint communications – celebration of success
- Effective use of joint resources
- Reductions in crime and anti social behaviour
- Reduced administration and bureaucracy

Specific community safety projects included:

- Key Stage 4 Road Safety
- Joined-up School and Youth Engagement programme
- Kickz Dereham
- Copcards (Watton)
- Pride Community Rangers

Recommendations would be brought to the next meeting of the Board and Partners were asked to identify the commitment they could make to the delivery of the community safety agenda in Breckland.

There was general support from members for the more integrated approach being proposed. Specifically, it was felt that having individual CDRP would help to give a better local focus and the importance of positive communications was also highlighted – Breckland was a good and safe place to be and it was important that there should be good, factual reporting of issues in the media.

The position was noted and a report would be submitted to the next meeting with firm recommendations on the way forward, including the issue of communications.

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20/09 PLACE SURVEY - RESULTS

Steve James presented the results of the Place Survey undertaken by Mori over the period September to December 2008. This was a bi-annual survey of people's satisfaction with the Council in respect of both national and non-national performance indicators.

A copy of the presentation slides is appended for members' information.

There was much information available that could be used to decide what action was needed and from there, to look at what capacity the LSP had to design interventions collectively.

That view was endorsed and it was also felt important for members to have a clear understanding of the LSP's current position and what it was delivering through the thematic groups, to look to see how these fitted with the findings of the Place Survey and then to consider how to allocate resources effectively to fill the gaps.

Following discussion it was agreed that MF be tasked to review:

- i) Current governance arrangements
- ii) Past delivery
- iii) Current projects
- iv) Propose structure for moving forward

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21/09 PROJECT FUNDING (E.O.I)

It was agreed that two late applications could be accepted.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the report be noted for information and planning purposes;
- (2) the following members be nominated to a sub-group to review and shortlist applications for report back to the Board at its September meeting:

David Seaton
Lucy Walker
Jan Godfrey
Rob Walker
Brian Horner or Linda Rogers
Paul Elliott or Debbie Bartlett

22/09 MIGRATION IMPACTS FUNDING

Mark Fretwell reported on the successful outcome of the bid for Migration Impacts Funding.

Funding of £220,000 had been awarded for year 1 and £30,000 for year 2 (not guaranteed) for Breckland. There was also a good allocation across the County as follows: Norfolk County Council £183,000, King's Lynn £85,000 and Norfolk Constabulary £100,000.

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There was a need now to coordinate how the funding was used to ensure there was no duplication of schemes.

It was noted there was the possibility of pooling funding to maximise its potential use and Mark Fretwell explained that the funding was not ring-fenced.

It was further noted that West Norfolk had made an independent bid and the results of bids by voluntary sector organisations was not yet known.

23/09 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING (PB)

Details of the submitted bid were as circulated with the agenda and the decision was expected in the next week.

If the bid was successful, a request for some additional match funding would be submitted for the Board's consideration.

The scheme was felt to be a good pilot project for the district and it was noted that some agencies were already interested in adding funding.

24/09 FUTURE JOBS FUND

It was noted that this bid related to future bidding rounds, the first round having already been completed and targeted.

RESOLVED that the Economic Project Group meeting on 13 August be asked to focus on the Future Jobs Fund and complete a supporting job creation bid to the Investing in Communities Partnership Board for approval and inclusion, thus ensuring that consistent and high quality proposals are put forward that would contribute to LAA Indicator 152.

25/09 BUDGET

Mark Fretwell reported no change to the position reported at the last meeting.

26/09 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

The following items for future agenda were noted:

10 September:

- Community Safety report
- Place Survey – Report back on further investigations and coordination regarding neighbourhood and anti social behaviour issues
- Project Funding Shortlist

5 December:

- Healthy Town Update

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27/09 FUTURE MEETINGS

The arrangements for the next meeting on 10 September were confirmed.

A timetable of future meetings was noted as follows:

14 January 2010
11 March 2010
20 May 2010
15 July 2010
16 September 2010
18 November 2010

A suggestion was made to explore having a public annual meeting to help promote the work of the Partnership.

28/09 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The appropriateness of this item to the Board was questioned, as it was felt Strategic Partnerships did not fall within the remit of the Local Government Act. It was agreed to clarify the matter for future meetings.

In the meantime, it was agreed that, given that personal information was involved, it was appropriate to consider the following item in confidence.

29/09 LSP OFFICER CONTRACT

RESOLVED that

- (1) the Breckland Partnership (LSP) Officer post be funded for an additional year (March 2010-2011); and
- (2) it be agreed that Breckland Council continues to act as host employer for the Breckland Partnership (LSP) Officer post.

The meeting closed at 3.15 pm

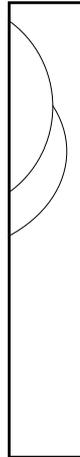
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Place Survey 2009

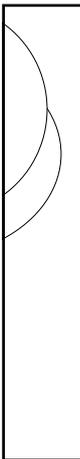


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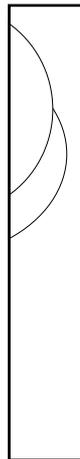
Purpose

- To give a high level overview of the survey
- To inform of performance highlights
- To suggest possible ways to work with the information for the partnership



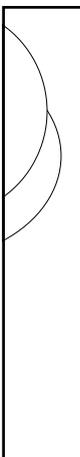
Overview

- Is about 'people and place'
- Bi-annual survey
- September – December 2008
- 1150 responses
- 18 National Indicators



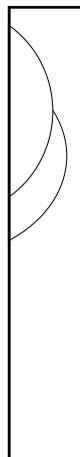
Non National Indicators

- Overall satisfaction with the council has fallen from 2006/07 three in five (62%) to a half (50%) in 2008/09 to bring the level of satisfaction in line with that experienced in 2003/04.
- Satisfaction with cleanliness has fallen from 70% in 2006/07 to 61.8% in 2008/09.
- The proportion of respondents satisfied with waste recycling (local tips) has dropped from a level of 80% in 2003/04 to 61% in 2008/09.



Non National Indicators

- Sports and leisure facilities have also seen a reduction in satisfaction levels from over a half in 2006/07 (52%) to under a half in 2008/09 (45.9%).
- The level of satisfaction with libraries has dropped from four in five in 2006/07 (81%) to just under three-quarters in 2008/09 (74%).
- For museums and galleries respondents levels of satisfaction have slightly increased to just over two in five (41.2%).



Non National Indicators

- Satisfaction for parks and open spaces has slightly decreased to 56% (58% in 2006/07).
- However there has been a slight rise in respondents who declare themselves either very or fairly satisfied with theatres and concert halls, from (24%) in 2006/07 to (29.4%).

National Indicators

- More than two thirds (68.3%) of respondents believe that people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area, compared with 63% in 2006/07.
- The percentage of people who feel they can influence public decisions has largely stayed the same at around a third of respondents in 2006/07 (34%) and 2008/09 (32%).
- Similarly overall satisfaction with the local area has stayed largely the same, with a very slight rise from four in five (78%) of respondents being satisfied in 2006/07 to just over four in five (82.2%) in 2008/09.

National Indicators

- The perception that people in the area not treating one another with respect has fallen from just under a half in 2006/07 (44%) to under a third (31%).
- Issues of drunk and rowdy behaviour have stayed consistent at 28% since 2006/07 after the significant improvement seen between 2003/04 and 2006/07.
- The perception of drug use as a problem has continued to fall, now being cited by fewer than one in three (29.8%).

National Indicators

- NI 1 % people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in local area
68.3% (-6.6%)
- NI 2 % of people who feel they belong to their neighbourhood
65.0% (+3.6%)
- NI 5 Overall/ general satisfaction with local area
82.2% (-3.1%)

National Indicators

- NI 17 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour
16.4% (+2.9%)
- NI 21 Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour/crime issues by local council/police
22.0% (-5.2%)
- NI 42 Perceptions of drug use or drug dealing as problem
29.8% (+7.2%)

National Indicators

- NI 119 Self-reported measure of people's overall health/ wellbeing
77.4% (+1.4%)
- NI 139 Extent to which older people receive support needed to live independently
28.6% (-1.7%)
- NI 140 Fair treatment by local services
81.1% (+3.5%)

Using the information

- Less 'value' in using individual indicators to inform activity
- More 'value' understanding indicators thematically
- **Design interventions based on this thematic understanding**

NI Groups?

Health

Neighbourhood

Place

Health

- NI 119 Self-reported measure of people's overall health/ wellbeing
- NI 138 Satisfaction with people over 65 with both home/ neighbourhood
- NI 139 Extent to which older people receive support needed to live independently

Neighbourhood

- NI 17 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour
- NI 21 Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour/crime issues by local council/police
- NI 22 Perceptions of parents taking responsibility for behaviour of their children in area
- NI 41 Perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour as problem
- NI 42 Perceptions of drug use or drug dealing as problem
- NI 27 Understanding of local concerns about anti-social behaviour/crime issues by local council/police

Place

- NI 1 % people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in local area
- NI 2 % of people who feel they belong to their neighbourhood
- NI 3 Civic participation in local area
- NI 4 % of people who feel they can influence decisions in locality
- NI 5 Overall/ general satisfaction with local area
- NI 6 Participation in regular volunteering
- NI 23 Perceptions that people in area do not treat one another with respect/consideration

Links to SCS

Health Indicators



Outcome: Improving health and wellbeing

Priority: Improve health and tackle inequalities across the district

Links to SCS

Neighbourhood Indicators



Outcome: Safer and stronger communities

Aims: Reduce the incidence of anti-social behaviour

Reduce fear of crime and raise the confidence of communities in the safety of their area

Links to SCS

Place Indicators



Outcome: Safer and stronger communities

Aims: Increase the participation and engagement of local people in community activities

Increase perception that people from different backgrounds get on well together

Understanding the information

Partnership priorities (SCS)



Partnership understanding of need (NI's, LPI's)



Partnership solutions (Projects)



Partnership outcomes

Next steps?

- Understand what this information tells us
- Decide what if any action is needed
- Understand what capacity the partnership has to deliver
- Design interventions collectively, based on partnership understanding and capacity