

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the South
Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership
Board held on Monday, 18 May 2009 at 2.00
p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor RMA Manning – Chairman

Members: D Ball (Business Sector), P Barlow (Faith Groups), M Farrar (Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils), M Gyte (NHS Cambridgeshire), GJ Harlock (South Cambridgeshire District Council), R Hylton (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire and Rescue Service), A Mackintosh (Business Sector), S Moir (Cambridgeshire County Council), R Needle (Cambridgeshire Constabulary), J Reeve (Voluntary Sector) and D Spreadbury (Voluntary Sector)

K Bennett, A Speed, G Barron and I O'Meara were in attendance by invitation.

Apologies were received from MT Bradney, J Bridge, MP Howell and Jon Maxwell

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62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

63. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

Hard-To-Reach Group Consultation

Gemma Barron reported that approximately £13,000 had been secured and this consultation would now go ahead.

Climate change checklist

Gemma Barron reported that a recent working group meeting had supported the development of a checklist to ensure that projects considered the need to reduce carbon emissions and suggested that crime reduction and equalities aspects be added to the checklist. It was noted that the checklist would be brought to a future meeting.

Engaging parish councils

Gemma Barron reported that an event was planned for the autumn.

64. CAMBRIDGESHIRE TOGETHER UPDATE

The Chairman gave a brief update on the discussions at the meeting of Cambridgeshire Together on 20 March 2009. He stated that the Joint Accountability Committee, which scrutinised the work of Cambridgeshire Together, would meet four times in 2009/10. He also explained that the economy in South Cambridgeshire was still growing in contrast to the national economy. David Ball affirmed that the Chamber of Commerce supported this assessment.

NI 117 (16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training)

Gemma Barron agreed to find out the figures on this Performance Indicator, which showed that South Cambridgeshire was performing well, compared to the rest of the Country.

GB**NI 118 (adapting to climate change)**

Concern was expressed that South Cambridgeshire, having not met Level 1 by the end of 2009, would not achieve Level 2 by 2010/11. An exception report was requested for the next meeting.

GB**65. COMPREHENSIVE AREA AGREEMENT**

Gemma Barron presented this report on the new assessment framework for public services and its implications for the Board.

It was noted that the Comprehensive Area Assessment would take the Local Area Agreement and the Sustainable Community Strategies as its starting point.

The Board **NOTED** the report.

66. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Gemma Barron presented this report on the Sustainable Community Strategy, which highlighted areas of outstanding achievement and concern. It was noted that a large percentage of performance data for 2008/09 was not yet available.

Challenging targets

It was understood that improving targets could be particularly challenging, for example the target for NI17 (Perceptions of Anti-Social Behaviour) was to reduce performance from 7% to 4%.

Minor amendments and corrections

It was noted that a correction was required to Appendix A, as NI016 on serious acquisitive crime was not a district level target.

Gemma Barron agreed to circulate the definitions for the indicators in Appendix A prior to the next meeting.

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The Board agreed to dedicate each of its next four meetings to one of the four objectives. July's meeting to focus on Safe and Clean Communities, as the Crime and Disorder Partnership was already on the agenda.

The Board **NOTED** the report.

67. REWARD GRANT PROJECT AND FINANCE UPDATE

Gemma Barron presented this item, which updated the Board on spending and project implementation for the Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) Reward Grant.

Gemma Barron agreed to provide details of the community chest grants 2009/10, which were displayed at Appendix B.

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The Board **AGREED** that the Chairman should send a letter to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils to outline concern at not having received signed conditions of grant and a quarterly return for January-March 2009.

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The Board **NOTED** the LPSA reward grant spend and project progress to date.

68. REPORT FROM TRANSPORT & ACCESS GROUP

In the absence of the Chairman of the Transport & Access Group, Gemma Barron presented this item.

It was suggested that the issue of road safety should be become the responsibility of a different Theme Group, such as the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. The Board **AGREED** that the Chairman should send a letter to the Chairman of the Crime and Reduction Partnership recommending that they take local responsibility for road safety.

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It was suggested by a resident from Willingham that the Partnership should be more proactive in trying to prevent accidents, instead of making improvements where accidents had occurred. Whilst this aim was welcomed it was noted that it was unclear how it could be implemented, whilst all areas understood the logic of prioritising improvements based on the number of accidents.

It was understood that the A14 was the responsibility of the Highways Agency and concern was expressed that planned improvements to this road would be further delayed due to the economic downturn. It was noted that poor traffic flow on the A14 led to illegal levels of air quality. Stephen Moir agreed to ask the Highways Agency regarding the progress on A14 improvements.

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69. COUNTER TERRORISM DVD SHOWING

The Board viewed a DVD on Project ARGUS (Area Reinforcement Gained Using Scenarios), a counter terrorist initiative.

Rob Needle explained that the Government wanted the profile of Project ARGUS to be raised through the viewing of this DVD, which had been shown to members of the police force and was now being shared with Partners. It was noted that the DVD was not for public release.

Rob Needle advised Board Members to call the hotline with any information that could be relevant, although he cautioned that feedback, even for useful information, was unlikely.

70. ANNUAL REVIEW

Gemma Barron informed the Board that the Annual Review would be circulated to members who would be invited to make any comments or suggested amendments. The Board noted that the Review needed to be agreed before its next meeting and delegated final sign-off to the Chairman.

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71. NHS CAMBRIDGESHIRE 5 YEAR PLAN

Mary Gyte urged all those present to respond to this consultation exercise by the NHS by the deadline of 29 May 2009. Paper copies of the consultation form were available at the meeting.

Mary Gyte agreed to consider how this consultation exercise could use information from Parish Plans within the District.

The Board **NOTED** the report.

72. FORWARD AGENDA

The Forward Plan was amended to include a performance item on Safe and Clean Communities at the next meeting.

The Board **NOTED** the report.

The meeting ended at 3.50 p.m.
