

# Cambridgeshire Together Briefing No. 1 May 2009

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Welcome to Cambridgeshire Together Briefing No.1. These briefings will be issued on a monthly basis.

## Latest news

### Cambridgeshire Public Service Board

Cambridgeshire Together's Board, the partnership's key decision makers, has endorsed the creation of the Cambridgeshire Public Service Board (CPSB) at its meeting on 27 May 2009.

The CPSB, formerly the Chief Executives Liaison Group (CELG), includes Chief Executives from Cambridgeshire County Council and the five district councils, the Chief Constable, the Chief Fire Officer, NHS Cambridgeshire and Cambridgeshire Horizons.

The redesignation of CPSB from CELG, comes from the group's shared ambition to provide even stronger joint leadership and action. In particular, the group intends to:

- \* Provide greater coordinated leadership
- \* Enhance the delivery of the Cambridgeshire Vision and Local Area Agreement
- \* Provide stronger support for the Cambridgeshire Together Board
- \* Provide a stronger leadership and direction for public service activities within Cambridgeshire

The CPSB has produced an initial action plan, which is being developed to form a detailed programme of work. The action plan includes:

- \* Development and commissioning of a 'Cambridgeshire Plan' - creating a stronger and more focussed long-term vision for Cambridgeshire and the supporting countywide sustainable strategy.
- \* Ensuring greater clarity and focus for all partnership working within the county, building upon the work of the partnerships review, and ensuring that groups that are not specifically supporting delivery activities are decommissioned
- \* Further work to develop the support arrangements for Cambridgeshire Together and to create a stronger focus upon key decisions being considered by the Cambridgeshire Together Board
- \* Work to provide stronger support for the work of the CPSB, including further development sessions for the membership of the group
- \* Commission of key interventions to support the delivery of the 'Cambridgeshire Plan', with proposals such as 'Making Cambridgeshire Count' initiative.

Read more about the CPSB proposal presented to the Cambridgeshire Together Board

<http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/db/reptrack2009.nsf/c3cf865e3cc1131380256a6b0037e439/07a9eed5146591b6802575bd004fb585?OpenDocument>

### 'Making Cambridgeshire Count' initiative backed

The Cambridgeshire Together board has backed a new initiative 'Making Cambs Count' which could enhance the way the partnership aims to deliver efficient and high quality public services for all communities in Cambridgeshire.

The new approach would provide Cambridgeshire Together with the unique opportunity to look closely at what the partnership really aspires to deliver for and with communities across the County and how it can best use its total resources to deliver our shared vision. In particular, it could:

- \* Identify what improvements are being achieved for the resources being committed in the area
- \* Improve resident satisfaction, both with public services and Cambridgeshire as a place to live
- \* Give communities greater say over how public money is spent
- \* Address the needs of vulnerable groups in budget allocation and strategic planning
- \* Identify barriers to delivering seamless joined up public services from the customer perspective

The project is being backed by Improvement East, the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership, who has agreed a notional allocation of £300,000 to support 'Making Cambridgeshire Count', a commissioning group involving key partners will be convened to map out a strategy for the project. This project builds on the work done by the highly acclaimed 'Calling Cumbria' approach, which reenergised partnership working and public services in that county.

Read more about Making Cambridgeshire Count

<http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/db/retrack2009.nsf/c3cf865e3cc1131380256a6b0037e439/2537a451f39215de802575bc00497e95?OpenDocument>

Read more about Calling Cumbria

<http://www.cumbriastrategicpartnership.org.uk/callingcumbria/callingcumbria.asp>

## **Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)**

The CAA is the new way of assessing how effectively local partnerships are working together to deliver peoples' priorities. An editing group, consisting of members of the LAA Reference Group (the officer support group for Cambridgeshire Together), has now been established to shape a narrative for the assessment based on performance data provided by all partners. The draft of the assessment will be available in early July.

For more information on CAA, please email Adrian Smith, Head of Corporate Development, [adrian.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:adrian.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## **Support and Advice**

### **Partnerships Team**

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The deadline for stories and news for the August 2009 issue of the Cambridgeshire Together e-magazine is the 30 June.