

Cambridgeshire Together Briefing – January 2010



Cambridgeshire Together Board Update

The Cambridgeshire Together Board, a group of the county's key decision makers, met for their bi-monthly meeting on 25 November. The Board discussed a varied agenda, including:

- An economic report on the recession and its effects on Cambridgeshire. The Board agreed to ask partners to identify actions to support communities and to report these back.
- A report on the findings of the Cambridgeshire Together rural strategy consultation, which would inform the development of the Cambridgeshire Rural Strategy. The Board agreed to ask the Local Area Agreement Reference Group (LAARG) to ensure that the development of the strategy document took account of regional and local planning policies.
- The next in the series of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments, focusing on the health profile and requirements of migrant workers and homeless people within Cambridgeshire was received by the Board. The Board agreed to take forward the recommendations of the report.
- An update on LAA performance, outlining where the partnership is on target and areas where improvements need to be made. The Board agreed the Quarter 2 performance results and the conclusions reached in the report, to note the impact of the possible loss of Housing Growth Fund on the achievement of LAA targets and to review all the national indicators to determine the best strategy for meeting the LAA targets and the Vision for Cambridgeshire.
- Feedback from the Local Strategic Partnership (LSPs) and Thematic Strategic Partnerships (TSPs) regarding key issues. The Board agreed to encourage each partner organisation to commit to the Skills Pledge (if not already signed up) to provide positive leadership for other organisations to follow.

View minutes from the Cambridgeshire Together Board on 25 November

<http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/db/council2.nsf/index.htm>

The meeting scheduled for the 22 January 2010 was cancelled.

Oneplace says Cambridgeshire is working well for communities

A national report has rated Cambridgeshire as exceptional on driving up recycling and says the county's public bodies are working well together for their communities.

The Oneplace report, published for the first time, measures how public services are doing on issues that matter most for people in the county and was produced by six independent watchdogs.

It says how overall Cambridgeshire is a county of prosperity and growth and that local services are addressing the challenges their communities and agencies say they should tackle.

Cambridgeshire has been given a coveted green flag for reducing waste and driving up recycling and composting levels of household waste to over 50 per cent. Green flags are given to public bodies which are achieving exceptional outcomes or doing something innovative.

£1.5million provides over 200 temporary jobs for long term unemployed

237 temporary jobs for young people and the long term unemployed will be created across Cambridgeshire thanks to £1.5 million received this week by organisations across the county.

The new money was awarded to Cambridgeshire Together after it made a bid to the Government's Future Jobs Fund.

The partnership has been given the green light to create the jobs in tourism and leisure, community development, health and administration, with posts including finance and education, sports and fitness and the media.

The jobs are aimed at 18-24 year olds who have been out of work for at least nine months. The long term unemployed aged 25 and over who live in areas where the unemployment rate is 1.5 per cent higher than the national average will also benefit from the new job opportunities.

Environmental Sustainability Partnership

A meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Thematic Partnership is to be held at East Cambridgeshire District Council offices in Ely on 12 January at 6 pm. This will be the first full meeting of this thematic strategic partnership, which supports the delivery of the countywide sustainable community strategy and a number of key targets within the LAA. Agenda and other papers will be made available on the Cambridgeshire County Council website nearer the time www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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