



GPP Executive

21 April 2008

Bourges Room

Present	Richard Astle	GPP Director (Chairman)
	Gillian Beasley	PCC, Chief Executive
	Helen Edwards	PCC, Solicitor to Council
	Paul Phillipson	Chief Superintendent Cambridgeshire Police
	Ken McKay	Chair Environment Capital Partnership
	David Sturgess	PCC, Interim Head of Performance and Project Management
	Malcolm Burch	PCC, Assistant Chief Executive
	Mick Leggett	Chair Peterborough Regional Economic Partnership
	Nick Hutchins	PCC, Head of Business Support, Chief Executive Department
	Sue Mitchell	PCT, Assistant Director Public Health
	Lindsey Burrows-McGill	Chair Voluntary and Community Sector Reference Group
	Ben Ticehurst	PCC, Director of Children's Services (Interim)
	Louise McManus	GPP, LAA Project Director
	Steve Bowyer	OP, Representative of Steve Compton
	Janet Capstick	Go-East
	Claire Harrison	Go-East
	John Plaice	Go-East
	Mavis Spencer	Go-East
	Martin Whelan	Partnership and Parish Support Officer

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman it was agreed that the GPP Director would Chair the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Bridge, Marco Cereste, John Blair, Trevor Gibson, Cllr Peach, Denise Radley and Andy Liggins.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 4 February 2008 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

6. LPSA Update

Members were advised that the item had been deferred until the June meeting.

7. LPSA Reward Grant Decision

Richard Astle reminded the Executive of the LPSA reward grant process. Members noted that once the costs of the GPP Secretariat had been removed, the projected reward grant value available for re-allocation was circa £1.2m. Members were also reminded that it was unlikely that the funding would be available for some time, so the importance of carefully managing the cash flow issues was emphasised.

Mick Leggett sought clarification on the marketing project, and whether any potential in OP receiving funding would adversely affect the project. The Executive was assured that the funding would be up to £0.5m over three years, and that due to other funding streams OP would be able to start the work immediately.

The Executive approved the proposed allocation as in the report, and requested that successful Partnerships draw up more detailed business plans. Richard Astle to ensure that all Partnerships that have made bids are informed whether their bid has been successful or not.

Richard Astle tabled a paper on the GPP Secretariat Costs for the next three years. Members were invited to send any comments directly to John Bridge by Monday 28th April. The Executive agreed that unless any comments were received the proposals would be accepted immediately.

Clarification was sought on the performance management arrangements. Members agreed that it was important not to create an additional performance management framework. Members were assured that the business plans would be requesting detailed links to the LAA, and how the project would contribute towards the delivery of the LAA. Richard Astle to liaise with David Sturgess, to ensure that the process is sufficiently robust to deliver the desired outcomes.

8. GPP Performance Management and Solution Centre

David Sturgess introduced the report, and outlined the principle and mechanics of the solution centre.

The importance of engaging the full range of partners was emphasised as critical to the delivery of the project. Richard Astle proposed that the Executive should nominate a member to work with David Sturgess to deliver the project. The suggestion was welcomed, and it was agreed that Paul Phillipson would lead the group and other volunteers would be sought to support the process.

Ken McKay sought clarification on whether the project would seek to remove barriers that traditionally existed at middle management of organisations. Gillian Beasley assured the Board that the suggested approach had already been successfully deployed within the City Council, however it was acknowledged that cultural issues would need to be challenged.

Mick Leggett emphasised the importance of integrating effective data management into the solution. David Sturgess acknowledged the importance of ensuring effective data management. Members agreed that it was important to avoid a long winded ICT/procurement process.

Go-East sought clarification on whether the users would be involved in developing the solutions. It was noted that users would be involved where appropriate in the process. Following discussion it was agreed to use Teenage Pregnancy to test the approach.

9. GPP Governance - Board and Executive Membership

Executive

Richard Astle summarised the comments received.

- Absence of Opportunity Peterborough – Executive agreed to review if Opportunity Peterborough ceased to be Lead Director Growth, or were not represented in another role.
- No representative of Children and Young People – Executive agreed to include the Director of Children's Services in the membership.
- Additional elected member from the Board representing non statutory – Executive agreed, however concerns were raised about the size of the Executive.
- Clarification on the current status of John Bridge – It was confirmed that John Bridge attended in his capacity as GPP Chairman.

Janet Capstick questioned the value of making changes without using the outputs of the meeting on 3rd March. Following discussion it was agreed to accept the changes proposed, and review the decision in six months time.

Board

Richard Astle outlined the future role of the Board, as a round table, “horizon scanning” group. Members were advised that this was likely to result in a larger board of 35/40 members.

The comments received were summarised

- Concern about the representation of the Health Sector – Agreed, that the PCT, Director of Public Health and an additional Health Representative should be members of the Board. The additional Health Care representative to be determined as appropriate.
- Proposal to include the Chair of the VSF as a member – Agreed, that the Chair of VSF should not be a member of the Board by right and should be elected through the VCS elections.
- Limited Private Sector – Noted the significant Private Sector representation through “dual hatted” members.
- Housing Representative – Agreed, to add a representative for the housing sector.

Richard Astle invited comments on the status of other public sector organisations in relation to the Board. It was agreed following discussion to remove the Fire Service from the standing membership, but to keep the situation under review in the event of the Assistant Chief Fire Officer ceasing to Chair the Community Safety Partnership. It was also agreed to invite EEDA. Members agreed it was important to avoid duplication of membership and issues.

Members noted that the Board meetings would be themed to match the priorities of the LAA. Concern was expressed about the mismatch of the number of priorities with the number of meetings. Richard Astle to resolve timing issues for Board meetings.

Steve Bowyer proposed that the additional Board place on the Executive should be reserved for private sector representation. The Executive accepted the principle.

10. GPP Governance – Partnership Clusters

Members were advised that discussions were ongoing in relation to the governance arrangements for the “Communities” and “Inequalities” strands. Update at next meeting.

3 & 4. LAA 2008-11

Richard Astle and Go-East confirmed the process towards signing off the finalised LAA. Go-East confirmed that provisionally there was agreement on three indicators.

Substantial and sustainable growth

Clarification was sought on the delays in response. Go-East confirmed that the responses were awaited from internal teams and not third parties. Concern was expressed about the lack of communication to date with Opportunity Peterborough. Members were assured that no major issues were expected.

Environment Capital

In the absence of Trevor Gibson, members were informed that Trevor was in agreement with the comments made. Ken McKay confirmed that it was hoped to make the targets as stretching as possible. Janet Capstick agreed to monitor other authorities in the region, and advice accordingly on whether the targets are stretching enough.

Ongoing debate in relation to NI 198 was noted. Members were informed that the Department for Transport was particularly keen for this to be included.

In light of the comments made about NI 198, the Executive sought clarification about how the negotiations would be conducted with different Central Government Departments. Members also expressed concern that without clarity it was very difficult to negotiate effectively. Malcolm Burch reminded all members that until there was agreement on all 35 indicators, there was no agreement. Janet Capstick to investigate the possibility of setting up a meeting with Peter Unwin to address this issue.

Tackling Inequality

Members were advised that the subject to clarification on the statistical basis of the targets, the Smoking indicator was now agreed.

A number of members questioned the purpose of including targets that were unachievable. Members were assured that Peterborough was not the only authority with targets of this nature. Richard Astle hypothetically questioned the logic of utilising resources on targets which could not be met. Go-East acknowledged the concerns and outlined the process for challenging targets.

Members noted that NI 137 would be swapped for NI 120, due to the former lacking a baseline. Sue Mitchell also confirmed that the proposed revision to NI 8 was acceptable, and that the issues related to the County Sports Partnership had been resolved.

Creating Stronger Communities Block

The Executive noted that data was awaited in relation to the Crime Targets. Paul Phillipson sought assurances that any targets set for serious acquisitive would be realistic. Go-East acknowledged the concerns.. Clarification was sought on the PPO measures, and how domestic violence would be measured.

The Executive noted that the drugs targets had been developed in conjunction with the DAAT.

Stronger

Concerns about the place survey were raised. The current position was noted. It was agreed that the cohesion targets needed to be realistic and statistically significant. Indicator 14 was challenged, and suggested that 13% over three years was too high. Louise McManus to check.

Statutory DCSF Targets

Clarification was sought on how the statutory targets were being negotiated. Go-East confirmed that there is a separate process. Janet Capstick agreed to discuss with the Go-East lead.

The Board discussed the negotiation process in detail and how it should be managed. It was agreed that all communication would be through the four Lead Directors.

5. Letter on High Level Meeting

Richard Astle introduced the item and sought comments from members

Following discussion it was agreed to write to all statutory agencies in mid May and seek a formal response on they will contribute to the LAA, and then bring together those agencies at an operational level for a meeting.

An update was also provided on the Environment Capital – DEFRA discussions and ESOL including reference to visit from DUIS.

Meeting closed at 12 – Next Meeting 4th June