



GPP Board Meeting

26th November 2009

At The City Club, Peterborough

Present:

Colleen Gostick	GPP Chair
Mike Leggett	GPP Vice Chair
Gillian Beasley	Chief Executive, PCC
Richard Astle	GPP Director
Andy Hebb	Chief Superintendent, Cambs Police
Rajni Reddy	Faith Rep
Cris Rees	Cambridgeshire Probation Service
Ed Murphy	PCVS Rep
David Copeland	Peterborough Mediation
Trevor Gibson	Director of Environment, Opportunity Peterborough
Angela Bailey	Chief Executive, NHS Peterborough
Sean Brown	Cambs Fire, Safer Peterborough Partnership
Keith Lievesley	Ufford Parish Council
Lindsey Burrows-Howe	Chief Executive, Bridgegate Drugs Services
Sue Churchill	Rep Adult Skills Agenda
Cllr Irene Walsh	Non Executive Councillor
David Denson	Head of Operations, PCC
John Dewis	Rep VCS
Steve Bowyer	Director of Strategic Growth
Linda Jones	Peterborough University
Louise Harrison	GPP, Co-ordinator (Minute Taker)

In Attendance:

Nick Goodman, GPP Environment Capital Officer
Naomi Jones, PCVS
Graeme Law, PCC
Edna Ward, Job Centre Plus
Rachel Huxley, PECT
Malcolm Turner, MIND
Karl Egan, StudentForce
Teresa Wood, PCC
Olive Main, PCC (to represent Cllr Lee)
Jake Reynolds, Sustainable Development Commission

Absent:

Mel Collins, Assistant Director, Learning & Skills, PCC
Ian Leech, BGL
Cliff Walker, Chair of Peterborough Racial Equality Council
Robert Ferris, Chief Operating Officer, PCT
Ted Fawcett, Chief Executive, Age Concern
Mark Edwards, Evening Telegraph
Robert Harris

Apologies:

Apologies were received from: Gillian Beasley, Marco Cereste, Henry Clark, Graeme Clark, Christina Wells, Jonathan Lewis, Dr Andy Liggins, Ian Leech, Byran Tyler, Sandie Burns, Chris Strickland, Cllr Lee, Cllr Sandford, Cllr Holdich, Jawaid Khan, Nigel Hards, John Richards, Anne Keogh, Kevin Tighe, David Strode-Willis, Steve Welby, Christine Bellairs, Sarah Fletcher, Elaine Matthews, Claire Higgins, Paul Phillipson, Rowena Sampson, Charlotte Palmer, Joshua Lovell & John Bridge.

1.a Welcome & Introductions:

Introductions were given.

2.a GPP Update:

Richard Astle provided an update on the following matters:

CAA:

- CAA will be published on 9 December. A joint media briefing will be taking place on 7 December.
- The draft is under embargo by the government.
- It is expected to see a positive report on many aspects of the GPP work: environment, cohesion, economic.
- Crime, education and health likely to feature on the 'more to do' list.

2.b Performance Report:

The September LAA Reporting Pack was tabled and published the day of the Board with the following comments reported:

Strong & Supportive Communities:

- An improving picture on serious acquisitive crime
- Place survey indicators remain a key risk and are the subject of current solution centre work

Environment Capital:

- Fly-tipping and recycling are main areas of concern
- Challenges around carbon footprint – baseline recently changed which meant targets fell behind
- Progress with street cleansing and wildlife/biodiversity targets

Tackling Inequalities:

- Health targets at risk: alcohol, under 18 conceptions, smoking cessation
- Attendance at schools are positive
- Educational targets mixed – GCSE attainment requires 11% increase

Growth:

- Economic action plan refreshed
- Housing output numbers being met

The report will be circulated.

2.c LSP Improvement (Local Strategic Partnership Improvement):

The GPP Executive Chair and Improvement East are looking at that the work that had been commissioned to build on the successful work of the GPP to date and to see how the Strategic Partnership can be improved and how we can drive forward the performance of outcomes.

The proposed new operating framework was presented; developing leadership of place and building a strategic commissioning capability. This will enable the partnerships to operate better, sharing agendas, sharing workforce.

2.d Future Jobs Fund:

- All jobs are now live (being advertised) with Job Centre Plus (JCP).
- JCP Advisors and Signers are directing candidates who've been on Job Seekers Allowance for 6 months to the jobs that they would become eligible for at 9 months.
- A mail-shot to 200 young people who qualify for the jobs has recently been carried out and yielded a 20% response.
- A full page advert of the jobs has been run in the Evening Telegraph

- The website is now fully functioning at www.futurejobsfund.org.uk
- The Placement Manager has been appointed. Studentforce are recruiting the Employee Managers.
- 65 applications for the December and January jobs. They can apply for up to 5 jobs.

3. Regional Strategy Update:

Graeme Law the Strategic Planning Advisor from PCC, gave a presentation and an update on Peterborough and the regional strategic growth:

- The official population in 2008 was 164,000
- The regional plan is for houses and jobs up to 200,000 by 2021
- Different options are being looked at to improve the growth in the region – with new plans looking up to 2031
- Is it felt there is a need to refresh Sustainable Community Strategy?

It was concluded that Graeme Law and Richard Astle should work together to see how best to take this forward.

4. Introduction of Peterborough's health challenges & progress:

Angela Bailey, NHS Peterborough gave a presentation on the health challenges that are faced by Peterborough and surrounding areas.

- Statistics presented showed life expectancies in different wards across Peterborough were significantly lower in the more deprived areas.
- The highest causes of deaths in and around Peterborough are heart attacks and strokes – one of the worst across the country
- A recent school health survey in Peterborough revealed that children of reception age; 13.8% of children were overweight and 9.2% of children were obese.
- It is expected to see life expectancy of children will be less in years to come due to the high obesity rate.
- Alcohol admissions have risen by 20%.

NHS Strategy copies were made available with the key focus on healthy lifestyles – copies are available on request or at the NHS reception in Town Hall

A discussion took place with the following suggestions and points recorded:

- Central Ward is the most targeted area for the Fire & Police department which seem to be the highest affected area for health related issues.
- Make Central Ward a priority.
- Can the NHS prioritise hygiene?
This has not been highlighted as a problem – Angela Bailey agreed to take this question raised away and see if bad hygiene is having an impact on the health of patients.

It was recorded that there is a need to work with all partners through the LAA focusing on smoking, childhood obesity and alcohol reduction.

5. The role of more Sustainable Lifestyles on Health:

Jake Reynolds, Head of Health, Education and Young People, from Sustainable Development Commission, gave a presentation on the Government's commitment to make cities, towns and villages a good place to live and for children to grow up in.

The following points were been noted:

- There is a connection between health and the environment.
- There is a need for child friendly communities
- Cross-government policy recognises the link between health and wellbeing and the physical environment
- Traffic causes pollution and causes physical constraints
- Access to greenspace is an issue - children are not getting into the countryside
- Need confidence in community
- Calm traffic to encourage children to play

Various solutions are being considered and being put into place, these include; shared spaces and home zones. In many cases the community will support these projects if they can see how, when and where the money has been spent.

6. Active Travel:

Teresa Wood, Travelchoice, PCC gave a presentation and an update on the Sustainable Transport Demonstration Town Project, which was carried out between 2004 & 2009.

£3.24 revenue funding was awarded for this project and runs alongside the Local Transport Plan capital works programme.

The project has proven to be a success with the following stats recorded:

- There have been increases of 35% public transport; 14% walking; 12% cycling; reduction 9% in overall car use; saved 6400 CO2 and reduction of 2.3% in car used for the school journey.

Some of the actions been carried out so far to encourage people to cycle more include:

- Cycling and walking targeted promotions through Individualised Travel Marketing campaign
- Cycling and walking events – schools, city wide
- Cycle map plus area guides which include cycle and walking routes
- Providing adult cycle training
- Family cycle event and cycle maintenance classes
- Improving cycle infrastructure
- Increase and improve levels of cycle parking

Travelchoice continue to target cycle behaviour and are currently working with 11 schools on Travel Zone maps for journeys to school and providing safer journeys for children to cycle.

A discussion took place with the following points recorded on how to make further improvements:

- Providing showers will encourage people to bike to work more
- A cycle hub
- Travel plan to link with NHS
- With current health issues – need to push hard on leadership to have a travel plan
- Challenge on car use
- Bike scheme with cycle hire
- Raise Nene Park Trust's profile

7. Peterborough Environment City Trust – local food, growing and cooking:

Rachel Huxley from PECT gave a presentation on the possibilities of developing a local food strategy.

27% of adults in Peterborough are classed as obese. Part of the reason for this high figure is due to the lack of access to local fresh, healthy food and lack of food education. The population often has better access to fast food rather than good food.

Since 1983 importation of food has risen by 50% (air freight) and 90% (road), thus having an effect on the local economy and job creation.

A discussion took place with the following notes recorded:

- Need to explore funding opportunities as a partnership
 - Reduce business rates to encourage local food enterprise and establish food hubs
 - Local employers to work together – combat healthy eating issues and healthy eating within the workforce
 - Who is to lead on these matters for the city?
- Richard Astle agreed to approach the new Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Partnership.

8. Mental Health and Wellbeing:

Malcolm Turner from Fenland and Peterborough Mind gave a presentation on the national overview on absentism and presenteeism in the work place. There seems to be a stigma with people who suffer from mental health issues, yet it affects 1 in 4 in any one lifetime and 1 in 6 at any one time.

An area for development is for employers providing awareness and recognising issues. The DoH (Department of Health) are providing up to £50,000 for 2 years to work with employers:

Develop business case for investment in mental wellbeing of employees

- Mindful Employer
- Mental Health Awareness
- Support for Managers/ Supervisors
- Training – Mental Health First Aid

Fenland and Peterborough Mind work with various groups and organisations including John Clare Trust, providing support and making people feel less isolated.

9.AOB:

No further business

Meeting closed at 5.00pm

Dates for your diary:

18th February 12.30-5pm, @ Buckles Solicitors, Bourges Boulevard, Peterborough

Responsible	Action	Due Date
Richard Astle & Graeme Law	To liaise further on Peterborough's growth strategy.	
Angela Bailey	Investigate if bad hygiene is having an impact of ill health on patients.	18 th Feb
Richard Astle	To liaise with Derek Harris the new chair of Health & Wellbeing Partnership, about using local produce and educating people on healthy eating.	18 th Feb