



GPP Executive Meeting

8 July 2009

PCAE

Present:	Gillian Beasley	Chair, Chief Executive, PCC
	Mick Leggett	Vice chair, Chief Executive, Cross Keys Homes
	Richard Astle	GPP Director
	Angela Bailey	Chief Executive, NHS Peterborough
	Christina Wells	Head of Performance & Improvement, PCC
	Marco Cereste	Leader of the Council
	Nik Patten	Chief Executive NHS Peterborough & Stamford Hospitals Foundation Trust
	Andy Hebb	Chief Superintendent, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
	Steve Compton	Chief Executive, Opportunity Peterborough
	Trevor Gibson	Director of Environment Capital, Opportunity Peterborough
	Chris Strickland	Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Cambs Fire & Rescue

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Colleen Gostick and Lindsay Burrows-McGill.

2. Minutes and Actions from GPP Executive held 13 May 2009

Minutes from the previous meeting were agreed to be accurate record. The issue of the brand guidelines for partnership work remains outstanding and will be put on the agenda for September.

3. Partnership and LAA Performance Issues

RA outlined those indicators that are currently red and those that are predicted to remain red at the end of this Local Area Agreement.

The Creating Opportunities - Tackling Inequalities Priority showed 13 red indicators, the other three priorities had two each. The only outcome that was currently red was 'Increasing Economic Prosperity'. RA reported that a decision had been taken not to revise the targets under this outcome for the second year of the Local Area Agreement as it had proved impossible to develop meaningful targets given the state of the economy earlier this year. The housing targets had however been changed, which was why this outcome was showing green. We had the opportunity to change the economic targets for the final year of the LAA and this would be reviewed in the fourth quarter of this financial year. On a positive note Richard reported that there are fewer red flag than at this stage of the first LAA.

RA recommended that chairs of the partnerships should be sent a letter asking them to confirm the status of the indicators currently flagged red and that robust action plans were in place to improve their status. This was agreed.

ACTION POINT RA

A letter from Ken McKay, Chair of the Environment Capital Partnership was tabled (attached), raising concerns about how GAF money had been allocated and the low proportion of the fund that was now supporting green infrastructure projects. It was agreed that Peterborough City Council and Opportunity Peterborough would review the process of determining the GAF allocation and prepare a response to Ken McKay to be considered at the next Executive meeting.

ACTION POINT GB

4. Comprehensive Area Assessment – update

Christina Wells reported that the final version of our self-assessment would be ready soon and would be circulated to members of the Executive. The audit Commission was preparing its evaluation and was attending a number of forthcoming partnership meetings.

It was agreed that next year the GPP Forum should be held at a time when the CAA assessment could be used as the annual report to the public.

5. Solutions Centre Update

Christina Wells presented a written summary of the work of the Solutions Centre to date. The next Solution Centre would take place in September, looking at public consultation and engagement, linked to the Place survey indicators of the LAA.

Discussion focused on the future resourcing of the Solutions Centre. A number of options were suggested for meeting the costs of the Solutions Centre, including revisiting LPSA allocations or funding from the core budgets of the GPP.

Two different approaches were discussed: a permanent Solutions Centre, with a fixed location and staff resources, which would address up to three issues each a year; or a commissioned based approach, using the Solution Centre methodologies as a tool kit that partnerships could use as required and pay for on a 'pay-as-you-go' basis. It was recognised that there are pros and cons of both approaches. The permanent Solution Centre would ensure that we have the skills and capacity in place to address issues as they arise and to deal with cross-cutting issues that might otherwise be missed. However, it is more costly. Blending the Solution Centre into the core business of the partnerships as a toolkit based approach is cheaper, but the absence of a core team to support it may be a drawback. It was agreed to ask David Sturgess to address this issue as part of his overall review of partnership working.

6. Environmental Capital

Trevor Gibson summarised the progress with the Environment Capital priority. He highlighted the strength of the partnership and the continued progress against most of the LAA indicators. Two indicators had recently turned red and attention had turned to how performance could be improved in these areas (Recycling and fly-tipping).

More generally Peterborough's reputation for its environmental agenda was increasingly being recognised, regionally and nationally. Work in Cathedral Square for instance was being done as a Zero Waste Project and this principle will be used for the demolition of the Corn Exchange.

Key challenges ahead were to ensure all partners were represented around the partnership table – the NHS, for example, was not currently represented and to consider how to make the Environment Capital agenda meaningful to communities.

There was discussion about when Peterborough should declare that it was the Environment Capital, rather than saying we were 'Building the Environment Capital'. TG agreed to take this question back to the partnership and return to the executive in September with a considered answer to the question, recognising the desire of the Executive to set an early date for this.

ML reported that a Cross Keys tenant survey showed litter was the highest concern. Whilst the general public are encouraged to grow more home produce he asked whether we should be seen to be providing more allotments.

MC raised concerns that we are building our own incinerator using 30 year old technology and felt we should be looking at more sustainable and environmentally friendly systems.

7. Impact of the Economic Downturn and Future Jobs Fund

RA reported that a working group had met on 6 July and discussed an economic report and indicator matrix for monitoring the impacts of the downturn.

Our bid to the Future Jobs Fund would be submitted soon. If successful 163 jobs would be created by 27 partners although the PCC would be the single employer. However, there were over 1,000 people in Peterborough who could qualify for the scheme, so the problem of the youth unemployment would continue to need careful attention.

8. Partnership Review

Gillian Beasley reported that David Sturgess's review of partnership working was going well and developing some helpful new ideas about how partnerships could work best together. David's detailed proposals would be presented at the September meeting of the Executive.

9 Any other business

Mike Leggett asked about how well we were preparing for Swine Flu. Angela Bayley outlined the work that was being done and agreed that more could be done to brief businesses.

Date of next meeting: 8 September 2009 from 2 – 4.30pm at ASBAH, 42 Park Road, Peterborough

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS: GPP EXECUTIVE, 8 JULY 2009

RESPONSIBLE	ACTIONS	DUE DATE
Richard Astle	Letter to all Chairs of Partnerships requesting status of indicators flagged red	8 th Sept 09
Gillian Beasley	Prepare response to Ken McKay's letter to be considered at next Exec meeting	8 th Sept 09