



Neighbourhoods & Regeneration Strategic Partnership

Minutes of the meeting held 20 January 2010

Present : Cllr Peter Hiller (Chair) – Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Housing and Community Development
 Paul Phillipson – Executive Director of Operations, PCC
 Richard Astle – Director, GPP
 Adrian Chapman – Head of Neighbourhoods, PCC
 John Cunningham – PCVS
 Jawaid Khan – Community Cohesion Manager
 Claire Higgins – Cross Keys Homes
 Joan Tibbs, Cross Keys Homes
 Steve Bowyer – Opportunity Peterborough
 Leonie McCarthy – Neighbourhood Manager, PCC
 Karen Whatley, Project Manager, PCC
 Julian Base – PCT
 Karen Moody – Adult Learning & Skills Strategy Manager, PCC
 Anne Senior – Economic Participation Manager, PCC
 Lindsey Burrows-Howe – Voluntary Sector Reference Group
 Andy Hebb – Cambs Constabulary
 John Wilkinson, EEDA
 Alec Shelton, Midlands Community Finance
 Matt Earnshaw, East/South Midlands Financial Inclusion Champions Team
 Peter Anderson, Department of Work and Pensions
 Vanessa Tilling, Go-East

Apologies : Cllr Mark Collins – Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee, PCC
 Mark Bennett-Tighe – Cambs Fire & Rescue
 Julie Rivett – Neighbourhoods and Community Engagement Manager, PCC
 Kevin Tighe – Head of Cultural Services, PCC
 Steve Welby, Community Safety Strategic Manager, PCC

	Item	Action
1.	<p><u>Welcome & Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chair (Cllr Peter Hiller) welcomed all to the Neighbourhoods & Regeneration Strategic Partnership (NRSP)</p>	
2.	<p><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting (29 October 2009)</u></p> <p>All agreed these were a true and accurate record.</p>	

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3.	<p><u>Economic Participation Programme</u></p> <p>The Connected Care project (previously the Recognition Project) was approved at the previous NRSP Board meeting subject to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confirmation in writing from PCC or NHS Peterborough as to who is funding any shortfall of revenue/capital for the project - District Valuer's Report to establish the value for money for this project - PCC Corporate Gateway approval for the project to proceed - Confirmation of Stakeholders buy-in and approval - Confirmation of Planning Permission <p>Anne Senior (AS) advised these issues had now been resolved with the one remaining issue, being approval of a key decision notice. The Board agreed to support this. Lindsey Burrows-McGill (LBM) asked that it be minuted that she has abstained from this decision.</p> <p>Julian Base (JB) confirmed there was stakeholder buy-in following a series of meetings with key stakeholders. A meeting with Turning Point would be held shortly and a full stakeholder meeting is planned for February. JB advised positive feedback had been received and he felt the value of the project was appreciated.</p> <p>Some concerns were raised by the Board regarding the robustness of the consultation process as some voluntary groups felt they had been excluded. LBM emphasised that complete buy-in to the project across the entire voluntary sector, was crucial to its success.</p> <p>Leonie McCarthy (LM) suggested JB get involved with the COMPACT project as this would be helpful in achieving a thorough consultation process. At Richard Astle's request, JB agreed a member of the GPP Voluntary Sector Board could sit on the Connected Care Executive Project Board .</p> <p>JB agreed to confirm this year's outputs to John Wilkinson (JW).</p> <p>Due to the timescales involved, the project will not complete during this financial year and have requested EEDA to a carry over £262,900 capital funding to 2010/11. EEDA will consider this proposal and confirm the decision within the next 2 weeks.</p> <p>The Project advised that as the building for delivery of this project had changed from a new build to the refurbishment of an existing building, they would not be in a position to spend all the capital funding allocation for 2009-10. The project has advised a £148k capital under spend to the Economic Participation Programme</p> <p>The NRSP Board Sub Group have taken the following actions to utilise this under spend and ensure full expenditure by 31 March 2010:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional funding to existing projects • Revisiting unsuccessful projects • Looking at requests for new projects <p>It was agreed by the NRSP Board Sub-Group to review the following and seek approval from this group.</p>	<p>LM/JB</p> <p>JB</p>

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	<p>Women's Business Centre - £36,800 Capital Anglian GoWarm - £14,000 Capital Kickstart - £110,00 Capital Peterborough Works £34,333 Capital Future Jobs Fund - £70,000 Capital</p> <p>Full details of these proposals are attached at Appendix 1.</p> <p>It was agreed that further work was needed on all these projects and the Chair agreed recommendations could be e-mailed out following the Board sub-group meeting tomorrow (21 January 2010). AS hopes to have this circulated within the next few days.</p> <p>LBM raised some concerns that the second highest scored project has not been considered for extra funding and asked that Governance be included on a future agenda.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>AC</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Neighbourhood Council Update (Community Action Planning)</u></p> <p>LM explained that it was agreed to hold quarterly Neighbourhood Council meetings at Full Council on 18 May last year and 2 rounds have now been undertaken.</p> <p>They are locality based as follows :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central & North • Dogsthorpe, East & Park • Soke & Isle (covering Northborough, Barnack, Glinton, Wittering, Newborough, Newborough, Eye and Thorney) • Peterborough West • Fletton, Stanground and Woodston • Orton with Hampton • Gunthorpe, Paston, Walton and Werrington <p>These comprise Elected Members, representatives from Parish Councils, Youth Council, Police, Fire, the public, voluntary groups representatives etc. However, only Elected Members are allowed to vote.</p> <p>Further suggestions for publicising these were :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools • Local/parish magazines <p>LM asked that any further suggestions be forwarded to her.</p> <p>An Annual Area Forum will be held to involve all the locality based Councils later in the year.</p> <p>Claire Higgins (CH) asked what processes were in place to manage expectations. LM advised that the emphasis was on the community to jointly work up solutions and they have been successfully encouraged to prioritise issues taking into account the funding available.</p>	

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	<p>LBM stressed the importance of involving the groups who are considered, "difficult to reach" as it is often the case that it is these sections of the community who can be key problem solvers.</p> <p>Leonie's full presentation is attached at Appendix 2</p>	
5.	<p><u>Financial Inclusion</u></p> <p>Matt Earnshaw, East/South Midlands Financial Inclusion Champions Team explained their role was to promote the government agenda around financial inclusion. His presentation indicated the level of interest at which those poorer sectors of the community are forced to borrow and that 35,000 more people use loan sharks during times of recession.</p> <p>Peter Anderson from the DWP then gave an overview on the why the need for Financial Inclusion has arisen and gave some background on the Growth Fund. The 2004 Budget had outlined measures to promote financial inclusion, including the setting up of a growth fund.</p> <p>Finally Alec Shelton from MCF Loans, a non-profit making organisation, gave an overview of the work of his company whose purpose is to make loans to financially excluded communities who have difficulty obtaining credit from mainstream sources.</p> <p>Alec was asked whether it was part of his business plan to eventually be able to reduce the APR if this was sustainable. He advised this was very unlikely to be achieved in the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Asked whether there were any exclusions, the group were advised that Experian credit checks were carried out and if it was found that false or misleading information had been given, then it was likely a loan would be refused.</p> <p>Discussion around a few other concerns took place and LM advised these could be taken to the Financial Inclusion Group for further discussion.</p> <p>Loans officers are currently being trained and during the next week or so, will be working from offices in Peterborough. The Chair asked for further details on how this was agreed.</p> <p>A full presentation is attached at appendix 3.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Solution Centre Update</u></p> <p>Due to time constraints AC advised he would arrange a single agenda NRSP meeting during March to update.</p>	AC
7.	<p><u>Dates of Future Meetings</u></p> <p>26 May 2010 – 10am @ PCAE, Room H1.12 29 September – 10am @ Bourges Room, Town Hall <i>(Please note this has changed from 18 August)</i> 16 November 2010 – 10 am @ H1.12, PCAE 21 February 2011 – 10 am @ Bourges Room, Town Hall</p> <p>An electronic invite will be sent shortly.</p>	

