



Neighbourhoods & Regeneration Strategic Partnership

Minutes of the meeting held 9 July 2009

Present : Cllr Peter Hiller (Chair) – Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Housing and Community Development
 Paul Phillipson – Executive Director of Operations, PCC
 Richard Astle – Chief Executive, GPP
 Mark Bennett-Tighe – Cambs Fire & Rescue
 Adrian Chapman – Head of Neighbourhoods, PCC
 Allison Conder – EEDA
 John Cunningham – PCVS
 Jawaid Khan – Community Cohesion Manager
 Claire Higgins – Cross Keys Homes
 Sylvia King – Opportunity Peterborough
 Chris Mackett – Probation Service
 Leonie McCarthy – New Link Manager, PCT
 Sue Mitchell – PCT
 Karen Moody – Adult Learning & Skills Strategy Manager, PCC
 Anne Senior – Economic Participation Manager, PCC
 Steve Welby – Community Safety Strategy Manager, PCC

Apologies : Mark Birch – Cambs. Constabulary
 Steve Bowyer – Opportunity Peterborough
 Lindsey Burrows-McGill – Voluntary Sector Reference Group
 Henry Clark – Rural Working Group
 Cllr Mark Collins – Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee, PCC
 Keith Jones – Citizens Advice Bureau
 Maureen Phillips – Assistant Director (Family & Communities), PCC
 Gary Ridgway – Cambs. Constabulary
 Julie Rivett – Neighbourhoods and Community Engagement Manager, PCC
 Kevin Tighe – Head of Cultural Services, PCC

	Item	Action
1.	<p><u>Welcome & Introductions</u></p> <p>The new Chair (Cllr Peter Hiller) welcomed all to the Neighbourhoods & Regeneration Strategic Partnership (NRSP) meeting and asked for introductions.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting (7 May 2009)</u></p> <p>All agreed these were a true and accurate record.</p>	

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3.	<p><u>Terms of Reference</u></p> <p>In view of the revised Terms of Reference being comprehensive, Cllr H suggested that this be brought to another meeting outside of the Board.</p> <p>RA asked the Board to be aware that PCC is leading an independent review in the autumn across Peterborough to strengthen all partnerships which may affect the Terms of Reference.</p> <p>LMcC enquired if the Board would wish her to attend this meeting as a regular participant, there were no objections.</p>	Agreed
4. 4.1	<p><u>Economic Participation Programme – Anne Senior</u></p> <p>AS introduced the recommendations made by the NRSP Board Sub Group.</p> <p><i>Recommendation for the Board to consider the setting of 31 July 2009 as a cut off date for any project that has not progressed through all stages of application, or is not under contractual obligation by 31 July 2009.</i></p> <p>SM declared an interest in connection with the Recognition Project under 3.1 of the NRSP Report, circulated prior to the meeting. SM proceeded to update the Board on the background through to the current status of the project, together with planning and survey works timescales that may make 31 July 2009 an unreasonable deadline.</p> <p>AS stated that the deadline was for the whole of the programme and not for one project, and that funding not spent by 31 March 2010 would be returned to EEDA. CM asked if there could be a degree of flexibility if something is progressing but not quite there, to which AConder reiterated that this date was non-negotiable, however, she conveyed that EEDA, the Economic Participation Programme team and the Recognition Project team are due to meet on 17 July 2009 to discuss the project.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion ensued.</p> <p>RA stated that it was incredibly frustrating that new information was being discussed at this late stage with nothing in advance which made it difficult for the Board to make decisions and felt that conversations should have happened prior to today's meeting. He suggested sight of critical paths and risks and wondered if this could be pulled together, but recognised that this will cause delays.</p> <p>Discussion continued, after which PP suggested that the Board could not reach a decision until a risk assessment and clear project plan and timeline had been submitted.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Board cannot recommend a cut off date of 31 July 2009 until after 17 July 2009 for the Recognition Project. AS will report to Cllr H by 19 July after the meeting arranged by EEDA, and he will then ask the Board members to make a decision in regard to the cut off date for the Recognition Project. However, it was agreed that all other projects would have a cut off date of 31 July 2009.</p>	Agreed

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4.2	<p><i>Recommendation that the Board approves Norfolk and Waveney Enterprise Services (NWES) to deliver community based enterprise through partnership working and sharing knowledge.</i></p> <p>AS conveyed that BizFiz were not willing to work with NWES to deliver this project.</p> <p>Recommendation: Approval was given for NWES to deliver their own framework for delivering community based enterprise.</p>	Approved
4.3	<p><i>Recommendation that the Board reviews the current risks on the Recognition Project and agree associated mitigating action.</i></p> <p>Please see recommendation under 4.1 above.</p>	
4.4	<p><i>Recommendation that the Board reviews the performance of the NIPP project for 2008-09 and considers the status of the application for 2009-10.</i></p> <p>AS conveyed that concerns had been raised by independent evaluators, Roger Tymms and Partners (RTP), with regard to payment of £90k to Community Contact Centres for year 2008-09 (£282k revenue), which had no evidence of outcomes or outputs. Also, RTP have not recommended £162k funding for the current application for 2009-10, and that the application does not meet with EEDA core activities.</p> <p>AChapman declared an interest as the Head of Service where this project sits and stated that he would not wish to progress the 2009-10 application.</p> <p>Recommendation: Cllr H concurred with AChapman not to progress, which was agreed by the Board.</p>	
4.5	<p><i>Recommendation that the Board approves the request for additional funding from New Link subject to sufficient resources becoming available.</i></p> <p>New Link are requesting additional revenue funding of £45k.</p> <p>Recommendation: PP stated that the Council will address this additional funding request for this project, therefore, approval for this recommendation is not required by the Board.</p>	
4.6	<p><i>Recommendation for the Board to await the decision from EEDA before progressing with the John Mansfield Centre (JMC) project funding application.</i></p> <p>JMC are looking for additional funding for 2009-10, however, EEDA have made a decision not to provide additional funding.</p> <p>Recommendation: PP informed the Board that this will be put before Cabinet on 13 July 2009 to discuss progressing this project, therefore, a decision cannot be made at this meeting.</p>	

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4.7	<p><i>Recommendation that the Board agrees any marketing activity in relation to possible opportunities and accessibility for investment with any under spend identified within the programme.</i></p> <p>So far, six projects have applied to AS should funding become available and discussion continued on progressing these and the possibility of inviting bids to a wider audience.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Board agreed to encourage projects, with a suggested start date of 1 October 2009, to bid for any under spend against certain criteria via approved PCC marketing protocols. The current under spend due to the withdrawal of the NIPP Project and the non approval by EEDA for the John Mansfield project is approximately £407k (£171k revenue, £236k capital). AS was to produce a paper for RA to send to partners to ensure the available funding was advertised.</p>	AS
5.	<p><u>Dates of future meetings</u></p> <p>29 October 2009 2.30 pm – 5pm : John Horrell Suite 2, PCAE 20 January 2010 2.30 pm – 5pm : Room H1.12, PCAE</p>	