



## **PLAY PARTNERSHIP**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2-4PM – TOWN HALL**

**Present**

Nick Goodman, Chair, Greater Peterborough Partnership  
Trudy Mitchell, Children's Services, Peterborough City Council  
Louise Wilcox, PCC  
Penny Baker, Children's Integrated Disability Service (CIDS), PCC  
Di Hardiman, Play England  
Kathy Longbone, PCC  
Steve Wells, Early years, PCC  
Chris Fisher, Children and families service, PCC  
Nazia Hasan, PCT

#### **1. Apologies and Introductions:**

Apologies for absence were received from: Charles Clay, Landscape Architect, PCC Kevin Tighe, Adrian Chapman, Steve Welby, Val Callis, Children's Integrated Disability Service (CIDS), PCC, Jean Hughes PCT

#### **2. Terms of Reference**

NG presented an updated terms of reference for further comment. A number of suggestions and additions were made and **NG will update and circulate for sign off at the next meeting.**

- **NG was voted in as Chair**
- **LW and DH would be vice Chairs**

#### **3. Playbuilders – update, development and design**

Louise Wilcox gave an update on the progress of the Playbuilders programme. The programme is on track to deliver the first tranche of sites for 08/09 (Year 1). Attention now turns to identifying sites and locations for the sites in Year 2 and Year 3. Some of the more contentious and awkward sites have been postponed from Year 1. The completed sites will be opened during the course of the next few months and should generate significant interest. CF reiterated the capacity of Megan in his team who is responsible for marketing, in

addition Jane (Playbuilders project officer) will be getting information on Playbuilders onto the PCC website. The first year report is available at <http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/play-minutes.php>. Play sculptures are due to be installed in two sites in the city. With regards to ongoing monitoring and evaluation, it was suggested that there was an opportunity to conduct some feedback with Orton schools.

Given the remit of this group it was requested that we use the next meeting to review and assess the designs and locations for the next tranche of play sites – **LW to make these available prior to the meeting and lead a discussion.**

#### **4. Play England**

DH gave an update on the work and current activities of Play England, and reiterated that Play England were there to help and support us.

Play England currently have a range of trainings and support available including the *Local Indicators for play training, GIS mapping for play at a number of levels (doorstep, neighbourhood and regional), engagement and consultation good practice training, an upcoming Natural play workshop and the managing risk in play guidance*. The latter should not replace risk assessment but forms useful guidance on the subject and can be used to break down the barriers associated with risky play.

DH also reported that the Playbuilders programme (DCSF) had delivered 538 new or refurbished play facilities across the country, exceeding the target of 500 comfortably.

**DH to send through further details on the Playshaper training and in house training opportunities on play due to be held later this year.**

DH also identified a couple of funding opportunities which could support the playbuilder work – Shortbreaks and Co-location.

#### **5. Play Strategy digest and Quality Standards for play design**

NG presented the Play strategy digest and quality standards for play design. The group felt that the play strategy digest needed a stronger link to the Children and Young Peoples plan and how it contributes.

**NG and CF to look at the Play strategy digest in more detail and strengthen its strategic fit.**

The quality design for locations and those for design were broadly welcomed, much of it comes from the play strategy (page 65 for location and page 71 for design). These will be used at subsequent meetings to assess site suitability.

**DH has some literature on how Play contributes to National Indicators – DH to send through to NG**

## 6. Promoting play and 2009 activities

It was felt that we need to take advantage of this years PlayDay (5<sup>th</sup> August) to both promote and celebrate play. It was suggested that we could incorporate a range of activities, including free swims, coinciding with opening new sites and activities in Childrens and family Centres. It was agreed that a small working group would form to support these activities.

### **LW, Jane, TM and NH – to meet to plan activities for the 5<sup>th</sup> August PlayDay.**

We have missed the PlayDay organiser seminars but NG will circulate information from the events when available. PlayDay and promoting play to be a standing item on our agenda.

There is an opportunity for play to be incorporated into the Neighbourhood management model and into Community plans, as has happened in Glinton.

## 7. AOB

LW updated the group that the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers are appointing a Wildplay officer in Parnwell.

Whilst there is a distinction between play and sport – it was felt that Nikki McCready should be invited to the Play partnership. **NG to invite Nikki McCready**

Chris Fisher raised the issue over the future of the Playstore – distributing equipment for play activities in the city. CF also explained that the approach of the Children and families service would be more targeted and aimed at narrowing the gap

**Play Strategy Action plan – NG, LW, TM and CF agreed to meet to identify what progress had been made on the Play action plan.**

## 8. Next meeting

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – 10-12pm – Town Hall, Viersen room

RESPONSIBLE	ACTION	DEADLINE
NG	Update Terms of reference and circulate for sign off at the next meeting	asap
LW	LW to make sites and designs available prior to the meeting and lead a discussion.	Asap
DH	DH to send through further details on the Playshaper training and in house training opportunities on play to NG due to be held later this year.	Asap
NG and CF	NG and CF to look at the Play strategy digest in more detail and strengthen its strategic fit.	asap
DH	DH has some literature on how Play contributes to National Indicators – DH to	asap

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LW, Jane, TM and NH	LW, Jane, TM and NH – to meet to plan activities for the 5th August PlayDay.	asap
NG	NG to invite Nikki McCready	Next meeting
NG, LW, TM and CF	Play Strategy Action plan – NG, LW, TM and CF agreed to meet to identify what progress had been made on the Play action plan	asap