

## HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, 13 June 2012 at the Karalius Suite,  
Stobart Stadium, Widnes

### Present:

<b>Board Members:</b>	David Parr (Chairman)	Chief Executive – HBC
	Paula Cain	Halton Chamber of Commerce
	Cllr Dave Cargill	Cheshire Police Authority
	Simon Clough	Children & Young People – HBC
	Lorraine Crane	Children & Young People - HBC
	Rev Jeremy Duff	Faith Community
	Kate Fallon	Bridgewater NHS Trust
	Eileen O'Meara	Director of Public Health
	Terry Parle	Sports Partnership
	John Rigby	Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy
	Wesley Rourke	Employment, Enterprise and Property HBC
	Michael Sheehan	Riverside College
	Richard Strachan	Cheshire Police
	Alex Waller	Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service
	Sally Yeoman	Halton and St Helens VCA

### Advisors to the Boards

Mick Noone	Policy, Planning and Transportation - HBC
Lisa Driscoll	Policy & Strategy – HBC
Tim Gibbs	Policy & Strategy – HBC
Alam Graham	Communications – HBC
Shelah Semoff	Policy & Strategy – HBC

<b>In Attendance:</b>	Michelle Simpson	Committee Services Officer - HBC
	Monsignor John Devine	North West Churches' Officer for Faith and Society

Apologies for Absence: Nick Atkin, Simon Banks, Cllr Fry, Cllr Gerrard, Ray Jones,  
Ann McIntyre, Janine Peterson and Cllr Polhill.

#### 1 MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2012 having been printed  
and circulated were agreed as a correct record.

#### 2 MONSIGNOR JOHN DEVINE : ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION AND IMPACT OF THE FAITH SECTOR

The Board received a presentation from Monsignor John Devine, on the economic contribution and impact of the faith sector. The presentation outlined the following:-

- how faith communities were adapting were adapting to the current economic and political climate;
- background in terms of whether the faith dimension added value to communities;
- results from research of faith communities in Northwest England;
- details of twelve case studies of how faith communities contribute to social and economic wellbeing;
- findings, organisational characteristics and conclusions from the twelve case studies;
- what challenges were identified;
- details of funding, staffing and volunteers from the projects; and
- current challenges for faith communities;

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the presentation be received and comments raised noted; and
- (2) Monsignor John Devine be thanked for his informative presentation.

### **3 PARTNERSHIP OUTCOME AND PRIORITY MAPPING**

The Board considered a report which informed the Partners that combining partnership targets and priorities with individual organisational priorities and targets presented an opportunity to maximise potential for meaningful partnership collaboration.

The Board was advised that it was proposed that following the discussions as part of the Open Forum Topic, a more complete Partnership outcome and priority mapping exercise was undertaken to enable a better understanding and align the agendas and priorities in response to the emerging changes in the architecture of the public sector. This would be undertaken as a phased approach. Phase 1 would involve mapping and Phase 2 of the exercise would be to use the information to inform the future work programme and to identify and reduce duplication amongst partners wherever possible.

The Board agreed the adoption of the priority and outcome mapping exercise as a way forward and noted it would help identify areas of cross working and areas of duplication to help the Board become more efficient.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) The proposal to conduct a more extensive outcome and priority mapping following the Open Forum Topic Discussion be endorsed; and
- (2) The information gathered be used to consider how we can deliver on our key objectives and commit to working together to improve outcomes and reduce duplication as a result be agreed.

#### 4 INFORMATION SHARING PROTOCOL - UPDATE

The Board considered a report which provided the Partners with an update on progress made in updating the Information Sharing Protocols made since the HSP Board Meeting on 7 March 2012.

The Board was advised that the sharing of information between partners was a key element in the effective development and delivery of the Halton Strategic Partnership. Information sharing was essential for any partnership to work effectively together.

The Board was further advised that it was essential to ensure that information shared by partners was stored and used in a constructive and legal manner. In order to achieve this, an overarching set of data sharing principles had been agreed at the HSPB in March and the Board had also agreed to undertake an audit of the range of data sharing agreements that were already in place across the Partnership.

It was reported that it was anticipated that the revised Tier 1 template prepared by the Information Governance Team would be signed off by June 2012. These would also be checked and agreed by the HBC legal team and then made available for use.

It was reported that the Information Governance Team would seek to ensure that all partners had signed up to the Tier 1 agreements and HSP and SSP partners would be included in this process. A central database and diagram mapping out which agreements existed would then be developed. Copies would be saved on Halton Borough Council's intranet and also, it was anticipated, would be accessed via the new Halton Strategic Partnership website.

It was also reported that the Tier 2 template, specifying what information was being shared, by whom, and in what format would also be made available and could be used when a need to share more complex, personalised data arose.

The Board discussed confidentiality of information and how this process would make information sharing more simple. Members were requested to identify a key contact within their organisation to assist with data issues in order to facilitate the roll out of Tier 1 agreements to all partners.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the progress made to date be noted; and
- (2) a key contact from within their organisation able to assist in the development and management of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Agreements as necessary be identified.

## 5 WNF FINANCIAL SUMMARY UPDATE

The Board considered a report which gave the Partners an update on the year end spend profile for WNF for the financial period March 2011 – April 2012, and sought delegated powers for SSP Chairs to reallocate a small amount of the slippage.

The Board was advised that the spreadsheet attached at Appendix 1 to the report showed WNF project spend for the financial period of March 2011-April 2012. The profile showed that of the 21 projects supported during the 2011-12 financial year:-

- twelve schemes had exhausted their funding;
- three had returned funds to the central pot;
- one had the funding reallocated to the 2012-13 financial year to sustain two health related projects; and
- six had funds carried over (all of these were within the Safer Halton Partnership and five were part of the review which Board Members had previously been informed of).

The Board was further advised that there was currently a total of £170,000 of WNF slippage remaining with the Accountable Body. This money was made up of:-

- Cancelled accruals from 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12;
- Funds returned to the central pot by SSPs; and
- A small amount of funding that had not been allocated.

It was reported that in the 2011-12 financial year the Partnership had managed to reallocate £1.4m of WNF that had been saved following a mid-year evaluation exercise. The remaining £170,000 came from this funding and was the end of the WNF allocated to Halton in 2008

In conclusion, it was reported that the Partnership had recently been focusing on two big issues, health and returning people to work. The SSP Chairs were due to meet in early August, and at their last meeting in April, it had been agreed that, subject to the Board's approval, that SSPs be asked to

submit proposals on how best to use the remaining funding in line with the Partnership's existing priorities. Board Members were asked to support this proposal

RESOLVED: That

- (1) The content of the report be noted; and
- (2) SSP Chairs reallocate the remaining WNF slippage as they see appropriate and in accordance with the Partnership's agreed priorities.

## 6 SSP KEY MESSAGE / ISSUES

The Partners each gave an update on their areas in respect of Health and Wellbeing, Children and Young People, Safer Halton, Employment Learning and Skills and Environment and Regeneration.

In particular the following points were noted:

- In relation to Health good progress had been made with tobacco control and there was an increase in people who had quit smoking. The target for 2011/12 had been exceeded by 3.6%;
- Hospital admissions for alcohol related problems had also improved when compared to statistical neighbours;
- Halton had passed supplementary planning guidance to prevent fast food takeaways opening within 400 yards of schools to help reduce obesity rates among school children;
- Local GP's were forming a Clinical Commissioning Group to buy hospital health services and manage contracts and would focus on community wellbeing, and more interaction with patients. Health Actions Zones were to be introduced (the formal name of areas was still to be finalised);
- There was a reduction of 50% in the infant mortality rate;
- Teenage pregnancies had reduced by 60% for quarter 1 of 2011/12;
- With regards to Employment, Learning and Skills, enhanced partnership working has resulted in excellent progress during 2011/12;
- Despite the reduction in income the Citizens Advice Bureau was continuing to operate extremely well, an evening service had been piloted and they were looking to make it permanent in July 2012;

- The Halton Employment Partnership was working with Mersey Gateway bidders for contractor and apprenticeship work;
- There was an Employment Day on 6<sup>th</sup> July at the Heath where people would be celebrating the success of local businesses and the attraction of inward investment in the Borough and how this translates to employment opportunities.;
- The number of people with no qualifications had reduced from 16.8% to 12.8% in quarter 4 of 2011/12;
- There was an increase in people achieving NVQ Level 4;
- In relation to children and young people 87% of students left school with 5 GCSE's graded A-C and 56% left school with grade A-C in English and Maths;
- The NEET figure had reduced by 3% and more work was being targeted in hot spot areas such as Windmill Hill;
- The Team around the Family approach for delivering services to local communities, was a re-shape in service delivery working with whole families to improve self esteem and confidence;
- In relation to Environment and Regeneration it was noted that Councillor John Gerrard was the new Chair for the SSP and there would be a review of the terms of reference which would be brought back to a future meeting;
- The bid for the Local Sustainable Transport bid was unsuccessful, however Officers were contesting the decision with the DfT and were waiting for a response;
- In relation to Safer Halton it was noted that 6 posts had been removed from the Community Safety Team saving £152,000 per annum;
- The key work streams were being redesigned with a focus on reducing re-offending and hate crime;
- ASB had been reduced by 12% overall in addition to youth ASB which was reduced by 20% and neighbourhood nuisance was reduced by 50%;
- The overall crime figures had reduced by 9% across the year which indicated the benefits of partnership working; and

- The Board was informed of the creation of Police and Crime Board to which would scrutinise the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

RESOLVED: That the verbal updates be noted.

## 7 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Mr Terry Parle updated the group on progress made for the Community Engagement Strategy.

It was noted that there had been some slippage with the timescales and all the outcomes had not been met. Only one nomination had been received for the task and finish group. Board Members were requested to nominate an appropriate person to join the group by forwarding their details to Shelah Semoff.

RESOLVED: That Partners forward the name of an appropriate nominee to join the Community Engagement Group, to Shelah Semoff.

## 8 INFORMATION ITEMS

*Note: The following items of business were for information only and were not discussed by the Board.*

- Support for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Representation;
- Alcohol Strategy;
- Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
- Communications Update;
- Troubled Families;
- SCS Year End Performance Report;
- Children and Family Poverty Strategy – Update;
- Public Services (Social Value) Act;
- Enhanced Partnership Working – Update; and
- Topic Group Discussion.

RESOLVED: That all the information items be noted.

*Meeting ended at 11.35 a.m.*