

Minutes - Local Strategic Partnership Executive Board

(Not a public meeting)

Wednesday 30th September 2009

Present	
Chair	Cllr Simon Holbrook (Deputy Leader, Wirral Council and Leader of Liberal Democrat Group)
Public Sector	Cllr Jeff Green (Leader, Conservative Group, Wirral Council), Stephen Maddox (Chief Executive, Wirral Council), Superintendent Chief Superintendent Jon Ward, (Merseyside Police), Gillian Thomas (Job Centre Plus), Mike Hagen (Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service), Kathy Doran (Chief Executive, NHS Wirral), Ian Davidson (Acting Chief Executive for Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust) Pat Higgins (Wirral University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust)
Voluntary Sector	Clint Agard (Wirral Voluntary and Community Sector Network), Myrtle Lacey (Wirral Voluntary and Community Sector Network)
Private Sector	
Advisors	Richard Perry (GONW), Peter Forrester (CAA Lead)
Secretariat	Wirral Council - Jim Wilkie (Deputy Chief Executive), Kevin Adderley (Head of Strategic Development), Marie Armitage (Joint Director of Public Health, Wirral PCT & Wirral Council), Howard Cooper (Director of Children's Services), Alan Stennard (Director of Regeneration), Jane Morgan (Corporate Policy Manager), Lucy Beed (Corporate Performance Manager), Pete Molyneux (Chief Accountant), Brian Simpson (Wirral Partnership Homes)
Other	Estelle Rowe (Northstar Strategic)
Apologies	Cllr Steve Foulkes (Leader, Wirral Council), Stephen Maddox (Chief Executive, Wirral Council), Len Richards (Chief Executive, Wirral University Hospital NHS Trust), Gary Foulkes (Jobcentre Plus), Alberto Bertali,

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Minute 162 - WELCOME, APOLOGIES, INTRODUCTIONS

Apologies received as stated above.

The Chair welcomed Estelle Rowe and Peter Forrester to the meeting.

Minute 163 - ACTIONS AND AGREEMENTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minute 164 – Chief Superintendent Jon Ward provided an update to the LSP Executive Board on the data issues and presentation of violent crime data at the last LSP Executive Board. Jon Ward agreed with the presentation in the performance report and advised that Merseyside Police are working closely with Wirral's Community Safety team.

Minute 165 – Howard Cooper provided an update to the LSP Executive Board regarding the previous discussion at the last board meeting regarding young people who are not in education, employment or training. The board had requested that the approach to delivering improvement in this area is reviewed and innovative ways of tackling the issue. Howard Cooper advised the board of the following developments:

- NEET has reduced from 12.52% last year to 11.67% this year
- In learning rates are up
- Draft Education, Employment or Training strategy in development
- September guarantee is expected to meet target
- Wirral apprentice programme

Minute Decision : Resolved that -

- 1) The minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record

Minute 166 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared

Minute 167 - WIRRAL LSP – REPORT ON WIRRAL'S RESPONSE TO THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE

Jim Wilkie introduced the report to outline the latest impact of global economic conditions on Wirral's economy, and identify the steps taken by the Council and its partners to respond to the recession through the development of a Recovery Plan. This Plan will contain measures to mitigate the impact of the recession but at the same time maintain momentum on our Investment Strategy.

Minute Decision: Resolved that -

- 1) Executive Board members agreed to:
 - Note the latest report on Wirral's response to the current economic conditions.
 - Agree to support development of a Recovery Plan, aimed at minimising the impact of the recession on Wirral residents and businesses, and planning for future recovery.

Minute 168 - PARTNERSHIP SELF EVALUATION & IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

Jane Morgan presented this report, providing Executive Board members with an update on progress in relation to the self-evaluation work discussed at the Board meeting on 19th August 2009, and setting out proposed next steps to address the issues raised by the evaluation as well as the outcomes of the Comprehensive Area Assessment process.

Estelle Rowe then presented the headline findings of stage 2 of the self-evaluation work for debate by Executive Board members. Particular discussion was had with regard to the need to recognise that some thematic areas are further developed in terms of joint commissioning.

Minute Decision :
Resolved that -

1) Executive Board members:

- Approved Part 1 of the partnership self evaluation for wider circulation and agreed that it be used in developing an ongoing performance management framework for the Sustainable Community Strategy
- Agreed to reschedule the next LSP Assembly meeting and utilise this meeting to undertake a stocktake of partnership achievement and future priorities

Minute 169 - CAA

Peter Forrester, Audit Commission, presented the latest position with regard to Wirral's Comprehensive Area Assessment and advised that a final draft of the area assessment report would be supplied to the partnership in due course.

Marie Armitage expressed thanks that the Audit Commission had taken on board the evidence provided in relation to health inequalities.

Supt Ward requested information as to why anti-social behaviour had not been taken forward as a green flag for Wirral.

Minute Decision :
Resolved that -

- 1) Executive Board members noted the latest position on CAA
- 2) Peter Forrester would provide feedback on why anti-social behaviour had not been taken forward as a green flag

Minute 170 – TOTAL PLACES

Richard Perry, GONW, presented this report, outlining for Executive Board members the latest position on the joint LGA/Government initiative on Total Places.

The report recommended that Executive Board Members note the potential importance of this work in terms of shaping national policy thinking and consider whether there is the potential for a similar piece of work to be delivered on the Wirral.

Executive Board Members debated the report in terms of the approaches being taken at Wirral to identify efficiencies.

Minute Decision :
Resolved that -

- 1) The LSP Executive Board agreed to:
 - a) Note the importance of the Pilot work being undertaken nationally and consider the implications for local services of emerging lessons;
 - b) Consider whether there is an area of local service delivery that could benefit from early consideration using the Total Place methodology.
 - c) Receive a further update on Total Place early in the 2010.

Minute 171 – COMMUNITY COHESION – AUDIT COMMISSION REVIEW

Jim Wilkie presented this report which provided Executive Board members with an overview of the Audit Commission's baseline assessment report.

Minute Decision :
Resolved that -

- 1) Executive Board Members agreed to endorse the approach set out in the report for taking forward cohesion work.

Minute 172 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Wilkie presented a report under any other business with regard to the current position on LAA Reward Grant, specifically an update regarding pump priming grant claims and requests that board members consider using remaining LAA funds to further fund temporary posts within the council's Corporate Policy Team. This would ensure the continuation of support provided with regard to performance management and development of Wirral's LAA and other partnership activities.

Myrtle Lacey indicated that enquiries had been made regarding the availability of funding for welfare benefits posts in the community and voluntary sector and that no confirmation had been received regarding this issue. The Chair advised that this item would be deferred pending further information provided by the Deputy Chief Executive.

Minute Decision :
Resolved that -

- 1) The item was deferred subject to further information being provided by the Deputy Chief Executive.

Minute 173 – DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- **Wednesday 11 November 2009, 5.00 – 7.00pm**
- **Wednesday 6 January 2010, 5.00 – 7.00pm**

- Wednesday 17 February 2010, 5.00 – 7.00pm
- Wednesday 31 March 2010, 5.00 – 7.00pm