

Minutes - Local Strategic Partnership - Executive Board

(Not a public meeting)

Wednesday 17th February 2010

Present	
Chair	Cllr Steve Foulkes (Leader, Wirral Council)
Public Sector	Cllr Simon Holbrook (Deputy Leader, Wirral Council and Leader of Liberal Democrat Group) Cllr Jeff Green (Leader, Conservative Group, Wirral Council), Kathy Doran (Chief Executive, NHS Wirral), Mike Hagen (Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service), Jon Ward (Merseyside Police) Sue Allen (Job Centre Plus) Pat Higgins (Wirral University Teaching Hospital)
Voluntary Sector	Clint Agard (Wirral Voluntary and Community Sector Network)
Private Sector	
Advisors	Richard Perry (GONW)
Secretariat	Wirral Council - Jim Wilkie (Deputy Chief Executive), Carolyn Curr (Head of Policy and Performance), Kevin Adderley (Head of Strategic Development), Marie Armitage (Joint Director of Public Health, Wirral PCT & Wirral Council), Alan Stennard (Director of Regeneration), John Webb, (Director of Adult Social Services), Pete Molyneux (Chief Accountant), Brian Simpson (Wirral Partnership Homes), Howard Cooper (Director of Children's Services)
Other	Ngairé Waine (Merseyside Police), Bob Little (Information, Communication & Evaluation Manager, Wirral Council)
Apologies	Len Richards (Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust), Neil Dutton (Federation of Small Businesses), Alberto Bertali (Private Sector), Ken Davies (Wirral Chamber of Commerce) Myrtle Lacey (Wirral Voluntary and Community Sector Network)

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Apologies received as stated above.

The Chair welcomed Pat Higgins and Sue Allen to the meeting.

Minute 194 - ACTIONS AND AGREEMENTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- Wirral Equalities Forum to develop an Equalities Charter for Wirral LSP and that progress would be reported at a future executive board meeting
- Receive updates on performance of NI 68 in line with the agreed parameters
- Requested a report to come to a future executive board in relation to the work with NEET in those targeted/focus areas (NTG) and 'drilling' down activity
- In that same report to receive further details of 'churn' and aspects related to the length of time young people from different areas of Wirral spend as NEET
- The combined report should be presented at the March or May 2010 executive board meeting (*agenda dependant*)
- Note the ongoing development of LTP3 and the role of transport in relation to Wirral's SCS and LAA; and
- Further engagement be undertaken with each of the LSP Thematic Delivery Partnership Groups to identify what transport priorities best meet the needs of local priorities
- The outcome of this engagement to be reported back to a future Executive Board meeting
- Receive the planned presentation from Kathy Doran via email and respond direct to NHS Wirral

Minute Decision : Resolved that -

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

Minute 195 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received

Minute 196 - STONGER COMMUNITIES

Jon Ward (JW) presented the report and supporting presentation which informed LSP Executive Board of the work led by Wirral's Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) to identify vulnerable localities across Wirral.

JW emphasised that the proposal was about the Partnership making a difference collectively and that it was not necessarily about extra resources but better co-ordination of existing. The CDRP would identify any issues around resource implications that would be reported back to the Board. The project whilst still considering the night time economy, would concentrate on residential areas and engaging with local communities.

In response to Cllr Green's concern about where any extra policing resources would come from, JW gave assurance that it would not be from elsewhere in Wirral but that resources would be freed up from inside police stations and from across the force.

The Chair commented that the area, Morpeth Dock, was the gateway to the biggest planned developments in Wirral, Wirral Waters and Woodside and so the proposal was

particularly important as it would help to support these.

Cllr Green also questioned what success would look like and sought assurance that we would be honest about whether the approach worked; resources had been put into this area in the past. Ngaire Waine (NW) responded that success was for partners to agree and that lessons learnt, including implications for extending the approach to other areas would be identified. Other areas across Merseyside were also taking a similar approach including Huyton, Bootle and Speke so successes and learning could be shared.

Mike Hagen commented that the data appeared to be crime centred but there were also wider issues for this area about health inequalities and about the environment and that other areas such as Bidston and Rock Ferry also had similar issues. It was accepted that fire data had not been included. JW responded that we were making a start where problems were greatest and that partners should engage in order to achieve the wider objectives of the partnership.

Minute Decision:

Resolved that -

1) Executive Board members agreed that:

- Morpeth Dock is identified as a priority location under “Stronger Communities” with the aim of “narrowing the gap” between this SOA and other SOAs within the Borough.
- Services and partners begin discussions to identify a lead person for the locality who will identify activity already taking place and work together to agree; success criteria, how the Stronger initiative should be coordinated, and gaps that need to be addressed in order to narrow the gap with other parts of Wirral.
- Wirral CDRP to take the lead in developing an action plan, and making recommendations for the coordination of the initiative and any resource implications, for future consideration of the LSP Executive Board.

Minute 197 - WIRRAL LSP ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN

Jim Wilkie (JW) presented to Executive Board members a proposed Economic Recovery Plan for Wirral. The report outlined a number of responsive measures to mitigate the impact of the recession on businesses and local residents, whilst at the same time maintaining focus on the medium and longer term economic goals of the Community Strategy.

Kathy Doran (KD) commented that the implications of the anticipated public sector recession such as reduced job opportunities and longer journey times to employment should be considered as part of any recovery plan. JW emphasised that all partners should identify any contributions their organisations could and were making to economy recovery and that these would be included in the Recovery Plan.

Cllr Green asked how we are preparing for those losing their jobs and for early retirement and the positive impact this could have on civic society such as volunteering. We should be considering how we can mitigate the human cost of the recession as well as the economic cost and how we can strengthen our approach with the Third Sector.

Clint Agard (CA) responded that a group that includes the Third Sector is involved in recession planning and considering how skills may be used to build capacity in

communities. The Chair also highlighted the support that CAB is giving to our local communities; Wirral CAB is one of the busiest bureau in the country.

Minute Decision:

Resolved that -

1) Executive Board members agreed to:

- Endorse the Recovery Plan, subject to it being amended to incorporate the comments outlined above
- Quarterly updates be brought back to LSP Executive in order to:
 - Continue to understand changing economic conditions
 - Assess the impact of the proposed Recovery Plan interventions
 - Continue to develop appropriate and effective responses in the short, medium and long term

Minute 198 – PERFORMANCE & RISK REPORT QUARTER 3 (2009/10)

Carolyn Curr (CC) presented the report which provided the LSP Executive Board with an overview of performance against the 2008-2011 LAA at quarter three 2009/10. The report identified overall achievements for the partnership and outlined what was working well, in addition to identifying future challenges. The report provided a summary of performance against the LAA improvement targets and a summary of risks and performance for each of the six LAA themes. More detailed performance reports for those areas in exception were included on the agenda.

All partners were requested to identify any further action that their organisations could take in order to drive up performance.

Minute Decision :

Resolved that -

1) Executive Board members agreed to:

- Accept the third quarter performance and risk report and identify any further action that partners could take to improve performance, particularly in those areas that are red.

Minute 199 – LAA PERFORMANCE EXCEPTIONS

- **NI 130 - Social Care clients receiving Self Directed Support (*Direct Payments and Individual Budgets*)**

John Webb (JW) presented the report that outlined the current position regarding NI130, Social care clients receiving self directed support, following two quarters where performance against the 2009-10 target had been reported as red.

The report stated the targets that would need to be achieved if the Council were to reach the national 2010/11 target of 30%. The Council was confident that this more cautious, robust approach would ensure a more broadly tested resource allocation system and there had been interest from the region in the way Wirral was developing

this. Other local authorities that had made faster progress had found their allocations to be too generous.

Minute Decision :
Resolved that -

1) Executive Board members accepted the report

- **Local PI 4266 – Warm Front**

Alan Stennard (AS) presented a report that outlined the current position on performance of PI 4266, Number of households assisted with at least one main energy efficiency measure under Warm Front. This followed one quarter where the target was reported as red and where red was forecast for the next quarter.

The LAA target is being reviewed in the light of the national changes to funding and is likely to be reduced for 2010/11.

Minute Decision :
Resolved that -

1) Executive Board members agreed to:

- Note the increase in funding limits for thermal efficiency measures for individual homes, but also that there had been no corresponding increase in total funding available to support the Warm Front scheme
- Receive a further report setting out the results of discussions with Government Office and with EAGA along with any suggested variation to the target for PI 4266

Minute 200 - LAA REFRESH 2010/11

CC presented this report with the purpose that provided Executive Board members with the latest position for Wirral's Local Area Agreement (LAA) 2010/11 refresh negotiations. The report also outlined the process for refreshing LAA improvement targets and the timescales to complete this final refresh.

Kevin Adderley (KA) and Richard Perry (RP) outlined the targets that had been agreed for National Indicators 151, 153 and 171:

- The target contained in the LAA for NI 151 (overall employment rate) will be to maintain the gap of 2.6% below the regional average employment rate
- The target contained in the LAA for NI 153 (working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods) will be to maintain the gap of 3.7% below the regional average
- The target contained in the LAA for NI 171 (new business registration rate) will be 39.4 per 10,000 population, a 0.1 % increase on the 2008 figure.

For NI154 (net additional homes provided) data had been provided and we were waiting on ministerial comment.

For NI155 (number of affordable homes delivered gross) the definition of affordable home had changed, social housing was now being excluded and we were again waiting on ministerial comment but were not expecting any issues.

Cllr Green initiated a discussion on what all the targets / performance measures meant for local communities and how all the activity translated into perceptions and how people felt. JW responded that it was about how well we work together as organisations and the collective impact that we make. Ultimately, it was about the Partnership realising its ambition of an Equal and Prosperous Wirral. People's perceptions were measured by the biannual Place Survey, due Autumn 2010.

Cllr Green also raised "Total Place" and what it meant for Wirral and how we planned to make efficiencies. KD's presentation circulated after the previous meeting had outlined discussions that had taken place at the Health Summit in September 2009 around how the local authority and NHS Wirral could work together to plan for future financial constraints. Cllr Green emphasised the need for local authorities and other public sector bodies to seriously consider how they would share savings as a way of achieving cost reductions.

Steve Maddox (SM) is also Chair of the Efficiency Board that is considering shared back office functions across the Liverpool City Region. The Council would take note of the learning from the Total Place pilots that was beginning to emerge and a presentation would be made to a future meeting of the Executive Board.

Minute Decision : Resolved that -

1) Executive Board members agreed to:

- Note the latest negotiation position for the refresh of the LAA improvement targets and request that lead officers continue negotiation discussions with GONW
- Authorise the council's Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council / Chair of the Board to agree the final refreshed LAA, subject to any outstanding negotiation discussions following this evening's meeting.
- Receive a presentation on Total Place / the potential of shared services and the implications for Wirral at a future meeting.

Minute 201 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

An item was requested for a future meeting from Myrtle Lacey, to consider there had been no inflationary uplift in funding for Third Sector organisations for a number of years, in contradiction of the full cost recovery principles within the Compact. This item would be considered by the LSP Management Group then brought to a future meeting of the Board.

Minute 202 – DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Venue Mersey Maritime

Wednesday 31 March 2010, 5.00 – 7.00pm

Wednesday 19 May 2010, 5.00 – 7.00pm

Wednesday 30 June 2010, 5.00 – 7.00pm

Wednesday 11 August 2010, 5.00 – 7.00pm

Wednesday 29 September 2010, 5.00 – 7.00pm

Wednesday 10 November 2010, 5.00 – 7.00pm

Wednesday 19 January 2011, 5.00 – 7.00pm

Wednesday 16 February 2011, 5.00 – 7.00pm

Wednesday 30 March 2011, 5.00 – 7.00pm