

Minutes - Local Strategic Partnership - Executive Board

(Not a public meeting)

Wednesday 31st March 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), Steve Maddox (Chief Executive, Wirral Council), John Davies (Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service), Jon Ward (Merseyside Police) Sue Allen (Job Centre Plus) Pat Higgins (Wirral University Teaching Hospital), Ian Davidson (Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Trust)
Voluntary Sector	Myrtle Lacey (Wirral Voluntary and Community Sector Network), Linda Roberts (Voluntary and Community Action Wirral)
Private Sector	Neil Dutton (Federation of Small Businesses)
Advisors	Val Edmonds (Audit Commission)
Secretariat	Wirral Council - Jim Wilkie (Deputy Chief Executive), Lucy Beed (Corporate Performance Manager), Kevin Adderley (Head of Strategic Development), Marie Armitage (Joint Director of Public Health, Wirral PCT & Wirral Council), Alan Stennard (Director of Regeneration), Rick O'Brien (Director of Adult Social Services), Pete Molyneux (Chief Accountant), Brian Simpson (Wirral Partnership Homes), Howard Cooper (Director of Children's Services)
Other	
Apologies	Len Richards (Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust), Alberto Bertali (Private Sector), Ken Davies (Wirral Chamber of Commerce) Clint Agard (Wirral Voluntary and Community Sector Network), Kathy Doran (Chief Executive, NHS Wirral), Mike Hagen (Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service), Sheena Cumiskey (Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Trust), Richard Perry (GONW), Carolyn Curr (Wirral Council)

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Apologies received as stated above.

The Chair welcomed Val Edmonds, John Davies, Ian Davidson and Rick O'Brien to the meeting.

Minute 204 - ACTIONS AND AGREEMENTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 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.

- 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

- 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.

- 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
- 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 Decision :
Resolved that -

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

Minute 205 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

M Lacey declared an interest in item 4; Mid Life Planning: Preparing for Retirement and item 6; Local Area Agreement Performance Reward Grant report

Minute 206 – MID LIFE PLANNING: PREPARING FOR RETIREMENT

M Lacey presented this report and advised that at a recent LSP Executive it was suggested that LSP members would benefit from access to a training and support course for their workforce, particularly those in the statutory sector facing worklessness resulting from the financial constraints of the current economic climate.

Cllr Foulkes welcomed the report as an opportunity to further encourage volunteering and consider how we develop this approach further.

Cllr Green commented that this was an opportunity to think more widely in the current economic climate and think about flexible working arrangements within the public sector to enable volunteering opportunities.

S Maddox also welcomed this opportunity and advised that organisations need to check whether there is any potential duplication with internal courses currently provided.

Cllr Foulkes suggested that a guide could be produced by the Network regarding voluntary opportunities that could be used by organisations in their internally run courses.

Minute Decision:
Resolved that -

- 1) Executive Board members agreed that:
 - The report should be noted
 - A volunteering guide be produced for use by organisations

Minute 207 – STRATEGIC APPROACH TO SAFEGUARDING ADULTS

R O'Brien presented the report which provided Wirral LSP Executive board members with a draft strategic approach for safeguarding adults in Wirral. This strategic approach had been widely circulated for comments across a range of agencies and was being presented to Wirral LSP Executive Board for agreement.

LSP Executive board members were also asked to consider that the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board report directly to the LSP.

S Maddox advised that this presents the LSP with an opportunity to ensure that safeguarding adults is everybody's responsibility, however there is a need to clarify and define accountability.

Cllr Green agreed that further work needs to take place on the governance issues emerging from this report.

The board agreed that this would be reported through own organisations.

Minute Decision:

Resolved that -

1) Executive Board members agreed to:

- report the draft strategy for safeguarding adults in Wirral to the individual organisations
- requested that further consideration be given to the governance issues emerging from this report

Minute 208 – LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT REPORT

J Wilkie presented this report to advise LSP Executive Board members of the final position on the actual Performance Reward Grant (PRG) that will be received. The amount of **£7.933m** will be claimed as performance reward grant which equates to **80.76%** of the **£9.824m** available. The claim for the first instalment of the PRG has been submitted in December 2009 and we await those funds from the Department of Communities & Local Government.

Cllr Foulkes suggested that the £5,240 allocation to the Council's Welfare Rights Unit be allocated on a pro rata basis to the third sector organisations that had contributed to the attendance allowance stretch target. This was agreed by the LSP Executive Board and requested that the Welfare Rights Unit be thanked for their contribution.

Minute Decision :

Resolved that -

1) Executive Board members agreed to:

- Note the final amount of performance reward grant achieved for the stretch targets
- Agree to the proposed allocation of the remaining £26,200 Performance Reward Grant monies as outlined in section 4.3, with the provision that the allocation to the Council's Welfare Rights Unit be re-distributed on a pro rata basis to the third sector organisations that had contributed towards the achievement of the stretch target.

Minute 209 – THIRD SECTOR REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE LSP STRUCTURE: NETWORK UPDATE

Linda Roberts presented this report to the board to present an update for Executive Board members on the representative function within Voluntary and Community Action Wirral (VCAW) to be known as Wirral 3rd Sector Assembly (3SA) formerly 'The Network'.

The report presented an alternative structure and examined this as an improved mechanism for engaging the voluntary and community sector in LSP structures.

Minute Decision :
Resolved that -

Executive Board members endorsed the change of name and new approach of Wirral 3SA.

Minute 210 – MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME, WIRRAL COUNCIL AND NHS WIRRAL

J Wilkie report provided Wirral LSP Executive board members with information on the Masters in Business Administration (MBA) Leadership Programme that is delivered through the University of Chester and in which the Council and NHS Wirral currently participate. The report also considered opportunities for the programme to be extended to partner organisations in the future.

Minute Decision :
Resolved that -

- 1) Executive Board members agreed to consider, with their organisational development teams, the scope for partner organisations to participate in the Leadership Programme in the next intake which is likely to be September 2010.

Venue Mersey Maritime

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Wednesday 30 June 2010, 5.00 – 7.00pm
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Wednesday 29 September 2010, 5.00 – 7.00pm
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Wednesday 19 January 2011, 5.00 – 7.00pm
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