

**Minutes - Local Strategic Partnership Executive (not a public meeting)**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

<b>Present</b>	
<b>Chair</b>	Cllr Steve Foulkes (Leader, Wirral Council)
<b>Public Sector</b>	Cllr Simon Holbrook (Leader, Liberal Democrat Group, Wirral Council), Stephen Maddox (Chief Executive), Kathy Doran (Chief Executive, NHS Wirral) Len Richards (Chief Executive, Wirral NHS Trust), Chief Superintendent Jon Ward, Gary Foulkes (Jobcentre Plus), Mike Hagen (Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service)
<b>Voluntary Sector</b>	Clint Agard (Wirral Voluntary & Community Sectors Network)
<b>Private Sector</b>	
<b>Advisers</b>	Richard Perry (GONW), Peter Forrester, David Wilson (Audit Commission)
<b>Secretariat</b>	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), David Armstrong (for Director of Children's Services) Howard Cooper (Director of Children's Services), David Ball (Head of Housing & Regeneration), Sheila Lynch (Connexions), Brian Simpson (Wirral Partnership Homes)
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Jeff Green (Leader, Conservative Group, Wirral Council), Simon Pierce (Learning & Skills Council), Peter Cubbon (Chief Executive, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust), Myrtle Lacey (Wirral Voluntary & Community Sectors Network) Alberto Bertalli

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### **Minute 129 - WELCOME, APOLOGIES, INTRODUCTIONS**

Apologies received as stated above. The chair welcomed Mike Hagen to the board and advised that the Fire and Rescue Service would be represented on the LSP Executive board following the LSP governance review

### **Minute 130 - ACTIONS AND AGREEMENTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009, were accepted as a correct record.

#### **Minute Decision : Resolved –**

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

### **Minute 131 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Board members were asked to declare any interests in relation to agenda items.

Steve Maddox declared that he is a board member of the Greater Merseyside Connexions Partnership.

### **Minute 132 - WIRRAL LSP – REPORT ON WIRRAL’S RESPONSE TO THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE**

J Wilkie introduced this report. This report outlines the impact of the global economic conditions on Wirral’s economy and identifies the steps taken by the Council and its partners to assist businesses affected by the current economic challenges. The LSP Executive Board is asked to support the actions taken and comment on the strategy to support Wirral’s economy through the difficult times ahead.

J Wilkie advised that all responses to the economic climate are being consulted with the private sector and that a partnership group has been assembled to identify gaps in provision. J Wilkie also advised that there is some good news emerging in Wirral, for example new contracts are being secured by Wirral companies.

J Wilkie advised that the increase in JSA is now in line with the regional and national averages.

#### **Minute Decision : Resolved that –**

- (1) Wirral partners are taking forward a co-ordinated and coherent response to the economic situation. The Council is co-ordinating a series of partners’ meeting to respond to the recession with key partners from the LSP.
- (2) The underlying principle of responses is based on good economic intelligence and policy, with an understanding of business fundamentals and long term strengths. There is a need to maintain a long-term focus on skills, innovation

and regeneration and it is important to keep a longer term strategy ready for when recovery starts.

- (3) The LSP Executive noted the progress made by Wirral Council and its partners in supporting business through difficult times and highlight any additional areas which members feel would add value to the current activity.

### **Minute 133 – YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING – PRESENTATION BY SHEILA LYNCH AND HOWARD COOPER**

Sheila Lynch and Howard Cooper presented this item and outlined the issues related to young people not in education, employment or training and how the partnership is responding.

H Cooper advised that the new apprentice programme which had attracted 49 employers since its advertisement on 1<sup>st</sup> June. H Cooper further added that the apprenticeships had been targeted at the private sector and there was a need to mobilise the public sector in its role as employers.

#### **Minute Decision : Resolved that –**

- 1) The board members noted the presentation and thanked Sheila and Howard for an informative presentation

### **Minute 134 – 2008/09 FULL YEAR PERFORMANCE AND RISK REPORT**

J Wilkie this report provides the LSP Executive Board with an overview of performance against the 2008-2011 LAA at the end of 2008/09. The report identifies overall achievements for the partnership as a whole and outlines what's working well for specific areas of delivery. It then identifies future challenges to delivery for the partnership as a whole. The report goes on to provide a summary of performance against the LAA improvement targets and a summary of risks and performance for each of the six LAA themes.

Simon Holbrook asked for further information about our proposals for implementing self directed payments.

Steve Maddox asked about progress being made to reduce the under 18 conception rate. Howard Cooper advised that Wirral is improving but not at the rate required.

M Armitage advised that the health inequalities action plan would be reported to the board meeting.

#### **Minute Decision : Resolved that:**

- 1) The board members noted the report.
- 2) Health inequalities action plan will be reported to the next board meeting.

## **Minute 135 - 136 – CAA EMERGING PICTURE – PRESENTATION BY PETER FORRESTER, WIRRAL’S CAA LEAD FOLLOWED BY PARTNERSHIP DISCUSSION IN RESPONSE TO WIRRAL’S CAA EMERGING PICTURE**

Peter Forrester and David Wilson presented on Wirral’s CAA emerging picture. J Wilkie responded with a presentation that addressed each point raised in the Audit Commission’s presentation.

D Wilson advised that the Audit Commission would like to look in detail at the health inequalities action plan. J Wilkie invited D Wilson to attend the next board meeting where the health inequalities action plan will be reported to the board.

P Forrester advised the board that the draft area assessment report would be available in October.

Mike Hagen raised concerns that the presentation did not fully reflect the work of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service. P Forrester advised that this would be explored further as the process continued.

Jon Ward advised that he had been notified that Wirral had not been successful in achieving a green flag for community safety. P Forrester advised that he was unaware of this and would look into this further.

K Doran asked whether the board can comment on the October report. P Forrester advised that CAA is an ongoing dialogue with the board.

K Doran referred to other assessments / inspections that have taken place and requested assurance that CAA would not duplicate other assessments / inspection regimes. P Forrester advised that CAA will seek to use already available information to build the emerging CAA picture for Wirral. CAA will link to external assessments that have already taken place.

Steve Maddox advised that the LSP Development group who are working to respond to the queries raised by the Audit Commission need to articulate that Wirral is working in partnership through all levels of the partner organisations.

The chair thanked P Forrester and D Wilson for the presentation and advised the board that CAA would be a regular agenda item for the board.

### **Minute Decision :**

#### **Resolved that**

- 1) The board noted the presentations.

## **Minute 137 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS – VCAW/NETWORK FUNDING UPDATE**

J Wilkie presented this report which provides an update to LSP Executive Board members of the latest funding position of Voluntary and Community Action Wirral (VCAW) in respect of its Community Empowerment Network function (The

Network).

The board agreed with proposal.

**Minute Decision :**

**Resolved that:**

- 1) LSP Executive Board members approved £51,454.50 of the performance reward grant is used together with the £40,000 NHS Wirral allocation as match to secure the £91,454.50 pump priming grant. The total figure of £182,909 will fund The Network function on a three year basis (2009-12)
- 2) LSP Executive Board approved that the £48,545.50 remaining performance reward grant funds is to spent on targeted training and capacity building activity over the next three years, to further strengthen the ability the Third Sector to engage the LSP.

**Minute 138 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS – MIGRATION IMPACT FUND**

J Wilkie referred to the migration impact fund and advised that Wirral's LSP Executive Board was required to approve any Wirral bids for the fund.

J Wilkie advised that a bid would be circulated to the board the following day and asked the board to respond with any objections by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. The board agreed that no response would constitute as endorsement for the bid.

**Minute Decision :**

**Resolved that –**

- 1) The migration impact fund bid would be circulated to board members.

**Minute 139 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

J Wilkie advised that Wirral's Comprehensive Engagement Strategy had now been approved by Cabinet and requested that the strategy is now taken through all partners' organisations.

K Doran advised that the strategy had been reported to the NHS Wirral Executive board.

J Wilkie advised that the strategy will be circulated following this meeting and it will be reported to the next board meeting.

**Minute Decision :**

**Resolved that –**

- 1) The Comprehensive Engagement Strategy will be circulated following the meeting and reported to the next board meeting.
- 2) The board agreed that the CES will be reported through partner organisation's individual governance arrangements.

**Meeting closed at 7.00 pm**

**Minute 140 – DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Wednesday 8 July 2009, 5.00 – 7.00pm
- Wednesday 19 August 2009, 5.00 – 7.00pm
- Wednesday 30 September 2009, 5.00 – 7.00pm
- 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