



LSP BOARD ANNUAL MEETING
10am – 12pm, Tuesday 27 March 2012
Committee Room 1, Daventry District Council

Partners Present (* denotes voting member)

Lynn	Aston	Daventry & District Housing
Carella	Davies* (Vice Chair)	Daventry Volunteer Centre
Cllr Kay	Driver*	Daventry Over 50's Forum
Cllr Elizabeth	Griffin*	Daventry District Council
David	Hemmett	West Northants Joint Planning Unit
Cllr Alan	Hills	Daventry District Council
Matt	Johnson	Wildlife Trust
Phil	Martin	Northants CALC
Cllr Gina	Ogden*	Northamptonshire County Council
Carolyn	Palmer-Fagan	Bromford Housing
Lorraine	Peerless	JobcentrePlus Daventry
Victoria	Pietersen	Groundwork Northants
Dave	Spencer	District Commander Daventry & South Northants

Also in attendance

Roz	Tidman	Daventry District Council (LSP Support)
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1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies and Declarations

In David Quayle's absence, Carella Davies agreed to chair the meeting. Carella welcomed everyone to the annual meeting of the LSP Board and introductions were made around the table. Board members asked for their best wishes to be passed on to David Quayle who is currently on sick leave.

Apologies were received from:

Simon Bovey (DDC), Nick Brosnan (SWAN), Robin Chapman (Moulton College), Matthew Davies (Nene Commissioning), Fiona Galbraith (NEP), Francesca Guglielmi (Environment Agency), Sally Halson (DBP), Barry Hansford (Northampton College), David Quayle (Chair) (Northants ACRE), Rob Tracey (South Northants Volunteer Centre), Wendy Nikolaidis

Cllr Hills declared a personal interest in the Community Safety Partnership item as he sits on the Daventry and South Northants Community Safety Board.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 14 December 2011

- a) Carolyn Palmer-Fagan noted that she had tendered her apologies for the December meeting and the minutes will be updated to reflect this. With this

exception, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

b) Matters Arising

The question was asked as to whether there had been any further work regarding joint procurement. Roz Tidman commented that the Head of Guilsborough School had approached her with an interest in the local schools being involved in any appropriate joint procurement exercises. If anyone is planning to undertake a procurement exercise and they think that other partners may benefit from being involved please contact Roz Tidman. **ACTION: All.**

David Hemmett informed the group that the SHLAA had been updated for 2012 and was available on the JPU website (see link below). The database allows you to drill down and search at village level.

<http://www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org/connect.ti/website/view?objectId=2748048>

Cllr Ogden questioned how the Northants Acre Bulk Oil Purchase scheme compared to prices that YOBCO (Yelvertoft based consortium) were able to purchase for their members. **ACTION: Roz Tidman to request feedback from ACRE.**

The point was made that there is only one district council member representative for all district and borough councils on NCC's Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board. There was concern as to the flow of information to and from this Board. **ACTION: Roz Tidman to follow up on access to agendas, minutes and flow of information to and from the LSP and the Health and Wellbeing Board.**

3. Appointment of Board and Theme Group Chairs

The following Chairs and Vice Chairs have been appointed to the theme groups
Improve our Business Economy – Sally Halson (Chair) & Sally Dismore (Vice-Chair)
Healthy Safe & Strong – Kay Driver (Chair) & Ciara McMillan (Vice-Chair)
Protect our Environment – TBC

The LSP Board then reconfirmed David Quayle in his role as Chair and elected Carella Davies as Vice-Chair

The appointments were **AGREED**.

4. LSP Support Officer's Report

Roz Tidman provided a general policy update on the key themes developing across the year and specific policy and legislation changes and events. A copy of the presentation is attached for information.

5. Community Safety Update

Kevin Fagan, Community Safety Partnership Manager was unable to attend the meeting. Chief Inspector Dave Spencer, District Commander Daventry & South Northamptonshire was able to give the following update:

- Antisocial behaviour has fallen in excess of 20% of incidents
- Agreed CSP priorities for 2012/13 are Violence and anti-social behaviour
- Violence reduction will be a key theme for Daventry Police with a number of initiatives planned to address this issue including 'Operation Challenge' which will focus on violent offenders and victims
- Work will continue on the issue of violence in the prison.
- There is still a problem with vehicle crime with people continuing to leave car

windows open or doors unlocked.

- The local force have made an internal bid to work with Women's Aid. This project would focus on the 20 most affected women and develop a holistic approach to work with women and their families to regain their confidence and empowerment. The project will also look at young males in relationships (who were in families with domestic violence problems).
- A restorative justice project will be initiated which will look at addressing low level violence
- Aquarius have received NCC funding to extend their work into Daventry and South Northants.
- Elections for Police and Crime Commissioners will take place on the 15th November

Carolyn Palmer-Fagan mentioned that Bromford were carrying out an exercise to look at their top 20 most costly housing clients and that it would be useful to link into the work that the police were carrying out. **ACTION: Kevin Fagan to coordinate this work through the Community Safety Partnership.**

Roz Tidman updated the group on the workshop which was held recently at William Parker on antisocial behaviour. This had received a lot of positive feedback. There has also been consultation carried out on a new skate park with partners looking at how to move this forward.

6. Inspiring Meadows Project

Matt Johnson, Local Wildlife Sites Officer from the Wildlife Trust made a presentation on their 'Inspiring Meadows' project. This is a three year project which will look at surveying LWS meadows, helping landowners to conserve these sites, restoring meadows and offering advice on meadow creation. The Wildlife Trust has focused on meadows as Northamptonshire has lost more wildflower species than any other county in recent years and meadows are considered to be the counties most under threat habitat. 16 sites have been surveyed in Daventry and around 6 or 7 sites will be selected for the second stage of the project.

Roz Tidman commented that there has been a huge interest in wildflowers, meadows, bees and butterflies since the BBC2 programme which was on in March and she has been approached by a number of different individuals and organisations as to how DDC will be involved going forward. Creaton featured in the BBC2 programme and the Natural Creaton group are looking at how they can develop the initial ideas.

Matt commented that the Wildlife Trust are starting work on a project with NCC which will include

- Rural 'BEE Roads' pollinators project; to build on the successful road verge project.
- Pollinator design guide – guidance on resilient planting regimes etc and will work with Northants Uni.
- Buzz Stops – community wildflower spaces project.

7. Strategic Housing Issues

In the absence of Richard Wood, Lynn Aston went through three of the top issues within the housing sector at the moment. As mentioned at the last meeting, the DDH Tenancy Policy was in draft format and was out for consultation with DDC. This needed to be published from 1st April and would feed into the Councils Tenancy

Strategy which was due for publication from April 2013.

Lynn also highlighted the work around the impact of the Welfare Reform Act on DDH tenants, especially the potential reduction in benefits where tenants had extra unused bedrooms. Lynn advised that DDH were offering a financial incentive to work with tenants to potentially downsize. Lynn also talked about the cap on all benefits of £26k but didn't think this would affect many DDH tenants. Lynn also then went on to discuss the impact of the introduction of Universal Credit, where all benefits including Housing Benefit would be incorporated into one main benefit which would go direct to the tenants and there was a fear that the rent may not be paid as a priority debt.

Finally, Lynn mentioned the new democratic filter coming in on April 2013, where the local government ombudsman and housing ombudsman were being merged and there was a new tier being introduced. This new tier was for 'designated persons', such as an MP, a Councillor or an independent tenants group to scrutinise complaints and recommend whether they progress to the ombudsman.

Carolyn reiterated that these topics were also very relevant for Bromford and outlined the new Bromford Deal which was being launched on the 1st April. The 'deal' is an agreement that the customer is given a home and that there is an expectation that they will either be in work, looking for work, or volunteering. They will be expected to look after their home and to not cause Anti-social behaviour issues. New tenants would be given a starter tenancy of 1 year which would be extended to 5 years if there are no problems.

Bromford also commented that their repairs contractor was being brought in-house from the 1st April.

8. LSP Project Update

Wise & Well – the latest Wise and Well event was held at Brixworth Library and Community Hall on Monday 26th March. This event was very well supported by our partners and local groups/societies (we had over 30 stands). 130+ people attended the event and enjoyed demonstrations, presentations, tasting tables and promotional stands covering all aspects of healthy living for the over 50s.

The next event is being planned for Woodford Halse on the 6th July with the last event in the campaign to be held at Braunston on the 17th October.

Cycle Promotion – the new Daventry Town cycle map will be ready at the beginning of April and DDC will launch this and the 'Summer of Cycling' after Easter. 'Cyclefest' will be held on Saturday 23rd June from 10am-2pm at the Chaucer Way Carpark. This will be a Free event to celebrate and promote cycling.

Canal Volunteer – Volunteer days were held in February and March. The first sessions have been funded by DDC and the Wildlife Trust. There is a schedule of volunteer days planned at least once a month for the remainder of the year. We also hope to run a series of hedge laying sessions with a smaller group of volunteers. We are still seeking funding to help us ensure this project can continue on an ongoing basis and to widen the sites that we can work on.

Bulk Oil Purchase Scheme – Northamptonshire ACRE launched this scheme on 3rd October 2011 and as at 19th March 2012, there were 85 members and 6 active coordinators. Orders totalling 44,200 litres of oil have been placed saving members £2,886 so far.

Additional project ideas for 2012/13 – The majority of the projects will continue throughout 2012/13 but there was also a brief discussion to see if there was any additional project work that the LSP could consider developing. The group discussed the Wildlife Trust and NCC Wildflower/Meadows project and there was interest in pursuing work in this area to address our Biodiversity priority. The group also briefly discussed the recent meeting at Cummins that looked at developing a project centred around young people which would meet a number of our healthy safe and strong objectives. **ACTION: Roz Tidman to investigate these proposals and develop project briefs for the next LSP Board.**

9. Annual Report & End of Year Performance

Roz Tidman updated partners on the draft Annual Report. Information from partners is still needed on initiatives they have undertaken in the last year that support our key priority areas. **ACTION: All partners to forward updated performance reports (any photographs if available) to Roz Tidman.**

Roz also presented an End of Year Summary of performance. This was an interim report as we are still awaiting final figures for a few indicators. In summary there are 34 indicators across the theme groups. We are awaiting data on 5 indicators. Of those that we know the results – 35% did not meet their target, 6% were within 10% of their target and 44% met their target.

12 indicators improved on their performance from 2010/11, 15 indicators declined and 2 remained the same.

10. Any Other Business and Information Exchange

Cllr Hills – UTC has been approved and will open in September 2013.

270 people took part in the Daventry Sport Relief Mile.

2nd July – School Olympics event for rural primary schools at Althorp House. The Olympic torch will also briefly be making a stop. (Note this event is not open to visitors or spectators)

Lynn Aston – The DDH Youth Board is celebrating after winning the Young People's Team of the Year – Community Award which was part of Northamptonshire County Council's 'Children and Young People's Celebration and Award Event'.

DDH are delighted to announce the launch of the first credit union for the Daventry area. DDH has forged a partnership with Northampton Credit Union and Citizens Advice. Daventry and District, which has seen the credit union extend its services to the area with a weekly drop-in and collection point. As well as encouraging people to save, a credit union can help people in need of small loans, who might have been refused help elsewhere. Northampton Credit Union will operate a drop-in service at The Abbey in Daventry town centre every Thursday, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Visitors can discuss becoming a member, obtain advice about products and services and make deposits. Anyone interested in finding out more at other times can contact 01604 250016.

Victoria Pieteron – there will be an ENTRUST Landfill tax Roadshow in Northampton on the 17th April. **ACTION: Victoria Pieteron to circulate details of the roadshow to all partners.**

Carella Davies – report has been circulated on the end of year 1 of the ‘Finding your Way’ project. Initial thoughts were that this would be wound down but there seems to be increasing numbers of people moving into the area for example from Eastern Europe and there is still a demand for teaching English to recent immigrants to the area.

Looking for referrals for the ‘Walk and Talk’ project. Aimed at increasing confidence and empowering women to make positive decisions.

DDH will fund the time banking project for the next year.

11. Dates of Future Meetings

19 June, 18 September, 18 December

10am – 12 noon in Committee Room 1, Daventry District Council offices, Lodge Road, Daventry.