



**Minutes**  
**LSP Board Meeting, 18 September 2012**  
**Daventry District Council**  
**10am – 11.55am**

**Partners Present** (\* denotes voting member)

Carella	Davies* (Chair)	Daventry Volunteer Centre
Ellen	Buttler	Northampton College, Daventry Centre
Simon	Bovey	Daventry District Council
Barry	Hansford	Northampton College
Cllr Elizabeth	Griffin*	Daventry District Council
Dawn	Aker	Daventry & District Housing
Sally	Halsen*	Daventry Business Partnership
David	Hemmett	West Northants Joint Planning Unit
Cllr Alan	Hills	Daventry District Council
Cllr Kay	Driver*	Daventry District Council
Phil	Martin*	Northants CALC
Lynn	Aston	Daventry & District Housing
Allyson	Carter	Daventry JobCentre
Caroline	Palmer-Fagan	Bromford Housing
Victoria	Pietersen	Groundwork Northamptonshire

**Also in attendance**

Cllr Chris	Over	Daventry District Council
Roz	Tidman	Daventry District Council (LSP Manager)

**1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies and Declarations**

Carella Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from: Wendy Nicolaidis (iCON); Rob Tracey (SNVB); Cllr Gina Ogden (NCC), Nick Brosnan (SWAN); Luke Hodson (Northamptonshire Fire Service); Francesca Guglielmi (Environment Agency); Dave Spencer (Northamptonshire Police)

Cllr Driver declared an interest in item 4, as a representative on the County Health and Wellbeing Board and the Chair of the Daventry District Health & Wellbeing

Partnership Board. There were no other declarations of interests.

## **2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 26 June 2012**

a) The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

b) Matters Arising

Letter of thanks to be sent to David Quayle, former Chair of the Partnership.

**ACTION: Roz Tidman.**

Community Safety Partnership – Cllr Griffin advised on the appointment of a new PCSO for Woodford Halse and consequent better engagement between the Police and community.

Chief Inspector Spencer had advised at a previous meeting that three of the District's PCSOs had been promoted to constables. New PCSOs were being appointed to replace them and details would be circulated to organisations in due course.

## **3. Appointment of Vice-Chair**

Two nominations for the role of Vice-Chair had been received – Phil Martin and Mathew Davies. Phil Martin had confirmed he was happy to accept the nomination, however Mathew Davies had not responded, therefore it was proposed that Phil Martin be appointed Vice-Chair of the LSP until the AGM in March 2013. This was seconded and agreed unanimously.

## **4. Health & Wellbeing Partnership Board**

Cllr Driver provided an update from the previous week's Health & Wellbeing Partnership Board meeting.

She expressed concern at the size of the Board; 20 people had attended with 7 apologies being received.

The Board were looking ahead at how it could work in the future and the structure may need to be reviewed in due course.

Attendees at the meeting included Greenacres and Northamptonshire Police. It was noted that Daventry was one of the few local authorities who had a Police representative on the Board. NHS Northamptonshire and Nene Clinical Commissioning also attended which was a good link, particularly as one of the major areas of concern for the Board was the consultation on cuts to the East Midlands Ambulance Service.

On Prevention & Demand Management there was a very helpful contribution. The proposal was to divide Northamptonshire into seven areas, with a locality leader for each area. Daventry District Council had expressed an interest in being a locality leader, as had other local organisations and some national companies. Simon Bovey advised that, in terms of process, the District Council were awaiting a political decision on whether to move forward. Cllr Hills added that the Health & Wellbeing Board was an important part of the Prevention and Demand strategy. Lynne Aston advised that Daventry & District Housing had also expressed an interest in being a locality leader, Carolyn Palmer-Fagan added that Bromford Housing were also interested.

In other areas, the final Wise & Well event would be taking place on 17 October, 2pm-4pm at Braunston. The focus would then move to slips and trips. There were also a number of other projects underway.

In respect of the County Health & Wellbeing Board there were no major issues.

Consideration was being given to a research project into the state of wellbeing in the county. This would be carried out by the University of Northampton at a cost of £68,000. Consultation on the direction of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy should also be underway, however discussions were continuing on the funding for this. Though the County Board was up and running it did not yet have a budget; it did not know the level of funding it would receive nor the length of time that funding would be available for. Cllr Driver commented that the consultation on the Strategy was important, as this would gain an insight into where the commissioning targets should be. Simon Bovey added that a lot of research had already been carried out and that it was important this research was turned into action. He felt there was a need to get ideas for projects on the ground and partners were asked to put forward funding requests for projects, not just research.

There had been considerable debate on the role of Health Watch, with a lot of issues being raised. It was expected that their service specification would be approved, and governance arrangements were also being looked at. The County Health & Wellbeing Board would place people on the Health Watch Board. It was considered that two representatives would be required for this to be effective.

Cllr Driver advised that Public Health England, based in Hertfordshire, had advised that they would also have an office in Northampton.

There were funding issues surrounding the Kettering Forum for Domestic Violence, which focused on children coming into care from violent homes. It was hoped a bid could be made to assist.

A publicity event would be held in the District in October to publicise the review of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Once the needs assessment had been completed then there would then be the debate on targets. Cllr Driver added that Iain Smith from Corby BC, who represented local authority managers, had queried the funding allocated and what had been achieved from that funding.

Cllr Driver commented that, in terms of feedback to districts and boroughs in the county she felt it was essential to have a link person from the County Health & Wellbeing Board undertaking this role. If there was only one representative on behalf of all the districts and boroughs it would not be possible to feed back effectively.

It was noted that Dr Stephen Horseley, the Director of Public Health, had been invited to speak to the LSP about the County Health & Wellbeing Board. A response had not been received. **ACTION: Roz Tidman to chase.**

Roz Tidman advised that many districts did not have a Health & Wellbeing Board in place and everyone was at various stages of looking at how to deliver this service.

Dave Hemmett commented that over the next 15 years the percentage of elderly residents would increase between 19% and 25%. Associated with that was an increase in the number of babies, and the related increase in childrens' services. He added that the detailed census information, including health information, should be available next year.

Carella Davies noted that only one theme group had provided a report to the meeting. Simon Bovey commented that, in respect of the Business Theme Group, it could be difficult to get the business community to meet, particularly when there were other forums available.

The Environment Theme Group had lost momentum since the departure of David Quayle. He added that it was important, from a Board perspective, to have a sense of achievement from the theme groups, and there was a need to ensure that what

was happening below Board level met the Community Strategy targets – hence item 8 on the agenda.

## 5. Northamptonshire Local Nature Partnership

Simon Bovey drew attention to the creation of the Northamptonshire Local Nature Partnership, which had been endorsed by the Northamptonshire Leadership Group. LNPs were referred to in the Government's National Planning Policy Framework and in the wider context linked with climate change. The LNP, chaired by Simon, would be able to source funding streams and would be a useful connection for the LSP to access funding.

Phil Martin advised that more parish councils were looking at partnership and NCALC had produced a Partnership Strategy to help them develop links.

Cllr Driver added that, in respect of the Northamptonshire Leadership Group, a replacement for David Quayle, as the voluntary and community sector representative, would be required. This was noted.

## 6. East Midlands Ambulance Service - Consultation

Consultation on proposed changes to the East Midlands Ambulance Service had started on 17 September. The Trust, which covered a wide area, had not met its performance criteria. They were also required to deliver efficiency savings and there was a need to change the way the service was delivered. There were three strands to the consultation:

- closing the majority of stations and operating out of Community Ambulance Posts, of which it is proposed Daventry would be one and tactical deployment points.
- creating 13 new hubs (the nearest would be based in Kettering or Northampton) where ambulances would be serviced and restocked for crews to start and finish their shift.
- using appropriate staff and vehicles to transfer patients.

There was an expectation that performance would improve by up to 5%.

The Board were asked whether they wished to respond to the consultation. There was support for a joint LSP response. **ACTION: Roz Tidman to prepare a response on behalf of the LSP.**

Phil Martin advised that NCALC would ensure that parish councils were made aware of the consultation.

Cllr Driver commented that it was important that the public were made aware of the proposals. Roz Tidman advised that there was the potential for a public meeting due to the level of interest. **ACTION: Roz Tidman to write to EMAS to request a public meeting be arranged.**

Carolyn Palmer-Fagan suggested it was important to look at who tomorrow's service users would be. Referring to the expected increase in the elderly population there may be more tailored level of services for that age group. She added that alternative options for service delivery should be considered. This would require a mind shift from the public and a public awareness campaign. The creation of NHS Direct was given as an example of a change in service delivery, as was a trial currently underway involving Northampton GPs using skype to talk to patients in their own homes.

## 7. LSP Project Update

- a) Wise and Well – Four forums had been held to date, with approximately 130 people at each one. These events had provided good networking opportunities and further developed partnership links; in fact there was a waiting list of partners wanting to be involved. The last event was scheduled to take place on 17 October at Braunston before the focus would move to ‘slips and trips’ events on the run up/ during the winter months.
- b) Cycle Promotion – One of the outcomes from the Cyclefest earlier in the year was a high level of interest in family cycling; school holiday activities for all the family were being explored as a result. New cycle racks had been installed at the Country Park officers were exploring other potential infrastructure projects.
- c) Canal Improvement – BTCV were leading on this project, with 12-13 volunteers regularly carrying out environmental management work on a number of wildlife sites along the canal network. A meeting with the Waterways Trust (formerly British Waterways) had been scheduled, which may see more opportunities for partnership working.
- d) Proposed New Project - Wildflowers – Consideration was given to a Project Initiation Document for this new scheme, which aimed to increase the amount of wildflower habitat in the district. This would build on existing work carried out by NCC and the Wildlife Trust.

Phil Martin advised of a similar scheme in Kilsby, organised by the Parish Council, with the village gardening society managing the long-term maintenance of the site. Simon Bovey commented that it would be good to replicate this approach across parishes via NCCALC and that the Local Nature Partnership could usefully be informed.

## 8. Review of LSP

Roz Tidman advised that the Environment Group and Business Group had not met for a number of months, though the Health and Wellbeing Board was operating well.

Between now and December Roz would meet with partners to get their feedback on the way forward, with the intention of reporting back to the December Board meeting.

Sally Halson commented that, in relation to the Business Group, there was minimal overlap between the services partners in the theme group. Each had their own budgets and projects happened in isolation. There was a need to look at sources of funding to enable partners to come together.

Linked to this item Simon Bovey advised on the Council’s budget setting process. The Council’s support to the LSP had been included in this discussion. The District Council has been facilitating the LSP, but partners would be asked to consider contributing to the cost of administrating the Partnership given the mutual benefits. Partners would be invited to contribute in due course. **ACTION: Simon Bovey to write to partners.**

## 9. Any Other Business and Information Exchange

Cllr Hills reported on the successful Daventry triathlon that took place in September, with 230 attendees attending. The fastest time for the 45km course was 54 minutes. It was hoped this would become an annual event.

Ten schools in the Daventry learning area had recently taken part in an Olympic

sports session at Browns Road Sports Park. All participants were very enthusiastic. The overall winner was Welton Primary.

Numerous events had taken place during the school holidays, all very well attended. Very positive feedback had been received from parents.

Southbrook Communication Association's Fete in the Field would be taking place over the weekend. The Association was also celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

The Daventry Dolphins were also holding their swimming gala over the weekend.

Phil Martin advised that NCALC membership was increasing. Parish councils were being formed in many towns and cities in the country, including Northamptonshire with three new parish councils due to be created in Northampton.

Dave Hemmett advised that the closing date for representations on changes to the Joint Core Strategy for West Northamptonshire was 26 September.

Barry Hansford advised that Ellen Buttler had joined as the new Head of the Daventry Centre. The College were planning to invest in the Daventry centre and were keen to know what people wanted to see there. A three-year plan would be put in place to improve the site and it was important to get the views of local people, not just young people. As part of that process Ellen would be making contact with partners, on an individual basis, to talk about the College's plans and proposals.

Caroline Palmer-Fagan advised of proposals to develop a 44 unit affordable housing site on Middlemore in Daventry in conjunction with Bellway Homes.

Sally Halson reported on the successful Mop Fair held over the weekend, and the proposals to form a Town Team to develop ideas to encourage more people to visit Daventry town.

Lynn Aston advised of affordable housing developments in Woodford Halse and Weedon Bec that were due to be occupied shortly. Second Homes Funding for other schemes had also been secured. DDH's Youth Board summer camp, involving Greenacres, had been a great success. Lynn advised on the appointment of Dawn Aker as their new funding officer, and Michelle, their volunteer co-ordinator.

Victoria Pietersen advised that Groundworks were holding a number of energy efficiency workshops for farmers and landowners in Northamptonshire, as well as across the country. These would be run through the National Farmers Union and key partners.

In terms of development, Councillor Driver advised that consultation on the Council's Countryside and Settlements Local Plan would be starting soon. As part of that process a group, representing communities across the district, had been formed to steer the production of the Plan.

Carella Davies advised that the Daventry Community Forum were due to meet on 26 September at The Abbey. The forum, open to all voluntary and community sector organisations, provides an opportunity for networking, information sharing and support.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

18 December 2012, 10am, Committee Room 1, Daventry District Council