



LSP Board Meeting, 17 December 2013
Davertry District Council
10.10am – 11.30am

Partners Present (* denotes voting member)

Carella	Davies* (Chair)	Davertry Volunteer Centre
Tania	Ash	Northamptonshire Police
Jane	Ford	Jobcentre Plus
Cllr Liz	Griffin*	Davertry District Council
Barry	Hansford	Northampton College
Cllr Alan	Hills*	Davertry District Council & Northamptonshire County Council
Ciara	McMillan*	Davertry & District Housing and Chair Health & Wellbeing Partnership Board

1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies and Declarations

Carella Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from: Lynn Aston, Simon Bovey, Dr Matthew Davies, Mary Higginson, Suzanne Shead

There were no declarations of interests.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 17 September 2013

a) BH advised that his name had been spelt incorrectly. The minutes were amended accordingly and then agreed as an accurate record.

b) Matters Arising

Strategic Update on Policing and Crime – A further invitation had been extended to the Police & Crime Commissioner to attend a meeting of the Board. His office had advised that he would attend the 16 September 2014 meeting.

EMAS – Information from the 'Being the Best' consultation would be circulated to partners. **ACTION: Roz Tidman**

Welfare Reform – The pilot in Rugby had only just started so no information on its impact was currently available. It was noted that the Police were represented on this sub-group.

NCC Consultation Voluntary and Community Sector Support and Development (Infrastructure) Provision – No comments had been received

for partners to enable an LSP response to be submitted.

Environment Theme Group – RT advised that the group were meeting on a virtual basis, but were heavily involved in a number of LSP projects. AH advised that Daventry District Council achieved the Investors in the Environment (iIE) Green Award. This was presented to organisations that can demonstrate excellent progress in minimising their own impact on the environment and making improvements to their local community.

3. Health & Wellbeing Partnership Board

RT provided a brief update from the on the Welfare Reform Group, which met in November.

There had been a good exchange of information between agencies and those dealing with issues on the ground. The difficult part of the process was data sharing and there was a need to develop an Information Sharing Protocol.

The next meeting was scheduled for 17 January 2014 and the intention was to focus on developing that Protocol so people in need of support could be identified and helped.

EG considered that it was very significant that data sharing was being enforced because of the implications from welfare reform, commenting that perhaps this should have been looked at in the past.

The Group also supported the Christmas Hamper appeal.

CM provided an update on the Health & Wellbeing Partnership Board.

Three priorities had been identified. It would not be possible to deliver everything therefore the Board had agreed one deliverable project under each priority area. Task & Finish group would be formed, with leads from different organisations. They will all meet in the new year to confirm scope and draft project plan for agreement by the LSP Board in March.

With regard to the County Health & Wellbeing Board, there were still concerns about the lack of representation on the county group. Though there were two representatives for the district and borough councils there was no direct link to/from localities. There was no mechanism to promote the work localities were doing to the County Board. To date the County Board had commented that local boards could collaborate and put something forward about how they fitted into the County Health & Wellbeing Board. CM advised that she was still championing representation of local Health & Wellbeing Boards on the County Board.

4. Draft Community Strategy

RT provided an update on the Business Theme Group, which met on 3 December. The Group's priorities – Skills & Learning, and Development & Regeneration had been agreed and an Action Plan to meet these would be in place for their next meeting on the 4 March 2014.

The Skills & Learning priority was being led by the colleges and included the preparation of a marketing directory of the senior education offer available in the district. An Education Fair for students, parents and employers was also proposed. The colleges were keen to be involved but it was proving difficult to

engage with the secondary schools. A meeting with head teachers was being arranged to encourage them to be more forthcoming. The UTC was also coming on board.

An extension to DDC's work enrichment scheme was being developed, led by Connexions. The intention was to role this initiative out to other employers. JF welcomed the scheme, adding that young people often had a lack of experience in preparing for the work environment. It was important to get more companies involved. The apprenticeship scheme also had a role to play. AH added that the Princes Trust provide support and guidance to young people, helping them to gain confidence. Many who had completed their time with the Trust had been successful in obtaining work.

With regard to Development & Regeneration, DDC was leading with the development of Sites 1 & 5 in Daventry town. Daventry Town Council was taking the lead on the refurbishment of existing areas in the town. An online calendar of events for the town and district was also being developed.

In terms of Housing, the focus was on how best to provide housing for the elderly and vulnerable. This was something that partners could be involved in. AH commented that many elderly people did not want to live in flats, but developers were not keen on building bungalows.

CM advised that some of the new developments in the area would include bungalows, and that one-bedroom houses were also being looked at, which may be suitable for elderly people. She added that DDH were considering re-modelling their less popular sheltered bedsit schemes into one-bedroom apartments. However from a health and wellbeing point of view more specific housing needed to be looked at, providing adaptable, independent living.

The meeting considered the emerging issues arising from the responses on the Daventry District Community Strategy. 141 responses had been received so far, 140 more than the previous year! It was considered this increase was down to LSP organisations promoting the consultation and involvement of the District People's Panel.

Vision – It was acknowledged that the Vision itself was extensive, but only the strapline was usually used. 79% of respondents agreed with the wording, of those who disagreed the majority of comments related to growth in rural areas, communities that did not see Daventry as their main town, and the lack of a timeframe in the Strategy.

A significant amount of time had been spent by partners in the past developing the Vision, therefore it was not proposed to change the wording dramatically. Consideration was given to the strength of the comments received, their location – were they mainly from rural communities, and whether it was possible to include a timeframe in an aspirational document. It was felt more attention should be drawn to the Vision strapline, by changing the style of font either in the strapline itself or the explanatory text below. The Vision needed to retain reference to transport, but it was suggested 'integrated transport system' be replaced with 'innovative transport services'. It was also suggested that the word 'hinterland' be replaced.

Key Priorities – There was very strong support for the Health & Wellbeing and Economy, Learning, Skills & Employment priority areas, but less support for

Protect & Enhance our Environment. Comments received related to the use of 'climate change' and the current wording gave the perception that there would be an increase in wind farms. Consideration was given to rewording this priority to focus on 'reducing resources used' in place of 'climate change'. The meeting also felt the inclusion of 'biodiversity and protect the natural environment' would address other concerns.

There were no changes suggested to the wording of the Health & Wellbeing priority.

BH suggested the wording of the Economy, Learning, Skills & Employment priority be amended to include 'maintain high employment'. It was considered the wording 'high employment' gave a more positive message than 'low unemployment'. This was supported.

RT advised that action plans for each theme group would form part of the final Strategy, and would be updated annually. These would also provide a form of timeline for the document.

CM suggested that the LSP work with the Daventry Express to promote the Strategy, once finalised.

5. Any Other Business and Information Exchange

AH reported on the following:-

Sport England Active People Survey showed that 37.3% of those aged 16yrs + in the district took part in an average of 30 minutes of sport a week. It was noted that Daventry district was top of the list in the county and the figure was in line with the national average, however when you considered this meant 62.8% of people over the age of 16 didn't participate in sport the figure was not that good. 26.6% of people took part in three sessions of exercise a week lasting 30 minutes or more. Again in line with the national average. AH commented that he would like to see 50% of people taking part in some sport.

EG asked whether there was a comparison between the town and rural areas, adding that the statistics may not truly relate to what activities people were doing outside of leisure centres or sports clubs. AH advised that the survey included other activities, such as Nordic walking. He advised that DDC did provide sporting opportunities in the rural areas, and were also considering the development of a leisure centre in the east of the district.

Consideration was being given to holding a series of taster sessions of disabled basketball in Daventry Leisure Centre. If there was sufficient interest it was hoped to start a Club. AH to forward further information to CD for circulation to the voluntary sector. **ACTION: Cllr Hills**

CD reminded the meeting of the invitation previous circulated for companies and organisations to take part in the 'Workplace Challenge'. The aim of the programme was to promote sport, physical activity and health improvements.

CM advised of DDH arrangements for tenants affected by the removal of NCC's Supporting People Fund. DDH had 922 elderly tenants, of those 622 had previously not been required to pay for any support, but would now have to do so. Those tenants would be offered a menu of services they could purchase. It was anticipated that the majority of tenants would look at the cost over their

needs. In those cases DDH would do a risk assessment, offer financial advice etc. and, if necessary, refer tenants to NCC's Safeguarding Team.

The publication of NCC's prevention tender was awaited. It was anticipated that any organisation would be able to apply, however the Health & Wellbeing Partnership Board's view was that the tender should be awarded to a local provider. Whichever organisation was successful it would take the lead on the allocation of prevention and demand funding.

8. Dates of Future Meetings

18 March 2014

10 June 2014

16 September 2014

16 December 2014

All meetings 10am – 12 noon, Committee Room 1, Daventry District Council offices.