



LSP Board Meeting, 16 December 2014
Daventry District Council
10.05am – 11.30am

Partners Present (* denotes voting member)

Carella	Davies* (Chair)	(CD)	Daventry Volunteer Centre
Simon	Bovey	(SB)	Daventry District Council
Ed	Cook*	(EC)	Daventry District Council
Mary	Doyle	(MD)	MIND
Rob	Emery	(RE)	Daventry & District Housing
Cllr Elizabeth	Griffin*	(EG)	Daventry District Council
Cllr Alan	Hills*	(AH)	Daventry District Council & NCC
Roz	Tidman	(RT)	Daventry District Council
Adam	Ward	(AW)	Northamptonshire Police

1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies and Declarations

Carella Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from: Claire Berry (WNJPU), Warren Ellison (Northants Fire and Rescue Service), Mary Higginson (Bromford), Ciara McMillan (DDH)

There were no declarations of interests relating to the items on the agenda.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 16 September 2014

- a) The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.
- b) There were no matters arising.

3. Health & Wellbeing Partnership Board

EC, Acting Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Partnership Board, gave an update from the 9 December meeting. He commented on the diverse membership of the Board, which was beneficial, and how links to the County Board were developing well.

Peter Lynch, Health & Wellbeing Business Manager, had reported on a number of issues including attendance by senior NHFT managers at local meetings. Peter was drafting a report on NHS England and planning issues for the County Health & Wellbeing Board. EC had seen the draft and felt it was balanced.

Dr Jeffers from Nene CCG had provided an update on cardiac rehabilitation services. It is expected, that subject to contract negotiations, a cardiac rehabilitation nurse would be in post at Danetre Hospital very soon.

The LSP Board hoped for a prompt provision of this service. AH noted this positive outcome adding that the commitment to making more use of the hospital was good news. EG suggested a letter be sent on behalf of the LSP to the NHS welcoming this move but advising that with the increasing population in the area it was vital that more services be provided at the hospital. This was **AGREED**. **ACTION: Roz Tidman**. EC advised that Nene CCG localities were looking to move out-patient services away from the general hospital environment to facilities such as Danetre Hospital.

In respect of Public Health Steve Marks, Service Delivery Manager in NCC's Public Health Team, had reported on changes to the structure of the Team, which had now been finalised. AH noted it was encouraging that Dr Ali, Director of Public Health & Wellbeing, considered Daventry's Health & Wellbeing Board to be one of the best and strongest in the county. He added that the regular chairs' meeting would enable Daventry to share its experiences.

Gemma Goode, NHFT Wellbeing Navigator had reported on a project linking local people with health issues to appropriate services. MD advised that this project was a good example of agencies working together. Gemma was based in Daventry alongside two liaison workers based in GP surgeries. Liaison workers would direct people to where they could get support eg. MIND or a Navigator. MD added that the original pilot was in Northampton, however there were now Navigators across the county.

With regard to the projects being monitored by the Board, Eat Out Eat Well was on plan, and the whole county were being encouraged to get on board. To that extent the Public Health Team were having a development day on this. The project was also subject to scrutiny by the County Heads of Environmental Health Group. In respect of the social isolation and mental wellbeing projects, progress was not as advanced as the Board would have liked.

An update had been received on the Community Wellbeing Services tender. It was believed that NCC had received a legal challenge on the overall bidding process so everything was on hold.

4. Performance Report

RT presented the latest performance report, a copy is **attached** for information.

New strategic indicators were in the Community Strategy and were monitored on a quarterly basis as part of the District Council's performance management programme. RT highlighted a number of the indicators, inviting partners to similarly track their organisations' contribution back at base.

Health & Wellbeing had a number of high level targets where the smallest change could make a big difference. The number of active adults in the district was always positive, at 60%, however performance was not as good on breast feeding where figures had reduced. AH advised on the proposed closure of the Action for Children Daventry East centre in Benbow Close, which provided a breast feeding support group. A meeting with Action for Children and Chris Heaton-Harris MP had been arranged to see what could be done, however AH anticipated that the closure would go ahead but hoped that the service would be retained in another venue. CD suggested The Hub as an alternative.

Smoking had also increased, to 20%, which was disappointing as the number of smokers had been reducing for a number of years. The numbers of obese adults was still high, however obesity in children had reduced.

The numbers of households in fuel poverty was at 10%, which was not good and needed to be addressed.

Crime figures had also fluctuated, however AW confirmed that this was due to changes in the way the figures were now reported, along with changes in the family group used for comparison purposes. AW gave an example of violent crime which had increased in excess of 40% in the county, due to changes in reporting. When compared to the number of people in hospital because of violence the figures were actually going down. Daventry had seen a 27% increase, but he anticipated this would level out and provide a baseline that could be used in the future. He added that violent crime was a third of all reported crime in Daventry and there had been a sustained decrease in other areas of crime. Reporting of domestic violence had increased, however this was seen as a success showing that the community were confident in reporting instances to the Police. Repeated reports of domestic violence had not increased.

Economy – good footfall levels in Daventry town, bucking the national trend. Monitoring of the number of stalls on the Tuesday and Friday markets was also taking place.

Daventry schools came out well in the national GCSE results, and the number of Ofsted outstanding schools was steady. The number of apprenticeships started had reduced, however this was due to changes in reporting. Job seeker claimants were low, showing good levels of employment.

SB reported on a presentation from the Department of Work & Pensions at a recent County Chief Executives meeting on the roll out of Universal Credit. The first tranche of which would start in Daventry in February. Concerns had been expressed at that meeting about the timing of training and suitability of IT systems. RT advised that the Welfare Reform Group had invited Rugby Jobcentre Plus to give a presentation on their experience of Universal Credit at their next meeting. Approximately 500 residents were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and 1,000 Employment Support Allowance.

The meeting discussed the number of jobs being created in DIRFT, which could not be met by Daventry residents. This would mean workers moving into the district, with the associated pressure on housing. CD noted that public transport did not always match shift timings at DIRFT. AH noted that more jobs were being created in the town area as well. SB advised that the Enterprise Partnerships in the area were aware of the difficulties employers often had in engaging staff, adding that transport for DIRFT workers had been on the agenda of the Junction 18 Liaison Forum for a number of years. Bus times had been changed to accommodate shifts where possible.

Environment – RT advised that recycling levels were below target, but the reduction in CO2 levels was positive.

SB summarised that some indicators were causing alarm and suggested that the theme groups be asked to suggest proposals to address those poor performing indicators and these be presented to the next Board meeting. This was **AGREED**.
ACTION: Roz Tidman.

5. Theme Group Updates/Protect and Enhance our Environment

RT provided a brief update on work carried out by the theme groups.

The Business Theme Group had held a number of small, but useful, meetings and identified two key issues:-

- Logistics, in particular the opportunity to apply for European funding from NEP and SEMLEP to develop logistics skills in Daventry. Such an application would be challenging as there was also a requirement to obtain match funding from the private sector. This funding would enable logistics training to be promoted as a career choice for students. James Whybrow, Assistant Principal at Northampton College, was engaged and was keen to develop partnership working in this area. He had identified a need to develop a co-ordinated programme of logistics training. SB advised of his attendance that afternoon at NEP looking at how to develop bids to the European Structural Investment Fund and DDC were working with a major logistics operator in the district to submit a bid, via SEMLEP for logistics training.
- Apprenticeships – It is hoped that they group will be able to produce a directory of educational opportunities in the district. Secondary schools had initially not been involved in this, but their approach was now changing. Northampton College were running a ‘cradle to career’ event during National Apprenticeships’ Week in March 2015 and SWAN (South West Area of Northants Education Partnership) were also looking at an event during that time. There had been good discussions with Jobcentre Plus and the College. EG suggested an article be included in Daventry Calling to help promote. This was **AGREED**. **ACTION: Roz Tidman.**

The Environment Theme Group had been struggling for a while and had not formally met since March 2012, however a number of successful projects had taken place during that time, due to the support of the Environmental Improvement Officer from DDC. The Group had two priorities in the Community Strategy – to promote environmental sustainability and improve the attractiveness of the district. Consideration was given to the feasibility of a number of project ideas, including retrofitting of energy efficiency schemes to village halls and the development of more electric vehicle charging points. A cycling strategy for the district was also being considered, setting out key cycle routes etc.

NCC were developing a county-wide community energy strategy, and DDC were promoting the Big Switch directly to communities and via partners. SB suggested links with SEMLEP and NEP should be explored as enterprise partnerships needed to provide evidence of how they were addressing sustainability and the environment in their areas.

The way forward for the Group included a number of business events such as breakfast seminars on key topics and developing the use of telecasting/webcasting for meetings.

AH advised that Chris Heaton-Harris MP held regular business breakfast meetings, which were fairly well attended. He suggested a presentation be given at one of these. This was **AGREED**. **ACTION: Roz Tidman**.

RT summarised that the theme groups were being more structured and co-ordinated and looking at how they could feed opportunities through to communities.

6. Community Wellbeing Services

RT expressed frustration that no progress could be made on the service as it was understood that NCC were subject to a legal challenge. Agencies who were funded by NCC had an uncertain future which had a knock on effect on the local community who used those services. No information had been received from NCC on what was going to happen or when. RT advised that the Care & Repair contract had been extended at 50% of previous funding level until the end of March 2015 and some other organisations had also had extensions to their funding at reduced rates. However funding to DDH from the Supporting People Fund ceased at the end of September 2014.

AH acknowledged the general frustration, adding that all information was embargoed at the moment.

SB suggested that the LSP Board request urgent clarification of the situation as they were aware of rumours of a legal challenge but this had not been confirmed or denied. EG suggested that letter also include specific references from partners on how the current situation was affecting them. This was **AGREED**. **ACTION: Roz Tidman**.

7. AOB and Information Exchange

AH highlighted this year's very successful Sports Awards, with more nominations and attendees than previous years. DDH Star Awards were also very successful and both events highlighted the level of talent in the district. CD had sat on the Star Awards panel and commented on the high level of submissions received. RE added that Daventry had very high numbers of volunteers in the area.

There had been a lot of support for the District Council's clothes bank and hamper appeal.

SB advised that the Joint Core Strategy, which sets out the plan for housing, jobs etc. in the district, had been adopted by the Joint Strategic Planning Committee the previous evening. The vote had been close and there was now a six-week challenge period. He anticipated that a legal challenge would be made during that time; however until any challenge was successful the Strategy was in force.

7. Date of Next Meeting

17 March 2015, 10am – 12 noon, Committee Room 1, Daventry District Council offices.