



ONE BARNSELY OUTLOOK – Number 12 – May 2008

This is the 12th edition of One Barnsley Outlook, an email bulletin about your Local Strategic Partnership. It gives you an update on One Barnsley events and what the partnerships are doing.

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Key Headlines

- Have you got an object of historical interest that could form part of the Experience Barnsley museum collection? Contact johntanner@barnsley.gov.uk.
- £56 million will be spent on a state of the art new building for Barnsley College.
- Barnsley Walking Festival will run from 11th May until 22nd June. Look out for opportunities to get physically active. Get friends and colleagues involved.
- Kendray Youth Enterprise centre has inducted its first two young entrepreneurs.

Dates for your diaries

Please check 'at a glance' section on www.onebarnsley.com for event details.

Learning Lunches:

Tuesday May 6th – Cohesion and Integration Strategy – Joe Micheli @ Cabinet Office

Wednesday May 21st – The threat of Obesity in Barnsley – Lorraine Lawson @ Reception Room, Town Hall

Tuesday 10th June – Local Information Systems – Liz Pitt @Cabinet Office, Town Hall

Learning Lunches start at 12 and finish at 2pm. Please contact helenknox@barnsley.gov.uk to secure a place.

Points from Learning Lunches

New Plans for Barnsley College

Paula Whittle, Steve Oddy and JSA architects presented the exciting new plans for Barnsley College. The "learner first" approach to the buildings will provide Barnsley college students with state of the art facilities.

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Key facts:

- Barnsley College has 6300 learners
- Current buildings are outdated and unfit for purpose
- New plans for the college tie in with Re-making Learning and Re-making Barnsley agenda
- A personalised learning agenda will be available to all students
- £56 million investment will go into re-building the college.
- The ground floor of the main site will be for commercial use with a hairdresser, restaurant and travel agency
- The redevelopment will be a catalyst for a change in learning and teaching
- Construction on the Old Mill Lane site Barnsley college site starts December 2008 for 21 months. This site will remain open during the construction.
- The sports facility at Honeywell cost £3 million and will be open in July 2008
- Among other state of the art facilities there will be an open air theatre and woodland park
- The community, not just students, will be able to make use of the new college.

Experience Barnsley – a people’s museum

Project manager John Tanner gave a fascinating insight into the development of the Experience Barnsley museum that will be located in the Town Hall if the green light is given on funding. It will feature;

- State of the art Archives and Local Studies Research Centre
- Community Space
- Learning Facility
- Changing Exhibition Gallery
- A hub and gateway for heritage sites
- Support base and resource centre for the heritage community

The current situation is:

- July 2007 - £2.6 million earmarked by Heritage Lottery Fund for the project
- January 2008 – development project begins
- Sept 2008 – Final designs finished and stage II bid goes to the Heritage Lottery fund (HLF).
- December 2008 – Find out HLF decision
- January 2009-2011 - Work begins

Comments from attendees:

- Experience Barnsley will encompass the whole borough not just the town.
- How will musical heritage factor in?
- Is there potential to link up heritage sites with walking and cycling trails?
- Can the extensive NUM archives be used in the collections?
- How can the museum connect with local schools in terms of teaching History?
- How will the transport issue be resolved given the predicted visitor numbers of 50,000 a year?

Support Experience Barnsley at:

http://www.experiencebarnsley.co.uk/add_your_support.html
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=24422910569>

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Key points from Delivery Partnerships

Safer Communities:

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- Government Office's Head of Community Safety congratulated the partnership on meeting targets for crime reduction.
- The restructure of the Community Safety partnership has been agreed by cabinet and is in the process of transition over the next 3 months.
- The Partnership plan is now available as a draft until the LAA sign off at <http://www.saferbarnsley.co.uk/sscp/Partnership%20Plan/partnership%20Plan>
- The LAA targets have almost been finalised comprising:
 - NI 17 – Perceptions of Anti-social behaviour
 - NI 18 - Adult re-offending for those under probation supervision.
 - NI 20 – Assault with injury crime related
 - NI 33 - Arson incidents
 - NI 40 – Drug users in effective treatment

Fit for the Future

Contact: Elaine Ogden @ Elaine.ogden@barnsleypct.nhs.uk (01226 777 022)

- Heart disease is the main cause of premature death in Barnsley. We need to stop people Dying Too Young in Barnsley. On Friday 16th May we will be launching 'Dying Too Young', a programme to encourage all people over 40 living in Barnsley to have a simple check up to assess their risk of heart disease and diabetes and to 'know your score'. The stakeholder event will take place at the Digital Media Centre from 10:00am and will feature dynamic presentations, communicate key messages and showcase current work through interactive sessions and exhibition stands. This will be followed by a public event targeting over 40's to 'know your score' i.e. BMI, blood pressure, cholesterol etc. which will assess their risk of heart disease and diabetes.
- Plans are well underway for this year's annual Walking Festival which will run from 11 May to 22 June. Look out for opportunities to get involved and encourage your workplaces, colleagues, families and friends to join in this fun and free way to get more physically active.

Environment Partnership

Contact: Interim - Peter Mirfin @ petermirfin@barnsley.gov.uk (01226 77 3433)

- The 30th Environment Forum will be held on World Environment Day (5th June) the theme is sustainable design and construction. There will be presentations on Sustainable regeneration, green roofs and accessibility transport planning.

Cultural Consortium

Contact: Helen Ball @ helenball@barnsley.gov.uk 01226 787 506)

- Libraries and Archives will now be members of the Cultural Consortium.
- Work is now underway to incorporate both Libraries and Archives into the Cultural Consortium's structure and contributions to the Sustainable Community Strategy and the new LAA.
- Communication and marketing cultural opportunities in Barnsley will be a priority in the Cultural Improvement Plan.

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- Presentations to other partnerships are nearly all complete and work on phase two of the Cultural Statement's development is about to begin.

Economic Forum

Contact: Mike Moir @ mikmoir@barnsley.gov.uk

- Work and Skills Board update - Local Employer Partnerships (LEPs) are an arrangement between employers and Jobcentre Plus. The employer agrees to employ workless people, in return for the support of Jobcentre Plus. Another 5 Barnsley employers have signed up and 19 jobs have been offered.
- The Sub National Review of Economic Development and Regeneration (SNR) consultation document was published on 31st March. The consultation elevates the roles of the Regional Development Agencies and local authorities to improve economic outcomes. Some of the main proposals of the SNR are:
 1. RDAs such as Yorkshire Forward to become designated regional planning bodies, responsible for producing through consultation, integrated regional strategies,
 2. Local authorities will be placed under a duty to produce an economic assessment of their local area, this assessment will then be used to inform the integrated regional strategy;
 3. Local authorities will have a role scrutinising regional strategies and holding RDAs to account.
 4. Greater delegation of funding to those bodies best placed to deliver economic improvements.

Consultation closes 20th June 2008.

- LAA Targets – work is continuing with relevant partners to agree baselines and targets. Currently, baseline agreed with DWP/JC+ for reduction of people claiming out of work benefits (NI 152) of 17.9% of the working age population (May 2007 data).
- Action Plans from the Barnsley Growth Plan are being discussed with partners to determine key lead and delivery roles.

Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

Contact: Sue Hare @ suehare@barnsley.gov.uk (01226 77 5634)

- The Ofsted inspection of our private fostering social work provision took place over two days in March and, although we've not yet received written confirmation, verbal feedback indicates that overall we were rated as a 'GOOD' service.
- Due to the success of the Learning Net in engaging people in lifelong learning, the manager Tom Smith has been asked to speak before the Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills Select Committee.
- Five additional Surestart Children's centres have been formally designated by the DCSF/Surestart/Together for Children (TCF). Lundwood, Hoyland Common, Darton, Dodworth and Penistone are the new locations. They will be open to children and families soon. Designation is the first stage of development before sites are officially opened in 2008.
- Within a week of its opening, the Kendray Youth Enterprise Centre inducted its first two young entrepreneurs. Once the Diploma Centre opens in September it's expected that the remaining five units within the centre will be occupied. This shows the demand from young people wishing to take up opportunities within the enterprise culture.
- Preparation for the 2008 Annual Performance Assessment is underway. We are working towards submitting our self assessment to Ofsted by 26th June 2008. Contact Sue Hare 01226 773176 or Helen Richardson on 01226 773575 for information.

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Equalities and Diversity Inclusion Partnership (EDIP)

Contact: Joe Micheli @ joemicheli@barnsley.gov.uk (01226 77 4446)

- The presentation on the Draft One Barnsley Community Cohesion and Integration Strategy, with following endorsement from the One Barnsley Executive was approved to go out for consultation with partners for a period of 3 months, in line with the Compact
- The strategy and linked community empowerment action plan will act as the delivery vehicles for national indicator 1 (community cohesion) and 4 (community empowerment) in the LAA. These have also been agreed as 'designated' indicators with the Government Office for Yorkshire and Humber. Targets will be agreed at the GOYH/LAA meeting on 15 April.
- The 'Environment for a Thriving Third Sector (NI 7) was also agreed as a designated indicator. The lead agency for this indicator is the Local Authority, reflecting the emphasis on the authority to facilitate such an environment.
- Financial Inclusion confirmed as a local priority in the Sustainable Community Strategy and LAA, and local indicators are currently being agreed with the EDIP Financial Inclusion Group.

Partnership for Transport

Contact: Anne Beddoes @ annebeddoes@barnsley.gov.uk

- Preventing Obesity – In order to prevent obesity reaching medical proportions the Partnership for Transport will lead on events aimed at promoting “designing in” healthy lifestyle options into the urban environment. This includes more walking and cycling options. There will be an initial launch event June 5th 3.30-5.30 that will set the scene for the current issues and new solutions.

Comments and Suggestions

If you have any comments or suggestions about 'One Barnsley Outlook' or you would like to raise an issue, please contact the details at bottom of page. We welcome any new ideas related to "One Barnsley Outlook".

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