



ONE BARNSELY OUTLOOK – Number 17 – November 2009

This is the 17th 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.

If you would like to know more about the basics of One Barnsley, please go to www.onebarnsley.com.

Key One Barnsley Headlines

School Results are a cause for celebration!

Barnsley's results this year indicate a cause for celebration! Unvalidated data provides an indication of how far we have progressed. Foundation Stage has improved by 19%; KS1 has improved on all subjects; KS4 showed at least a 6% improvement in the number of pupils attaining 5+A*-C, including English and Maths.

Future Jobs Fund proving a success – 1 participant already secured job

Over 600 jobs will be created in Barnsley over the next two years after the successful bid to the Department Work Pensions. Jobs nationally will last for a minimum of 6 months, here in Barnsley they will last for up to a year, thanks to match funding from the Council and other Partners. The programme started on October 5th 2009.

Barnsley goes digital – Martha Lane Fox visit

October saw the celebration of the launch of digital region – the largest public sector funded broadband infrastructure project in Europe, the national launch of Get online day and the opening of the Bull TCL data centre on Pontefract Rd.

Martha Lane Fox said at the National Get online day launch “Barnsley itself is a fantastic example of how communities can benefit from being online and I've been looking forward to meeting some of the local people who are already taking advantage of technology. There are some really inspirational stories here, which just reaffirm to me that computers and the internet really can help people help themselves to new opportunities. I hope that Get online day 2009 inspires other people to follow in their footsteps.”

Dates for your diaries

Please visit www.onebarnsley.com 'at a glance' section for more details.

Tuesday November 24th – Learning Lunch - European Funding Made Simple

Learning Lunches start at 12 and finish at 1.45pm. Lunch and refreshments are provided Please contact helenknox@barnsley.gov.uk to secure a place.

Wednesday 2nd December – One Barnsley Forum – Influencing Decisions – “Think Local Act Local”

CAA Update

CAA Area Assessment

The first CAA Area Assessment report for Barnsley will be published shortly, on 10 December 2009, on the OnePlace website. This will outline the challenges facing the Borough, how partners are working together to tackle these, and what progress they are making to deliver improved outcomes.

The Area Assessment will help the LSP identify those areas requiring further improvement and/or different ways of doing things, and act as a stimulus for driving forward across a number of areas over the next 12 months. These areas will include:-

- Improve health and reduce inequality
- Engage effectively with and across all communities of place and interest (links to satisfaction and perceptions of how well people get on with each other)
- Progress the work on child poverty
- Grow the economy; help people back into work; improve skills
- Build the supply of housing that people can afford
- Reduce the harm caused by alcohol.

The Area Assessment will also identify a number of key challenges for partners, including:-

- Promoting a culture of aspiration and enterprise – underlying theme
- Building a resilient and sustainable local economy, which means:
 - higher value jobs
 - more people in work and off benefits
 - skill levels to match the jobs and which enable local people to share in the gains
- Improving public health.

For more information please contact Shaun Jones, Assistant Chief Executive, Performance and Delivery, Barnsley MBC, Telephone No (01226) 773401 or E-mail: shaunjones@barnsley.gov.uk

Key points from Delivery Partnerships

Safer Communities:

Contact: Ian Barber (interim) @ ianbarber@barnsley.gov.uk

- Regional Hate Crime conference took place on 3rd November. This high profile event, held at the Holiday Inn Dodworth Rd, involved speeches on forced marriages and what it feels like to be an alien in your own community.
- A family intervention day Open Day, held at Rae House, Kendray was held on the same day. The aim is for members of the public to see how the family intervention project works and how it helps people.

Economy and Culture

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

- The new Economy and Culture partnership will meet in early November.
- Work is beginning on the draft Work and Skills Plan.
- Barnsley's Growth Plan will be refreshed within the context of the recession. It was first written in 2007 before the economic crisis.

Culture

- The first draft of the Cultural Strategy has been finished.

Children and Young People's Trust

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

Barnsley Children and Young People's Plan 2009 – 2012

The Children and Young People's Plan can be accessed on Barnsley's website at www.barnsley.gov.uk/CYPPlan.

Celebration of Learning Events

The 6th Celebration of Learning event took place on 21 October for the Children's Award Ceremony for primary age children, including those in children's centres, and on 22 October for Young Adults and Adults Awards Ceremonies, at the Kingstone School Sports Centre. This was an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of young people and colleagues who are making a difference in Barnsley.

Important news for all partnerships!

Most people should by now have heard about ContactPoint - the national children's database to support multi-agency/disciplinary working. ContactPoint will contain basic information about every child in England up to the age of 18, including details of the child's school, GP, any practitioners who might be providing support services to the child, and whether they have completed an assessment under the Common Assessment Framework (CAF).

ContactPoint will enable practitioners to quickly find out whether a child is receiving universal services (education and primary health care) and make it much easier for them to co-ordinate a package of support to meet the child's individual needs, leading to a better service experience for children, young people and their families.

Local authorities have the lead role in implementing and managing ContactPoint, and for ensuring that all partners - schools/police/NHS/Connexions and many others - are compliant with the law and regulations.

Full implementation of ContactPoint began in May 2009 by the early adopter local authorities based in the North West. Other authorities will come on board in three deployment slots, Barnsley being in the first of these. Full implementation will begin from April 2010 onwards and will take a full year.

Two new task orientated groups have been established:

1. Think Family

The Children and Young People's Trust Executive Group has established a Think Family Board, whose aim it is to ensure cooperation and collaboration between children's services and those serving families and adults to promote a Think Family approach. The Think Family Strategic Board will build on Every Child Matters and support the delivery of the ambitions set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy 2008–2020, the Local Area Agreement and the Children and Young People's Plan 2009–2012.

2. Child Poverty

A Child Poverty Strategy Group has been established under the auspices of One Barnsley. Action has already begun in Barnsley to highlight and address child poverty, which affects 23.9% of children under 16, and 26.4% of children under 4 living in Barnsley.

For further information about either of these groups please contact Sharon Cooke, Head of Wellbeing Development and Family Support Strategy on telephone 01226 774507 or via e-mail on: SharonCooke@barnsley.gov.uk.

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".