



barnsley
progress through partnership

Date: 28 October 2009

Item: 2

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 September 2009

In the Cabinet Room, Barnsley Town Hall

Present:

Phil Coppard	BMBC (Chair)
Anni Websdell	Learning and Skills Council
Ailsa Claire	NHS Barnsley
Ian Hanks	Job Centre Plus
Paul Pascoe	Yorkshire Forward
John Lewis	Barnsley Chamber
Penny Stanley	BCVN
Donovan Modest	BBEMI
Iris Howard	BCVN
Andy Brooke	South Yorkshire Police
Tom Sheard	NHS Barnsley
Richard Horner	Barnsley Chamber
Colin Booth	Barnsley College

Supporting:

Diane Tweedie	Secretariat
Pam Lee	Secretariat
Ian Rooth	BMBC
Shaun Jones	BMBC
Elizabeth Shassere	BMBC

Presenting:

Edna Sutton	BMBC
Helen Richardson	BMBC
Councillor Linda Burgess	BMBC
John Casey	Audit Commission

1. Apologies

Stephen Houghton, Helen McMullen, John Welland, Paul Salter and Cathy Doggett

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 22 July and Matters Arising

2.1 Phil Coppard pointed out that Ian Rooth should be recorded as supporting and not observing. Penny Stanley advised that her apologies had not been recorded.

2.2 Paul Pascoe advised that he had not been contacted by Jayne Venables regarding the progressing of potential funding for the Barnsley BME Residents' Panel. Diane Tweedie advised that this was ongoing.

Action

Jayne Venables

It was agreed that:-

- 1) **the minutes from the meeting of 22 July 2009 be accepted as an accurate record following the amendments mentioned at 2.1;**
- 2) **other matters arising would be covered on the current agenda.**

HOUSEKEEPING

Item 5 on the agenda was discussed at this point.

5. Child Poverty Strategy Group

5.1 Linda Burgess introduced the report and identified the need to elevate the status of child poverty and how we respond to it locally. In doing so she highlighted the need to gain co-operation and work with the wider One Barnsley Partnership.

5.2 Edna Sutton presented the report advising that this was more than an economic issue and was complex. The report recommends that a Child Poverty Strategy Group is established under One Barnsley, from key players from NHS, Housing and other Council Services, linking to the EDIP and the Financial Inclusion Group.

5.3 Phil Coppard commented that this indicator is a red flag area. It was noted that One Barnsley Board need to own and embrace this indicator.

5.4 John Lewis was concerned where this would fit within the new structure. Diane Tweedie explained that the new structure allowed for this. Paul Pascoe asked whether the Forum, Board, Clinic and Task and Finish Group would be same

attendees. Diane Tweedie advised that it was important to avoid duplication. Phil Coppard explained that the Clinic was for those areas which were not making progress.

- 5.5 Phil Coppard asked how membership to the group would be recruited. Edna Sutton advised that she would pass a proposed list for circulation to Board Members to Diane Tweedie. Anyone wishing to be involved should contact Diane who would liaise with Helen Richardson. Penny Stanley asked if there would be a core group. Phil Coppard said he saw it as a team of appropriate people at the correct level.

**All
Diane
Tweedie**

It was agreed that:-

- 1) a Child Poverty Strategy Group be established under One Barnsley;**
- 2) the Child Poverty Strategy Group reports directly into the One Barnsley Board.**

Edna Sutton, Councillor Linda Burgess and Helen Richardson left the meeting.

3. Memorandum of Understanding

- 3.1 Phil Coppard advised that this item would be the subject of the One Barnsley Away Day on 12 October. Comments on the draft Memorandum of Understanding to be submitted to Diane Tweedie before 30 September.
- 3.2 Diane Tweedie highlighted the Personal Information Sharing Charter which the Board agreed a few years previously. It is recommended that a group be established by Mark Roberts, Head of Information Governance to look at the efficiency of the Charter. Partners are asked to nominate an appropriate lead officer from their organisation.

It was agreed that:-

- 1) Partners will submit comments on the draft Memorandum of Understanding by 30 September;**
- 2) the Memorandum of Understanding be the focus of the One Barnsley Away Day on 12 October;**
- 3) to reconvene the Personal Information Sharing Charter Group as a Task and Finish Group;**

All

4) **Partners would nominate appropriate members from their organisations to attend the group.**

4. **One Barnsley Conference Feedback**

- 4.1 Diane Tweedie introduced the report which gives an overview of the conference. The event launched the new LSP structure and discussed the key components of successful partnership working. Communication was highlighted. Continuation of the Learning Lunches and the introduction of social networking breaks in the Board Meeting were considered helpful, as would a 1 page biography of each agency/organisation.
- 4.2 Other findings were that Total Place was seen as a useful tool and should be considered, joint commissioning should be pursued wherever possible and there should be a cross cutting collective goal for the LSP such as obesity/child health and assessing good practice within agencies/organisations and transferring this to priorities. Phil Coppard advised that the priorities were the red LAA targets (from the Council's point of view).
- 4.3 Penny Stanley thought there were some good ideas and they needed prioritising. Colin Booth gave examples of some joint initiatives that have been successful (stopping smoking, free condoms – College/NHS).
- 4.4 John Lewis and Ailsa Claire commented that it was difficult to know what partners can do or how they can contribute without any pointers. Andy Brooke thought that with clarity on key issues all partners could contribute.
- 4.5 Ian Hanks identified that not all agencies fully understood what other agencies do. He identified that the partnership should consider how it can collectively contribute. Penny Stanley reinforced this message by highlighting that although partners all signed up to the LAA, when it came down to actions it was not clear how everyone contributed towards the LAA. Tom Sheard identified the need to explore how to achieve added value from the partnership. This was reinforced by other members who stressed that it was important to know how to collectively respond to the challenges identified.
- 4.6 Tom Sheard asked how One Barnsley Board could make this work. Paul Pascoe commented that poor performance would be dealt with at the performance clinic where the Board Member could bring weight to the situation. Richard Horner advised raised engagement. Ian Hanks thought the biographies were a good idea and would welcome scrutiny – “what is your organisation doing about.....” Diane Tweedie advised that the Secretariat would set up meetings to take this forward.

**Diane
Tweedie**

Penny Stanley asked how the targets were measured as this would give an idea on how to contribute. Phil Coppard advised that there were 12 targets to work on and these would be discussed later under Item 7.

It was agreed that:-

- 1) **Members to produce a 1 page biography of their organisation;**
- 2) **the Secretariat would arrange a meeting to consider the options and how to progress these proposals.**

All

**Diane
Tweedie**

6. Proposed meeting dates and venues for the Board in 2010

- 6.1 Diane Tweedie introduced the report which covered future meeting dates and timings, deputies of Board Members and attendance.
- 6.2 It was noted that where possible the meetings are to be held earlier in the day and the format would include a half hour slot for networking and refreshments (Appendix A).
- 6.3 The membership and deputies were discussed (Appendix B) and members were asked to advise the Secretariat of any amendments.

It was agreed that:-

- 1) **the Board would meet on the dates given in Appendix A;**
- 2) **the Board will review the arrangements at appropriate intervals;**
- 3) **Board members commit to attending Board meetings or arrange for their nominated deputy to attend in their absence and confirm their named deputies as listed in Appendix B;**
- 4) **should an agency not attend for three consecutive meetings then the agency will be asked to consider its future representation at the Board.**

All

A short break was taken for networking, refreshments and photographs to update the Board group photo

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

John Casey and Shaun Jones joined the meeting.

7. Performance Clinic – Minutes and Timetable

- 7.1 Phil Coppard advised that the Clinic was not entirely successful. There had been difficulty co-ordinating Members' diaries. As a result it was proposed to seek additional representatives from the Board.
- 7.2 Shaun Jones commented on the minutes from the first meeting advising that the pace needs to step up, that we need to accelerate discussions relating to the performance management of the LAA. Shaun directed members to the schedule of the Performance Clinic meetings. Phil Coppard drew Members' attention to the red targets and indicated that there was an issue emerging on the level 2 Skills Target. He identified that 13 of the statutory targets are red.
- 7.3 Phil Coppard informed Members that at a liaison meeting with Government Office yesterday, it was agreed with Helen McMullen to hold a performance meeting with Government Office colleagues to discuss performance. John Lewis asked for clarity on what was required of Board Members. Phil Coppard explained the need for Board Members' attendance at the Clinics. Diane Tweedie suggested a pre meeting to the Clinics and Phil Coppard confirmed this should be part of the Clinic and that there was an urgent need to get the Clinics moving.
- 7.4 The schedule of the Performance Clinic meetings was discussed. Penny Stanley advised that the 4 November date clashed with the AGM. Ailsa Claire advised that she had difficulty with the dates given. Tom Sheard volunteered to attend as did Ian Hanks and Iris Howard. Other Board Members who wish to volunteer were asked to contact Diane Tweedie.

**All to note
and respond
accordingly**

It was agreed that:-

- 1) Board Members would check their diaries against the Clinic Timetable dates and volunteer their attendance as appropriate.**

8. Comprehensive Area Assessment – verbal update and discussion

- 8.1 John Casey presented a draft update on the Comprehensive Area Assessment, giving the story in Barnsley so far as seen by the joint inspectorates. Green will signal exceptional improvement or innovation that others can learn from and red

indicates where there are worries about the ability to deliver and sustain priority improvements. The One Place Website which will be launched in December will enable agencies to access regional performance information.

8.2 The draft report will be structure around a list of priorities which John Casey outlined and around the Ambitions of the Sustainable Community Strategy. He advised that the big challenge is the economy, including jobs, low wages, affordable decent homes, lifespan and overall health and children's education. The findings were:

- That public services know the challenge and have targets and plans to tackle poverty and deprivation.
- Partners work well together and this is paying off.
- Good information is available but some people and groups could be excluded.
- Barnsley is one of the safest towns in Yorkshire.
- Barnsley offers varied and exciting cultural opportunity for all.
- Community spirit and diversity - less than two thirds of Barnsley residents thought people from different backgrounds got on well together, lower than most other parts of the country, but there is positive work taking place in Kendray and Grimethorpe.
- People's health is worse in Barnsley than may other parts of the country and the gap is getting worse (red). Alcohol was cited as a problem.
- Children and young people enjoying life and seizing opportunity has challenging areas – childhood obesity, alcohol admissions for under 18s, teenage conceptions, smoking, crime levels, education attainment and access to suitable accommodation - child poverty (possibly red).
- Building a prosperous and sustainable local economy was proving challenging due to the recession but other problems noted such as low wages, skills gaps and young people ill equipped to succeed in the modern economy (red)
- Good progress on the integrated transport system.

8.3 John Casey advised that information on personalisation and from Ofsted was awaited, but that the next steps were:

- September/October 2009 – CAA draft assessments shared with local partners
- 19 October 2009 – LSPs notified of pre-publication assessment
- November 2009 – Resolution of any formal reviews
- 10 December 2009 – Launch of public One Place Website. First set of CAA reports published.
- Early 2010 – National overview reporting.

8.4 Phil Coppard commented that there were some very good personal stories to come to light, he also commented that the Child Poverty programme was in its early

stages and that the whole picture needed to be looked at. John Lewis thought that there was more focussing on the red areas rather than green and didn't agree with the assessment that there was no vision and initiatives were not well joined up in relation to the prosperous and sustainable local economy. He thought that colleagues may have similar thoughts regarding their sector. In response John Casey stated that it wasn't a lack of vision but the lack of a plan to get there that was a concern. Richard Horner stated that there was a plan and vision. Both Ailsa Claire and Tom Sheard commented that some things had not yet come to fruition.

- 8.5 Phil Coppard commented that we need an assessment that we can own. He thought that the economy needs exploring and the purpose of the assessment was to show us where we are now and what can be improved. John Casey advised improvement was about working closely with people, engaging, involving, sharing and upskilling. Ian Hanks advised that a co-ordinated response (BDA etc) was needed in relation to the economy and wondered if some of the issues identified were due to articulation and provision of information.
- 8.6 Ailsa Claire noted that the slides covered a wide area of health and asked was the report proportionate. John Casey handed round a draft document which he hoped would provide a clearer context to the findings.

GENERAL BUSINESS (FOR INFORMATION)

9. Digital Barnsley Update

- 9.1 Phil Coppard highlighted the National Launch of UK Online Centres Get Online Day on 23 October. It was also noted that the opening of Bull's data centre is now scheduled for 22 October. This event will also act as a Barnsley launch of Digital Region

10. European Year for Combating Poverty

- 10.1 Diane Tweedie highlighted the links to child poverty and social inclusion. The report was noted.

11. Future Business

- 10.1 As stated.

Date and Time of Next Meetings

12 October 09 – One Barnsley Away Day 1pm to 5pm Venue tbc

28 October 09 – One Barnsley Board Meeting 4pm in the Cabinet Room

16 December 09 – One Barnsley Board Meeting 4pm in the Cabinet Room

11 January 10 – One Barnsley Away Day 1pm to 5pm Venue tbc

27 January 10 – One Barnsley Board Meeting 10am to 12.30pm in the Cabinet Room

10 March 10 – One Barnsley Board Meeting 4pm to 6.30pm in the Cabinet Room

7 April 10 – One Barnsley Away Day 10am to 2pm Venue tbc

21 April 10 – One Barnsley Board Meeting 1pm to 3.30pm in Committee Room 2

2 June 10 – One Barnsley Board Meeting 2pm to 4.30pm in Committee Room 2

19 July 10 – One Barnsley Away Day 12noon to 4pm Venue tbc

21 July 10 – One Barnsley Board Meeting 2pm to 4.30pm in Committee Room 2

8 September 10 – One Barnsley Board Meeting 2pm to 4.30pm in the Cabinet Room

27 October 10 – One Barnsley Board Meeting 2pm to 4.30pm in the Cabinet Room

15 December 10 – One Barnsley Board Meeting 2pm to 4.30pm in the Cabinet Room