

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 June 2010**  
**in the Committee Room 2, Barnsley Town Hall**

**Present:**

Stephen Houghton	BMBC (Chair)
Richard Horner	Chamber
Tom Sheard	NHS Barnsley
Ian Hanks	Job Centre Plus
Penny Stanley	VAB
Laurence Mosley	Barnsley College
Martin Cantor	BMBC
Andy Brooke	South Yorkshire Police
Steve Wragg	NHS Foundation Trust
Ailsa Claire	NHS Barnsley
Cathy Doggett	University Campus

**Supporting:**

Diane Tweedie	Secretariat
Pam Lee	Secretariat
Helen Knox	Secretariat
Peter Mirfin	Secretariat

**Presenting:**

Steve Jagger	BMBC
Jonathan Hepton	Consultant, Mott MacDonald
Ian Rooth	BMBC
Shaun Jones	BMBC

**Observing:**

Emma Wignall	GOYH
Adam Civico	Barnsley Chronicle
2 Observers from How Your Town Works Course	

**1. Apologies**

Phil Coppard, Paul Pascoe, Iris Howard, Paul Salter, John Lewis, Helen McMullen and Colin Booth

**2. Minutes of the Meeting on 21 April 2010 and Matters Arising**

- 2.1 *Item 5 ERDF Future Programme* – Diane Tweedie advised that an update report was on this agenda (Item 10).
- 2.2 *Item 6 CAA Improvement Workshop – Fit for the Future Feedback* – Diane Tweedie advised that the recommendations were being progressed.
- 2.3 *Item 7 CAA Improvement Area – Housing* – It was noted that this was on today's agenda (Item 4).

**It was agreed that:-**

- 1) **the minutes from the meeting of 21 April be accepted as an accurate record;**
- 2) **other matters arising would be covered on the current agenda.**

**3. Action Log**

3.1 Diane Tweedie advised that:

the nomination of appropriate members to the Person Information Sharing Task and Finish Group was still ongoing;

the Performance Clinic's full evaluation to the Board will be received at a later date;

Growing the Economy will be progressed at the Away Session on 21 July and

A Portrait of Barnsley will take place on Friday 24 September.

**STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT**

**4. 2010/2014 Housing Investment Plan Submission**

4.1 Steve Jagger presented the 2010/2014 Housing Investment Plan Submission

report. He explained the new Homes and Communities Agency's new "single conversation" process and advised that work and consultation had been ongoing since Autumn 2009 culminating in a draft submission of the plan in mid May 2010, with sign off in June which is ahead of all the other local authorities. The key themes were outlined. The major cross cutting priorities were identified as: housing growth, the Dearne Valley, the Green Corridor and the Urban Centre which are embedded within the Leeds City Regional Investment Plan and the emerging sub regional plan for South Yorkshire.

- 4.2 This work is significant as the housing investment coming into the borough will be in the region of £160m which is one of the largest allocations in Yorkshire and the Humber.

*Ian Rooth joined the meeting.*

- 4.2 Ian Hanks asked to be included in discussions to maximise opportunities. Stephen Houghton was concerned about what the effects will be in relation to the announcements from the new Government. Steve Jagger confirmed that Sheffield and Leeds had been affected and that the private sector had withdrawn in some areas but not in Barnsley.

- 4.3 Stephen Houghton congratulated Strategic Housing on the work done to date.

**It was agreed that:-**

- 1) **the Board supports the overall focus of the plan, and outlines its endorsements for submission to the Homes and Communities Agency.**

## **5. South Yorkshire Transport Strategy Update**

- 5.1 Jonathan Hepton presented the draft Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy Summary and explained that it would be a 15 year Strategy integrated with the Transport Authority. The Strategy will set out the intentions and expenditure, cover most modes of transport, highway maintenance and improvement of connectivity. Consultation on the draft Strategy will take place summer 2010 and completed by Spring 2011.

- 5.2 Jonathan Hepton drew the Board's attention to "Item 2. Our Goals" in the Summary document and outlined each of the four goals:

### **1. Economic growth/equality of opportunity**

Linking residents to work – Stephen Houghton was supportive especially as the east/west route involved 2 or 3 buses at the moment. Diane Tweedie asked if business sites and transport links had been considered in line with road congestion and greenhouse

gases. Jonathan Hepton confirmed that sites had been mapped.

## **2. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving environment quality**

Jonathan Hepton identified that it was important to deliver a Strategy which was low in carbon. Stephen Houghton pointed out that economic growth causes greenhouse/transport gases. Penny Stanley questioned why this was the second goal and asked where the evidence was with regards to congestion, she thought that the other goals were more important. Steve Wragg disagreed and highlighted congestion around the Hospital and at Stairfoot roundabout, depending on the day and time. Stephen Houghton advised that modelling by Highways showed that Dodworth Road was likely to become very busy in the next few years. Jonathan Hepton commented that all goals were equally important and advised that modelling had shown that in 10 years time traffic would increase by 15%. Martin Cantor was concerned about the equal importance of the goals, he considered economic growth much more important and suggested modelling on current trends with a shift in mode to public transport.

## **3. Health benefits and quality of life**

Walking, cycling instead of using the car – Ailsa Claire pointed out that walking is not always safe. Pavements ended abruptly or were none existent and the ring roads have no pedestrian access. Jonathan Hepton agreed that the walker/cyclist needed to be considered particularly following resurfacing, new white lines **and** cycle lanes could be included to address this. Steve Wragg advised that more young people now used taxis and there had been a massive move away from public transport. Stephen Houghton commented that walking/cycling routes to schools were now improving but asked what will make people walk, cycle or use public transport. Ian Hanks agreed that there had to be a shift towards sustainable travel. Stephen Houghton thought that costs mattered - low income families would not be able to afford expensive fares.

## **4. Safe and secure**

Jonathan Hepton asked if this should be on the list of goals. Stephen Houghton thought safe and secure should be a goal and highlighted young driver behaviour. Richard Horner enquired whether the Chamber had been consulted and Jonathan Hepton confirmed that the Chamber had been invited to the Workshops but he would get in touch to take account of their concerns. Board members cited a range of safety issues around driver and user behaviour. Martin Cantor thought that safety and security on public transport should be enhanced.

**Jonathan  
Hepton**

5.3 It was generally considered that **1. Economic growth/ equality of opportunity** was the most important goal with a significant issue in getting people to and from employment although it was recognised that all the goals are linked.

**It was agreed that:-**

- 1) **the Board identified Economic Growth as its priority;**
- 2) **wider consultations should take place with the Chamber;**
- 3) **the Board's comments be taken into account when drafting the overall Strategy document;**
- 4) **the Board note the engagement on the Strategy with LSP theme boards in Barnsley.**

**Jonathan  
Hepton  
Jonathan  
Hepton**

**All**

*Helen Knox left the meeting.*

## **6. Sustainable Community Strategy Review Scoping Paper**

- 6.1 Diane Tweedie advised that this report was being brought to the Board to gauge opinion on the Sustainable Community Strategy, not to review the ambitions but to be clear on priorities, although details regarding funding, budget and performance were still unclear under the new Government. A light touch review was suggested which would be further developed in September when details from the new Government become clearer.
- 6.2 Ailsa Claire agreed that there would be a period of uncertainty and thought that a centralised approach to developing a strategy would not work. Ailsa Claire stressed that the strategy should be developed upwards from the community and a Total Place approach would support local arrangements. She also pointed out that engaging with the Strategy was difficult.
- 6.3 Stephen Houghton asked about the focus of the strategy and advised that the general public were relatively happy with education and health but not clean/green/safe issues. Ailsa Claire commented that there was a limit on improvement in health as people need to take responsibility for their health to improve this situation. Stephen Houghton identified the need to reprioritise in order to respond to the economic situation.
- 6.4 In terms of an overall approach to the review Ian Hanks welcomed the opportunity to assess what is being done in line with the current strategy. Penny Stanley thought that the Sustainable Community Strategy needed a review to engage with communities differently and as there wasn't much detail from Government a light touch review was a good idea. Andy Brooke suggested that

agencies review their own priorities and look again at the Strategy in September.

**It was agreed that:-**

- 1) **the Board would consider the review of the Sustainable Community Strategy again in September 2010.**

*Adam Civico left the meeting*

**A short break was taken for networking and refreshments**

**FINANCE**

**7. Total Place**

- 7.1 Shaun Jones outlined the Total Place approach - the whole of resources in one area for all agencies being spent more effectively – and advised that the “Think Family” Total Place conference had taken place in March. It is now proposed to establish a Total Place Executive Leadership Team as outlined in the report.
- 7.2 Penny Stanley thought that Total Place was a good, common sense idea. Stephen Houghton pointed out that the challenge is £1.165bn of expected cuts to Local Authorities and not yet being sure of how this will affect Barnsley but Total Place will not be a saviour or quick fix. Whilst it was agreed that Total Place was a good concept, people anticipate that it will help with budget cuts as well as providing good quality services. Ailsa Claire thought that the problems should be shared and we should navigate our way through these issues and endorse the need to pull our thoughts and processes together and requested that this be addressed. Stephen Houghton stated that the Board had not got long to contemplate as the Director of Finance would need to balance the budget by 1 April 2011. Tom Sheard commented that the Board had been supportive of the Total Place concept for some time, nothing had been progressed and now there is a real need to drive it forward. Shaun Jones pointed out connections with the next item on the agenda (Item 8 – Finance – One Barnsley Away Session).
- 7.3 Steve Wragg pointed out that no one from the hospital was on the proposed leadership team. Tom Sheard thought that the “make up” of the leadership team was not correct. He questioned the need for Chief Executives rather than their deputy or representative. Shaun Jones advised that the officer attending must be of senior level. Andy Brooke suggested linking to the ambitions and see where savings from combined resources could come from. Penny Stanley suggested learning good practice from the 13 Total Place pilots.

7.4 Stephen Houghton confirmed that the CAA is now abolished and it is strongly anticipated that the LAA's will cease, therefore there will be new regulatory and performance monitoring system that will need to be implemented. Steve Wragg and Stephen Houghton suggested strategically lining up priorities. Ailsa Claire stressed the urgency of "having conversations" before the process is too developed.

**It was agreed that:-**

- 1) **the Board notes the outcomes from the Total Place Conference held in March and the proposed next steps;**
- 2) **A Total Place Leadership Team be established as a "Task and Finish" Group within the LSP to provide Chief Executive level direction and leadership and programme management of all Total Place initiatives in Barnsley;**
- 3) **a representative from NHS Foundation Trust is invited onto the Executive Leadership;**
- 4) **Total Place is considered during the review of the Sustainable Community Strategy.**

Shaun Jones

Secretariat

**8. Finance – One Barnsley Away Session**

8.1 Ian Rooth advised that at the One Barnsley Chairs Meeting an extensive discussion took place on what resources will be available in the coming years and what would be the key priorities for Barnsley. The One Barnsley Away Session on 19 July will be used to build a financial picture of the next three years of total spend in Barnsley and explore areas for collaboration and possible pooling of budgets. Ailsa Claire suggested a proforma. Ian Rooth requested ideas and priorities around funding issues to be fed back to him or Diane Tweedie.

All

**It was agreed that:-**

- 1) **Board Members would ensure that Ian Rooth is assisted by relevant officers in compiling financial information;**
- 2) **Board Members (and members of the Chairs Group) attend the Away Session on 19 July.**

All

All

**PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**

**9. Partnership Performance Clinic Minutes**

- 9.1 Shaun Jones reiterated that the CAA has now been abolished and all work ceases with immediate effect. Our own arrangements now need to be in place as there will not be an independent challenge, judgement or assessment.
- 9.2 The Board's attention was drawn to Item 6 – Business Rates and Item 7 – Work and Skills and subsequent actions.
- 9.3 Shaun Jones advised that the LAA will run to the end of the financial year but it is unclear what the replacement will be at this stage. Stephen Houghton commented that it would be helpful to know what is outstanding from the previous framework. Andy Brooke remarked that the process was over bureaucratic and welcomed its demise, stating that now was the time to rationalise. However, locally there is now a need to look at the implications and consider what will replace it.

**It was agreed that:-**

- 1) **the Board Members note the Performance Clinic Minutes and Action Schedule.**

**FOR INFORMATION**

**10. Feedback from ERDF Event**

- 10.1 Diane Tweedie advised that this report was for information and gave details of the ERDF event held on 17 May which had resulted in a number of bids being work up. Martin Cantor advised that there were now bids to the value of the programme but that there was a need to over programme by 15%. Steve Wragg thought that 15% was conservative.

**11. Government Announcement of £6.2bn savings in 2010/11**

- 11.1 Stephen Houghton advised that the paper contains information regarding cuts and the budget deficit but more detailed information is awaited.

**12. Future Business**

- 12.1 As stated.

**13. Any Other Business**

- 13.1 Diane Tweedie distributed the newly designed flyer for this year's Spirit of

Barnsley Awards which had been designed by a Future Jobs Fund employee at VAB. The information had been placed on relevant web sites and nominations are now being sought. Diane Tweedie advised that a celebrity has not yet been secured to present the Awards on the evening of Friday 16 July, suggestions are welcomed.

- 13.2 Ian Hanks advised that the Building Britain's Recovery Pilot detailed plan had now been drawn up and included 9 advisors. The Initiative would commence in the Athersley/New Lodge area and would be up and running by the end of June. A report will be brought to a future Board meeting.

### **Date and Time of Next Meetings**

16 July 10 – Spirit of Barnsley Awards 6pm to 8pm in the Reception Room at the Town Hall

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

21 July 10 – One Barnsley Board Meeting (Growing the Economy) 2pm to 5pm in the Reception Room

8 September 10 – One Barnsley Board Meeting (Communities) 1.30pm to 5pm in the Training Suite at  
the Core

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