



ONE BARNSELY OUTLOOK – Number 16 – April 2009

This is the 16th 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 One Barnsley Headlines

- Free training available for workers who come into contact with people that have financial difficulties. Please contact Judy Scott at Barnsley Citizen Advice On 07510 247 252 or judyscott@hotmail.co.uk.
- The Community Safety Partnership Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment consultation will be held on 29th April. All partners are welcome.
- Barnsley residents aged over 60 are now able to enjoy free swimming at the Metrodome, Dearnside, Hoyland and Royston leisure centres and Wombwell swimming pool. From the 25th of April, Barnsley Council's free access to swimming scheme will be extended to young people under 18 years of age.
- Mental Health First Aid training is available for a subsidised £80 to all organizations and employers in Barnsley. Please see Fit for the Future section for more details.

Dates for your diaries

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

April 21st – The Different Cultures of Barnsley – Max Senior

June 9th – Tackling Financial Inclusion – Citizen's Advice Bureau - Linda Hanrahan & Pat Heath

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.

June 17th – 4.00-7.30pm - One Barnsley Forum - Active Citizenship – @ the Civic. Members of the community are invited. A buffet will be provided.

LAA Refresh

As discussed in a previous edition of Outlook, the LAA review and refresh arrangements for 2008/09 are transitional due to the Comprehensive Area Assessment being introduced from 1 April 2009. Barnsley's refreshed LAA was submitted to GOYH on the 2 March and subsequently to CLG on the 9 March. Throughout March, Whitehall departments have been giving consideration to their relevant baselines and targets, which has resulted in a few amendments concluding on the 30 March. Secretary of State sign off is due in early April, confirming the refreshed LAA as the legally binding document.

With the end of the first year of the LAA imminent, the focus for all partners is clearly on delivery of the improvement priorities and targets over the next couple of years, to improve local outcomes for Barnsley. To inform this process, contact will be made with all relevant partners to collate 2008/09 outturns across both the LAA suite of indicators and the wider National Indicator Set, thus enabling Barnsley to assess progress over year one of the LAA and prospects for future improvement.

Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)

The final CAA Framework was released on the 10 February 2009 and comes into effect from the 1 April 2009. CAA consists of two elements; an area assessment which assesses how all partners are working together to deliver improved outcomes in an area and an organisational assessment (for the Council, PCT, SY Police and SY Fire and Rescue Service) to assess how individual partners are delivering value for money.

The area assessment will report a narrative for Barnsley, focused around three key questions and contain red flags to denote significant concerns for future improvement and green flags for exceptional performance or improvement. The organisational assessment will be scored for each of the relevant agencies. The first CAA will be reported in November 2009 and planning across both aspect of the assessment has commenced with relevant stakeholders.

John Casey (CAA Lead) attended a recent LAA Delivery Group meeting to present the emerging picture of Barnsley, focused on the Area Assessment element of CAA. Over the coming months, this will be further enriched with intelligence and evidence from local partners to help inform John's understanding of the Borough and that of the Audit Commission and other inspectorates.

Place Survey

The national release of the Place Survey results has been delayed following further quality assurance work on the methodology and weighting of the results. This is due to conclude over the coming weeks with publication expected at the latter end of April 2009.

Key points from Delivery Partnerships

Safer Communities:

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- There has been a 44% reduction in crime in Barnsley since 1993. That is 10,000 less victims of crime in the past 16 years. Crime is at the lowest it has ever been and Barnsley Police will continue to drive this down, listen to communities and prioritise resources

based on this consultation. Barnsley police are proud to serve the people of Barnsley and will continue to make it a safe place to live, work and visit.

- The Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment is nearing completion and out for consultation on 29th April - all partners are welcome to attend.
- Recent drugs seizures show that there is now more cocaine usage in Barnsley than in previous years.
- A Home Office consultation on Violence Against Women and Girls and the accompanying roadshow will be in our region on Thursday, 16 April, Friday, 17 April, and Saturday, 18 April. The venue is Meadowhall and Sheffield City Centre for Friday 17th April. Do you know any organisations with examples of good work in the field who would be able to help with case studies for this roadshow? If so, please contact Martin.Green@coi.gsi.gov.uk.

Fit for the Future

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- On 24 March, Dr Steve Feast, a senior advisor to the Department of Health visited Barnsley. During the morning he met with the Chief Executives and Directors from BMBC and NHS Barnsley to discuss Barnsley's approach to reducing health inequalities. In the afternoon, he visited the Dearne area to see for himself the difference that Fit for the Future and local partners are making to the health of local people. Dr Feast told us that he had visited 125 towns across the country over the last 3 years and that his visit to Barnsley had been the most enjoyable. He was extremely impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment of everyone involved. Fit for the Future extends its thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed to making the visit such a huge success!
- Fit for the Future is currently undertaking several social marketing campaigns, to promote health and wellbeing across the borough. These include a Stop Smoking campaign and the 'Know your Score' campaign, which promotes the importance of having a heart health MOT – in particular for men aged 40 – 74. Research is also being carried out around alcohol, cheap and illicit tobacco and physical activity. The results of this work will provide insight for Fit for the Future to move forward on how to tackle these health issues.
- Fit for the Future is encouraging all organisations and employers to take part in the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training that is available here in Barnsley. The training provides:
 - Better understanding of mental ill health
 - More confidence about mental health problems and how to offer early help to others
 - Reduced stigma about mental ill health
 - Better awareness of your own and other people's mental health issuesThe 2 day courses are available throughout the year at a subsidised cost of £80, but small to medium-sized businesses can access the training free of charge. For more details contact Lynda Pickersgill on 773380 or e-mail at Lynda.pickersgill@barnsleypct.nhs.uk

Environment Partnership

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- A successful Environment Forum was held at the Core. Many agencies signed the Environmental pledge, a commitment to act on climate change. If you are interested in your organisation taking part in the environmental pledge, please visit <http://www.onebarnsley.com/climatechange/index.php?menu=cc>. Interesting presentations were made from Groundwork's Dave Wilde on the exciting Greencheck

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schools project and another on improving health whilst reducing carbon emissions by walking and cycling by Alison Blinkhorn.

- A workshop on NI 188 adapting to climate change is planned.
- World Environment Day is on June 5th. Look out for the Barnsley Walking Festival and National Bike week activities to try out more sustainable travel options and reduce your carbon footprint.

Cultural Consortium

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- An exciting cultural programme is planned for summer 2009. This was launched with the funky spacehopper event on 1st April in the town centre. Visit <http://www.barnsleylive.co.uk/whatson/4/springboard> for more information.
- Volunteering is moving up the agenda and the Cultural Consortium is aiming to link up volunteers with opportunities to promote the 2012 Olympics.

Economic Forum

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- The Barnsley Work and Skills Board is supporting a number of projects including, Support for the Enterprise Hub at Thurnscoe Business Centre, i.e. equipped workstations/PCs/business advice, Mental Health Employer Training, Employer' Forum on Managing Attendance of Employees. The Board has recently completed its strategy review and an Action plan will be produced.
- A Skills Strategy is being developed and is likely to form part of the Work and Skills Plan recommended in the Houghton report on worklessness. <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/tacklingworklessnessfinal>.
- Business Link will take over Train to Gain from April 6th. The programme will be integrated into the Business Link portfolio offer to businesses.

Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

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- Thanks to their hard work and commitment the Action for Children Young Carers Project were finalists for the "extra mile" team award in the Barnsley Excellence in Social Care Awards.
- Voice and influence is moving on a pace. A staggering 11,656 young people voted in this years democratically elected youth council election. This equates to a 50% turnout at the polls. In total 103 candidates stood for election all 33 seats.
- "Tell us" is the annual national survey that gathers children and young people's views about their life, their school and their local area. The "Tell us" research team has recently launched www.tellussurvey.org.uk. Within the site is an area for Local Authority and Children's Trust officers, where you can access regularly updated information, resources and reports relating to the Tellus4 survey.
- 'Aiming High for Disabled Children' is the new government programme that sets out how Children's Services should be working together to improve outcomes for disabled children by providing better and timely support to families. Additional funding has now been made available to support the programme, which will be targeted at three priority areas:
 - ■ access and empowerment
 - ■ responsive services and timely support
 - ■ improving quality and capacity

- As part of the programme, Barnsley MBC and NHS Barnsley have allocated additional funding to develop short break provision for disabled children and are involving disabled children and their families in planning how this funding is used.

Equalities and Diversity Inclusion Partnership (EDIP)

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- EDIP is currently considering the recommendations of the CLG Specialist Cohesion Team report. The team has been working with EDIP since last September as one of two national pilots and has proved instrumental in helping Barnsley develop its message on Community Cohesion across the LSP. Other elements of the pilot have included a series of training programmes and seminars with staff across the partnership, alongside conducting a Media review of the Council Communications Department. The recommendations of the Team will now be incorporated into the One Barnsley Community Cohesion and Integration Strategy and Action Plan. Plans continue to develop a "One Barnsley, One Community" campaign to raise awareness of promoting community cohesion across Barnsley and the LSP.
- EDIP has established a new working group to take forward NI 7 - "Environment for a Thriving Third Sector" together with VAB. This will help inform the development of a key part of the LAA action plan that relates to outcome 4 Building a Cohesive Barnsley. A special meeting of the Barnsley Community and Voluntary Network took place on March 17th to open up a series of conversations and road shows with the sector on what would be the key ingredients for such a thriving sector in Barnsley.
- EDIP has strongly supported plans for the creation of a small Financial Inclusion Unit, overseen by the Financial Inclusion Group and managed by CAB. This along with other proposals including funding for the Barnsley Community Equality Forum and Diversity Festival are currently being considered by the Council.

Partnership for Transport

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- The Bus Partnership A61 Wakefield Road scheme is out for consultation. This scheme aims to increase bus quality, reliability, accessibility and journey times. It will also help meet air quality targets. The quality of the buses will also be of a high standard and they will be more environmentally friendly. Consultation ends 20th March 2009. Full details of the scheme are available on the Travel South Yorkshire website.
- Bike week starts June 6th, look out for over 40 different biking activities across the borough.
- The Audit Commission LAA targets for congestion and modal share to school are on track.

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".