

Partnership Performance Group

6th October 2009

2.00pm to 4.00pm

Chief Executives Conference Room, Oldbury Council House

CHAIR Joy Massey

PRESENT:

Louise Barnett	Lynn Jackson
Gary Bowman	Nick Laws
Ian Cotterill	Wenda Leslie
Andrea Dawson	Narinder Phagura
Paul Haden	Robin Powell
Nick Hamer	Shan Williams
Pauline Harris	Christine Wright
Cllr. Mrs. Hinton	Lewis Young

MINUTES: Val Beards (VB)

APOLOGIES:

Surrinder Bains	Keith Heyes
Paul Bradley	Maryrose Lappin
Phil Coughlan	John McPhee
Alan Dean	Praful Patel
Kevin Dennis	Tim Pritchard
Rebecca Fisher	Steve Smith
Bob Griffiths	Chris Ward
Alex Hawley	Paul Wright

1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (01-09-09)

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

2 STANDING ITEM: LSP STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

Risk 2: Governance Arrangements

The group agreed a target score of 3 to be achieved by March 2010.

Robin Powell/Narinder Phagura agreed to meet with Gary Bowman to amend the controls to show Business Planning, resource allocation, critical success factors linking into SPAs (Shared Priority Actions) and the role of the newly formed Risk Management Forum.

**R Powell
N Phagura
G Bowman**

Risk 6: Capacity to Deliver

The group agreed a target score of 6. It was also agreed that further controls be considered to show resource alignment. Paul Haden, Lewis Young and Nick Laws will meet and feedback to Narinder Phagura.

**P Haden
L Young
N Laws
N Phagura**

Narinder Phagura asked the group to consider any risks that require escalation to the next LSP Executive Board (05-11-09).

All

Narinder Phagura advised that the Risk Management Report presented at the next PPG meeting (03-11-09) would look at risk 3: Sharing Information and 7: Communication between Partners.

STANDING ITEM: STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE GROUP

John McPhee tendered late apologies as a result of him having to give evidence in Court. However, Joy Massey on behalf of John McPhee provided the following feedback:

- The group is assisting the work to develop a local intelligence system
- Looking to pilot a small version over the next month
- They are also looking at 3 areas around poverty:
 - Housing and poverty informed by -
 - Sandwell (Place)
 - Minimum income standards

This is work in progress and when complete the group will share with the Leads across the Partnership.

4 PREVENT

Wenda Leslie presented a report which outlines performance from Sandwell's Building Resilience Action Plan against the PREVENT objectives for 2009-10.

A Self Assessment on Sandwell's NI 35 was carried out in March and was given an overall score of 2 in the baseline year 2009.

This indicator is monitored by the PVE Advisory Group chaired by John Garrett (Exec. Director for Adults & Community Services). The group reports to the Safer Communities Task Force who in turn reports to the Safer Sandwell Partnership.

Wenda advised that Cabinet have to sign-off the delivery plan and that Cllr. Derek Rowley is actively involved and attends meetings.

Objectives 6 and 7 are highlighted as reds; controls are in place to address these. However, as yet there is not a dedicated person in post but are hopeful this will be filled by December.

Narinder Phagura suggested aligning controls i.e., having one Newsletter instead of individual ones.

Joy Massey suggested Wenda Leslie speak to Louise Barnett and Steve Smith to discuss how we can link into PREVENT to add value.

**W Leslie
L Barnett
S Smith**

Wenda also advised that ICoCo (Institute for Community Cohesion) have been commissioned to carry out two pieces of work, reports on which will be presented to the PVE Strategic Advisory group at the end of October '09:

- Provide an understanding of the Muslim denominations in Sandwell and the challenges this poses on the PVE delivery programme
- Provide external support and evaluation of the PVE programme

Joy asked that Wenda Lesley and the author of the mid term report from Community Cohesion attend a future meeting to advise on "where we are and what we need to do to hit targets".

W Leslie

5 UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Andrea Dawson (Early Years and Key Stage 1 Phase Leader) gave an update on education attainment from the Draft Learning Directorate Annual report, which was well received. She highlighted performance across the 3 phases of early years, primary and secondary attainment. These include:

- NI 75 - % of Year 11 students achieving 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths – Sandwell (Provisional) Performance of 37.4% for 2009/10 financial year against a target of 38%. An improvement from 31.5% from last year.
- NI 73 – achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stages 2 - Sandwell Performance 66.5% against a target of 67%
- Secondary School Persistent Absence Rate – Sandwell Performance 9% against a target of 6.7%. (This is a regular agenda item on Directorate meetings).
- PE – Participating 2 hours per week – Sandwell Performance 85.2% against a stretch target of 93%.

Some schools are not taking part and refuse to do 2 hours PE per week; however a meeting is being held on the 22nd October with Jayne Pillar (PE & Sports Strategy Manager) to discuss this LAA Reward indicator.

Andrea said overall this is a good news story and success is attributed to improved Leadership and the support given from Local Authorities through school improvement programmes etc.

A Dawson

Andrea said she would circulate a copy of the Learning Directorate Annual report when it had been finalised.

6 PLACE SURVEY

Joy Massey advised that Gary Stevens during a recent CAA Cabinet Workshop (30th Sept.) confirmed that there were no red flags, but there were 4 areas of concern for improvement –

- Health outcomes
- Educational attainment
- Worklessness/skills
- Perceptions – PLACE survey

Joy said that people's perception was very poor in Sandwell and as a result there was need to improve the reputation of the borough and raise its profile through communication, marketing etc.

Joy asked that Paul Haden, Pauline Harris and Lewis Young liaise to produce a simple proforma for circulation to lead officers.

**P Haden
P Harris
L Young**

Lead officers to complete and return proforma in order to capture details of the work currently being undertaken.

Lead officers

A workshop which is being led by Paul Wright regarding the Place Survey is being held on the 21st October.

It was agreed that this item be brought back to the next PPG meeting (3rd Nov. 09) in order to discuss the contents of the proforma's and align the work being done.

Christine Wright said she would circulate the following reports for information:

- 2008/09 Sandwell Place Survey Topline results
- National Indicator Set

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no further issues raised.

The meeting closed at 4.00pm.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 3rd November 2009, 2.00pm – 4.00pm in Chief Executive's Conference Room, Oldbury Council House.

ACTION:

V Beards

C Wright