

Partnership Performance Group

12th January 2010, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Committee Room 1, Oldbury Council House

CHAIR	Steve Smith	
PRESENT:	Ally Allerson Surrinder Bains Paul Haden Alex Hawley Cllr. Mrs. Hinton Kath Hoskisson Lynn Jackson Mindy Kullar Maryrose Lappin	Brian McKinstrie Jayne Piller John Satchwell Paul Southon Andrew Turvey Judith Wick Shan Williams Lewis Young
MINUTES:	Val Beards (VB)	
APOLOGIES:	Gary Bowman Ian Cotterill Phil Coughlan Kevin Dennis Glynn Dixon Rebecca Fisher Bob Griffiths	Nick Hamer Nick Laws Joy Massey John McPhee Tim Pritchard John Sutton

1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (03-11-09)

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

2 STANDING ITEM: STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE GROUP (SIG)

Andrew Turvey provided the group with a live demonstration of the Local Intelligence System (LIS).

Andrew advised that the Portal is being developed to provide data, intelligence and analysis about people and places in Sandwell which can be utilised by all partners.

There is also the facility to build Briefing Notes – Andrew presented an example being developed entitled Affordability in Housing. The Briefing Notes include short research facts including key issues, research – methodology and summary notes.

Andrew said they were looking to store everyone's knowledge and analysis etc.

Andrew demonstrated a data set for NI 5 – Overall/general satisfaction with local area. He also advised how you can drill down for example by age of respondent, ethnicity and geographically – all of which can be done from the same page. You also have the facility to export data to excel. The system also allows data to be sought by age, gender, ethnicity, area and tenor.

ACTION:

Andrew said they are looking to introduce benchmarking against other areas and the possibility of linking into Performance Plus.

Andrew also said that Rosie Edwards was currently working with Research in order to create an Anti Poverty page – providing various data sets, benchmarking and targeting etc.

There is also the facility to post comments on the page for example for the purpose of consultation etc.

Andrew said that the Police, PCT and Voluntary Sector will have an input on what will be included on the system. Andrew also said that the Strategic Intelligence Group (SIG) co-ordinate information to be posted on the system – pages available so far is Children & Young People and Housing.

Cllr. Hinton asked “how safe is the information that’s being provided?” – Andrew said that sample survey’s are looked at and compared with information held with Service Insight and the Place Survey rather than just working on one sample. Information is verified where possible in support of information.

Cllr. Hinton also asked how often the system was updated. Andrew advised that the system could be updated as soon as information is available and published.

Ally Allerson asked if elected members would have access to the information. Andrew said they would and that there will be a Cabinet Workshop held on the 20th January 2010.

Ally also said that profiling/mapping of those areas that had been allocated external funding e.g., Neighbourhood funding would be helpful. Andrew said they would continue to explore different ways of extracting information

Andrew advised that the system is currently a closed-down pilot and that between now and March they will be looking at feedback and development with the launch earmarked for July. Andrew also said that you can access the system at www.sandwelltrends.info.gov.uk – if anyone has any queries they can contact Andrew Turvey or Alex Hawley.

3 NI 8 and A4.06 REWARD INDICATOR – PARKS/GREEN FLAG AWARD UPDATE/PRESENTATION

NI 8

Jayne Piller gave a presentation on the Impact of Sport and Physical Activity on Health and Wellbeing.

Jayne advised that the Sandwell Physical Activity Board is accountable to the Health and Wellbeing Board (H&WB) which is chaired by Cllr. Linda Horton. The purpose of the group was to develop a new strategy - the Sandwell Physical Activity, PE and Sports Strategy 2009-2014.

Jayne said that Sport England carry out a National Annual Active People Survey whereby 500 households are contacted by telephone twice during the year, however there are anomalies.

The base-line for NI 8 (Adult Participation in Sport and Active Recreation)

has just increased by 0.1% to 15% (3 x 30 minutes per week) with a target of 17.9% being achieved by March 2011. An action Plan has also been developed in order to deliver the target.

Jayne said there is lots of work going on to raise awareness/participation – for example Sandwell Council is running a 12 week activity programme starting on the 18th January offering its staff free activity/exercise sessions which will be held in a variety of venues across the borough. This is being funded by the ‘Time to Get Active’ Programme and in partnership with Sandwell Leisure Trust.

Jayne also advised that Members had announced that 2 new leisure facilities are going to be built in West Bromwich and Tipton which will also help in achieving NI 8’s target.

A4.06 (Reward Indicator) Parks/Green Flag Awards

John Satchwell said we had achieved 4 out of 5 Green Flags last year of which 2 parks were in areas of deprivation, but was confident that we would hit our target of 5 Green Flag Awards for this year. John said that part of the assessment included judging their Management Plans and supporting documentation which are updated annually. The judges also spend a day viewing the parks.

John said they were planning to roll out the programme to 1 park in each of the Wards in the borough – 14 in total over the next 10 years. ‘Green Space Strategy’ to be agreed by Cabinet.

John said that Adidas sponsors of the 2012 Olympics have funded Gym’s in order to advertise the 2012 Olympics – a £70,000 ‘Adizone’ (fitness equipment) was opened in December in Victoria Park, Smethwick. John also advised that Dartmouth Park had also applied for funding for a “Green Gym” for next year.

5 UPDATE OF THEMATIC BUSINESS PLANS

Sandwell Partnership

Ally Allerson said the first meeting to discuss the Thematic Business plan was held in December with discussions around issues that affected more than 1 Partnership and that they are due to meet again on Monday (18-10-10) in order to move forward. Ally said they found it difficult to get Chairs involved so they invited leads to attend instead. Ally also said that she would invite Brian McKinstrie (Communications Manager for Sandwell Partnership) to attend future meetings.

Ally Allerson

Worklessness & Skills

Kath Hoskisson advised that they were on track – finished the Divisional plan which links into the Thematic Plan, currently working on ‘golden thread’ through to Unit plans which will be aligned to the SPAs. Completion due end March.

Safer Sandwell

Maryrose Lappin advised that work was underway to update the plan with the final version being ready by end May due to Quarter 4 outturn information not being available until then.

Adults & Community Services

Lynn Jackson said that the Adults plan is on track and will underpin the H&WB plan. A timetable had been agreed and the final version should be available by end of March.

Health & Wellbeing and Children & Young People

Paul Haden said that there is a meeting with Government Office (GO) planned for the end of January to discuss priorities. The results of the Safeguarding inspection will be included. Currently on track.

Environment Partnership

Steve Smith said that he had met with the Chair Peter Shirley and Tim Pritchard to discuss the work being done around Sustainability and Environment.

Housing

Divisional Plan and Business Plan on track, met with Cllr. Hackett and Peter John.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sandwell Partnership Web Based Tool

Shan Williams advised whilst considering Risks associated with Communications for the Sandwell Plan and Divisional Plan that it would be a good idea to develop a web site that would explain how Sandwell Partnership and the six Thematic Boards and the associated sub groups work.

The site will provide information on how we work, who and why people meet.

Shan and Brian McKinstrie are continuing to develop the site and asked that the lead from each Thematic Area provide information for the system.

Shan to provide an update on progress at a future PPG meeting.

LAA Refresh

Lewis advised that there is a meeting of the 14th January with GO which will start negotiations, with the end of February for sign-off.

Lewis Young said they will be looking at economic targets, of which there are 9, 5 of these are in our LAA.

Lewis also said that we are confident that we will hit the target for NI 155.

There are a number of NI's that we have requested be renegotiated but GO have said "no", these are as follows:

NI 117, 164, 161 and 30

With regards to NI 161 – Lewis said that an incorrect base line was provided by GO hence the reason for the request to renegotiate. GO have advised that they will look at it as a special case.

Lewis said that all of the above will be raised during the meeting on the 14th January.

Thematic Leads

Shan Williams

ACTION:

The meeting closed at 3.35pm.

- 8 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 2nd February 2010, 2.00pm – 4.00pm in Committee Room 1, Oldbury Council House.**