

Partnership Performance Group

2nd February 2010, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Committee Room 1, Oldbury Council House

CHAIR	Joy Massey	
PRESENT:	Surrinder Bains	Nick Laws
	Ian Cotterill	John McPhee
	Kevin Dennis	Steve Smith
	Allison Fraser	John Sutton
	Paul Haden	Judith Wick
	Nick Hamer	Shan Williams
	Peter Holtham	Paul Wright
	Cllr. Mrs. Hinton	Chris Wright
	Lynn Jackson	Lewis Young
MINUTES:	Val Beards (VB)	
APOLOGIES:	Ally Allerson	Bob Griffiths
	Gary Bowman	Alex Hawley
	Paul Bradley	Kath Hoskisson
	Phil Coughlan	Maryrose Lappin
	Glynn Dixon	Tim Pritchard
	Rebecca Fisher	

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (12-01-10)

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

NI 8:

Joy advised that she had attended the LSP Executive Board on the 28th January, where John Garrett said that Sandwell is ranked the lowest nationally for NI 8 Adult Participation in Sport and Active Recreation).

Joy asked that a report on progress be bought back to PPG in the next few months.

LAA Refresh:

Joy advised that the 10th March 2010 has been set for Cabinet approval of the LAA Refresh.

Joy advised there had been a meeting with GO and Audit Commission inspectorate on the 14th January 2010. Joy said that they were looking for assurances that work is being done in order to achieve targets and that Gary Stevens our Relationship Manager from the Audit Commission had said that they were specifically looking for evidence of joined-up working, for example working with other districts such as Wolverhampton/Walsall.

3 PROGRESS ON AREAS OF CONCERN HIGHLIGHTED DURING LAA REFRESH DISCUSSIONS:

NI 117

Kevin presented an update including a Trajectory of performance on NI 117.

ACTION:

Jane Piller

Kevin Dennis advised that it looks likely that they will meet the LAA target of 10.6% for NI 117. The 3 associated PI's – Youth Offending & NEETS, Young People Leaving Care and Young People with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities are all close to or achieving their targets.

Kevin also said that the NEET target set for LAA 2007/10 is 10% for the borough. He also said that if we could include Sandwell Young People who are in NEET outside of the borough the percentage in Sandwell would be 6.8%.

Kevin said that Black Country Connexions and Prospects services joined Sandwell Council in October 2009 to form Connexions Sandwell. He said that 18 – 24 year olds are particularly suffering due to the recession. More 16-17 year olds are staying on in learning. 99.2% of Year 11 pupils were contacted by the end of September '09 as part of the 'September Guarantee' with 96.8% having a suitable offer of learning. 95.8% of Year 12 pupils were also contacted with 88.5% being offered suitable learning. Kevin said that Sandwell NEET figures are in line with other areas.

Kevin said that Sandwell is one of 4 authorities piloting the DCSF funded Entry to Learning programme. Quarter 3 performance shows Sandwell at 10.3% for November and December, against a LAA target of 10.6%.

Peter Holtham said that they have been offering lots of training and education but young people want jobs, however they are trying to encourage education. He also said that there is a lot of outreach work going on, for example in Princes End with the Sandwell Joblink Opportunity Shop & Skills link on the Tibbington Estate.

Peter also advised that there are lots of things going on such as:

- Princes Trust
- Transition through Sport
- Community Transformation Programme
- Sandwell Partnership – Backing Young Sandwell
- Future Jobs fund

Kevin finished by advising that the national average for NEET is 7% and that this is the benchmark he is looking to achieve.

NI 53, 56 & 112

Janine Brown presented updates on Breastfeeding Prevalence and Data Coverage and Obesity.

Janine said that she was doubtful that we will meet the target for NI 112 (teenage pregnancy).

Janine also said that they are currently working to renegotiate the target for NI 56 (Obesity) and was hopeful that we will meet the target for NI 53 (Breast feeding).

NI 53

Janine said she would provide a further update on NI 53 to the one circulated to the group if required. She said 90% of data had been collected and that 18.4% for prevalence (6-8 weeks) had been recorded for Quarter 1 and 28.4% for Quarter 2.

Janine Brown

She said that they are still outstanding a lot of data through the 'Catch-up Campaign' but should be available over the next few weeks, working to the end of March. Janine said that data collection is causing concern as it is collected during the 6-8 week check-up with the GP where forms are completed and should be sent though to Child Health. She also said that there was lots of training and encouragement going on through campaigns, but it's the responsibility of the PCT to ensure forms are returned. Janine said she will be meeting with the PCT Executive in order to move this forward. Allison asked if there was something we could do in order to challenge and wondered if Scrutiny could help?

Joy asked Janine to report back to PPG in March with updated figures to reflect all the activity that's going on. Steve Smith also suggested that the report show/demonstrate good practice and highlight things that are happening across the borough as evidence for GO and the Audit Commission.

Janine Brown

NI 56

Janine said that NI 56 had 2 targets – one was recorded data and the other was for levels of obesity. Janine said that 86% of reception children had their height & weight recorded and 94% for Year 6. She also said that the baseline had been set some time ago. Janine advised that the targets/actual figures for levels of obesity are:

	<u>Target</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Reception:	11%	12.9%
Year 6:	20%	24.5%

Janine said the team is currently looking at data returned in more detail. Looking to target kids that really need help, focusing on Early years through the family. Detailed analysis around targeted work should be available in April.

Lewis Young advised that Gary Stevens had noticed that our performance had deteriorated from 1 in 5 children to 1 in 4 and that he wanted to know what we were doing about interventions. Janine said that this was not due to poor performance, it was because more data is being recorded.

Janine said that Mary Fairfield is looking at the Lifestyle Review and is due to report back soon.

Joy asked that Janine report back on progress to PPG in April.

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NI 112

Janine said that the Teenage Conception figures will be published in February for 2008 (15 months behind) and that the last figure we have is for 2007 – 58.2 per thousand, indications are that there will be a reduction. The LAA target for 2008 is 53.6 per thousand.

Janine said that in response to a recent review of services they would be looking at high rate wards in order to target young people most at risk. As a result of this they had seen a huge drop in teenage pregnancy in Princes End. Joy said that this should be fed back to GO as a success story as an evidence base.

Janine also said that there is lots of work going on targeted at vulnerable/at risk young people –

- Connexions Sandwell – Raising Aspirations Project
- Looked After Children & Leaving Care Project
- WNF Raising Aspirations Peer Education Project
- Sandwell Youth Service
- Targeted work with BME

Janine said that the Scrutiny Panel had completed a review of the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy and that recommendations were due in February and that she would report back to PPG in April once these had been received.

Janine Brown

4 STRONGER COMMUNITIES TASK GROUP – UPDATE MEASURING SATISFACTION AGAINST INDICATORS

Paul Wright advised that the Stronger Communities Task Group (SCTG) reports to John Garrett on progress against the 5 action plans that were agreed at the SCTG and the Executive Board. Paul also advised that the report circulated to the group focuses on three of the 5 action plans, these being:

- Community Cohesion
- Improving Community Influence
- Improving satisfaction

The remaining 2 are currently being revised by Health Chinner from Sandwell Partnership.

Paul said that the indicators contained in the action plans are monitored through the group and that NI 1 – 7 links into the Place Survey. Paul went through each of the plans as follows:

Community Cohesion (NI 1 & 12)

1.1 Developed relationship with the Multi-faith Network in November for completion in March 2010, included in Refreshed plan for 2010-11 and revised Strategy for 2011-14. This action is currently red due to funding through WNF being reduced to £25k for 2010-11. Currently working with the Multi-faith Network to help move them forward.

2.1 Ensure Community Cohesion is integrated into the borough's Tasking arrangements – nearly completed

2.2 Ensure Community Cohesion issues are integrated with safeguarding – currently red. Work to be completed. Looking at hate crime and anti social behaviour to resolve these issues – links with Tasking groups and Social Services.

2.3, 2.4 & 2.5 Develop training programme/Elected Member Awareness/Identify specific roles for Town Lead Members – Discussions just commenced with Members Services.

2.8 Promote Community Cohesion through Business Planning – currently amber, end date May 2010.

Shan Williams informed the group that there was a new piece of work going on to develop the Sandwell Partnership web based tool that will show all

business plans and how they will impact on decisions made.

Improve Community Influence (NI 1 & 3)

Paul said that most actions are on track to achieve 'how to use information available to us'. The intention is to support local authority and Partners is ongoing.

Paul also said that the processes relating to NI 8 'grass roots grants' are embedded and officers are working with Ian Cotterill.

Increase Satisfaction (NI 5, 14 & 21)

Paul said that all actions are green and that there is lots of activity going on around Anti Social behaviour, broadening engagement with communities and schools etc., through:

- Litter watch
- Community Liaison Officers
- Engaging pupils to become active citizens

Paul also said that this plan will link into the Communications Review of Cabinet, although no dates have been set yet.

5 STANDING ITEM: UPDATE ON STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE GROUP

John McPhee said that a presentation on the Local Intelligence System (LIS) was provided to PPG on the 2nd February 2010 and that the next step is to ensure the system is up and running for July.

John also said that the group was currently prioritising the order of information that will be held and that they are currently looking at Poverty – Advantage West Midlands (AWM) are focusing on 20 sites in the West Midlands one of which is West Bromwich to see how agencies can assist with the economic recovery. He said that the group will also be looking at investment locations and will be tracking the investment in West Bromwich and that this piece of work will be supported by AWM.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 2nd March 2010, 2.00pm – 4.00pm in Committee Room 1, Oldbury Council House.