

Action Notes arising from Executive Board 28th January 2010

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28.01.01 Item 2 action log Breastfeeding	28.1.10	A timetable for progressing the review of breastfeeding and baby friendly facilities to be reported to the Executive Board	Janine Brown Gary Bowman Ian Cotterill	Note PPG will review Breastfeeding performance at meeting on February 2nd
28.01.02 Item 2 action log Healthy Lifestyle	28.1.10	Request for all partners to encourage staff and families to participate in active lifestyles. Contact to be made with Mary Fairfield regarding recent work on Healthy Lifestyles work done by PCT	Gary Bowman Mary Fairfield Surrinder Bains	
28.01.03 Item 2 action log Place Survey	28.1.10	Feedback from Neighbourhood forums to be incorporated into the Place Survey Action Plan	John Garrett Paul Wright	

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28.01.04 Item 3.1 Feedback from stakeholders board	28.1.10	Discuss with new community Representatives of Sandwell Partnership if they wish to join thematic partnership meetings	Gary Bowman Ian Cotterill	This would need to be negotiated and agreed with thematic partnerships Members to be involved in the town conference events planned for June/July. 2010
28.01.05 Item 3.2 Safeguarding Children	28.1.10	Following the recent report from OFSTED which highlighted safeguarding of children as 'inadequate' processes are now being improved to enable delivery of a robust and quality service. Children's Trust will lead the improvement process. Allison Fraser, to be Chair of CYPTP with immediate effect. Requested the support of all partners including prompt reporting of concerns. Further reports to be made to Executive Board.	Gary Bowman Janine Brown Ian Cotterill to agree a realistic and helpful reporting schedule Janine Brown/ Ian Cotterill to send Invitations to attend Children's Trust extraordinary meeting	Referrals to Children's Services had increased by 48% since 'Baby P' Partners were asked to note that CYP becomes a statutory Board by 1 st April 2010. The chair highlighted that HR issues may need review if we are to successfully tackle some staffing issues highlighted in the report. Partners were informed that additional support had been obtained from HR GOWM and other partners present confirmed their support for the improvement work and Allison encouraged partners to attend an extraordinary meeting of the Children's Trust Partnership.

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28.01.06 Item 3.3 Environment Partnership	28.1.10	<p>Peter Shirley raised concerns about the weak engagement with EO of key lead officers within the partnership but praised the PCT and Cllr. Badham for attending the meetings on a regular basis. Support for the EP is less than 0.5 staff.</p> <p>It was agreed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council EMT to help secure the necessary people to engage and commit to EP work ▪ To identify additional staff capacity to support EP ▪ To focus the work of EP into driving more specific and tangible outcomes, e.g. green technology, recycling industries 	<p>Gary Bowman Peter Shirley Allison Fraser</p>	<p>PS advised that the Environment Partnership has now reached a critical point and there is a need to determine its purpose It was agreed by all that the EP has a major role within the LAA, not least the opportunity of employment within 'green' areas.</p> <p>Economic prospectus puts forward green technologies as a major economic opportunity</p> <p>Find it in Sandwell are holding an event on green businesses on Thursday March 18th</p>
28.01.07 Item 3.3 Environment Partnership	28.1.10	<p>EP was asked to lead work across partners to drive action to prevent and mitigate climate change.</p> <p>SERP would like to work with EP on maximizing potential for green jobs. An event to connect with partners</p>	<p>Gary Bowman Peter Shirley</p> <p>Frank Mills John Sutton</p>	<p>The role of EP in challenge and scrutiny of all partners to take action to improve the environment was recognised and supported by the Executive Board</p>

		on potential to develop green jobs was proposed		
28.01.08 Item 4.1 Performance Report	28.1.10	Full report on underperforming areas to be given at next meeting on march 18 th .	Joy Massey	
28.01.09 Item 4.2 Achieving More with Less	28.1.10	Discussions at last meeting had pointed to three broad areas on which we now needed to focus down and assess potential for deeper analysis. Meeting of Council, Police, PCT, WMFS to be called to identify and agree focus for deeper analysis exercises	Joy Massey Gary Bowman to report progress at next meeting following session with partners on 1 st March 2010.	3 broad areas were: lifestyle, clean place, employment. Discussions with finance leads as well as Chief officers now essential as we start work on efficiencies and potential savings.
28.01.10 Item 4.2 Achieving More with Less	28.1.10	Tenders have been received for consultancy work on the 'financial expenditure counting exercise' for Sandwell Partners.	Joy Massey Ian Cotterill	Consultant to be appointed w/c 1 Feb 2010
28.01.11 Item 4.2 Achieving More with Less	28.1.10	Executive Board to receive a report on 'SEE IT, FIX IT at future meeting	Jan Britton	

28.01.12 Item 4.3 LAA refresh 2010/11	28.1.10	Lead Partners for LAA targets have been requested to prepare trajectories of anticipated performance between Jan 2010 and march 2011 to enable review of likely outcome for each target within LAA.	Joy Massey to report on trajectories at March 18 th 2010 meeting	Summary list of targets for which we are on track / off track/ have no data was shared with Executive Board on Jan 28 th 2010.
28.01.13 Item 4.3 LAA refresh 2010/11	28.1.10	LAA refresh process will be limited to only a small number of indicators/targets. These will be mainly related to the economic downturn, including housing development.	Joy Massey John Sutton Janine Brown	In 2 cases, NI 152 (people receiving out of work benefits and NI 116 (child poverty) , we are working in parallel with the negotiation of MAA targets within the City Region.
28.01.14 Item 4.3 LAA refresh 2010/11	28.1.10	All partners were urged to take action to promote exercise and participation in sport and fitness as our performance against certain key indicators is amongst the worst in the country.	ALL Partners	Sandwell's performance in relation to NI 8 (adult participation in sport is now worst in England and male life expectancy also worst in England.
28.01.15 Item 5.1 Services to Migrants	28.1.10	Update received from Migrant Impact Partnership. Programme has been established.		Year 2 commencing April 2010 will focus on embedding and maintaining work where impact is effective and most needed.
28.01.16 Item 5.2 Anti poverty Strategy	28.1.10	Partners welcomed and encouraged the focus on four specific areas of action; backing young Sandwell, skills sector development, the HUB, personalization agenda, In developing work to support the	Gary Bowman Rosie Edwards Heather Chinner Surrinder Bains	Full report and action plan received.

		above priorities, liaise with volunteering action plan (NI6)		
28.01.17 Item 5.3 The HUB	28.1.10	Council, PCT, Sandwell Homes all agreed to increase financial support for 2010/11 as part of an expansion plan. Funding to enable co-ordinator, admin support and feasibility work to improve the e – referral system.	Chris Martin Gary Bowman John Garrett Jan Britton Brian Oakley Rob Bacon	Business Plan to be developed. Fran Whelan of Hereford and Worcester Fire service to be invited to share HWFS success in realising savings from their version of the HUB.
28.01.18 Item 5.3 The HUB	28.1.10	BT to be approached to help development as part of their corporate citizenship programme	Joy Massey Gary Bowman	
28.01.19 Item 6 AOB Employment	28.1.10	Jobcentreplus writing to Council; and partnership re; relaunch of Backing Young Britain campaign. All partners urged to look at their services and identify as many vacancies for young people as possible. Vacancies should be ‘real useful work’ that helps Sandwell improve in some of our major challenge areas. Funding is available to support this from numerous government initiatives	Gary Eggington Allison Fraser Gary Bowman	A great deal of provision is now available to provide work for 18 -24 year olds. Partnership urged to focus efforts on 16-18 year olds into work. Partners were reminded of the need to invest in employing young people and urged to follow the example of Sandwell Homes in investing 3% of budgets in supernumerary employment programmes.
28.01.20 AOB GET FIT event	28.1.10	Partners urged to publicise Get Fit events to be held at the Hadley Stadium and other venues starting February 2010	ALL Brian Mckinstrie	