

LSP ANNUAL MEETING 23RD SEPTEMBER 2010

Present

Cllr Ian Grant	Chairman	Steve Igoe	Edge Hill
Cllr Una Atherley	LALC	Tracey Jardine	District Partnership Officer
Sheila Battersby	GONW	Greg Mitten	West Lancashire CVS
Lindsay Beaton	Wildlife Trust	Grant Murdoch	Youth Council
Roger Bell	OPSTA	Sarah O'Shaunessy	Intraining
Cllr May Blake	WLBC	Cllr O'Toole	LCC
John Buck	Lancashire Fire & Rescue	Cllr Owens	Education, Learning & Skills Thematic Group
Jane Cass	NHS Central Lancs	Cllr Geoff Roberts	WLBC
Stella Connell	West Lancs Crisis & Information Centre	Cerys Smye- Rumsby	Faith Network
Paul Cotterill	Bickerstaffe Children's Services	Jack Snowdon	Glenburn Sports College
Ian Cropper	Parish Council Representative	Bill Taylor	Community Safety Partnership
Cllr W Cropper	LCC	Kim Tkaczuk	Learning Disability Partnership
Louise Dawson	Skelmersdale & Ormskirk College	Shaun Walsh	Performance Management Network
Rodney Dykes	Southport & Ormskirk Hospital	Kim Webber	WLBC
Dean Holden	Lancashire Police	Cllr D Westley	LCC
Graham Howell	Faith Network	Stuart Williams	Lancashire Police

In attendance: Cath McNamara (LSP Secretariat), Alison Grimes (LSP Secretariat), Ian Gill (WLBC), Eleanor Maddocks (Women's Refuge), Ismail Karolia (CVS), Charlotte Watkinson (Food Growing Initiative)

Apologies

Natural England; Puala Jones (Physical Disability Partnership) ; Richard Small (Environment Thematic Group) ; Cllr Carolyn Evans (LCC); Bryan Pready (Ormskirk Community Partnership); Steve Waters (DWP); Proctor and Gamble; Stephen Costello (LCC); Zakyeya Atcha (CLPCT); Margaret Struggles (Home and Communities Agency); Cllr Ashcroft (Community Cohesion Thematic Group; Cllr Fowler (Health & Wellbeing Thematic Group); Cllr Forshaw (Transport Thematic Group); Alex McMinn (Older People's Partnership Board)

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed attendees to the event. He outlined that the purpose of the first part of the meeting was for members to consider how the LSP should operate in the existing economic climate in order to most effectively contribute to improving quality of life for people in West Lancashire with reduced resources.

Part 1: Strategic Business

Workshop 1 – Have we got it right?

What does the LSP need to do to add value to the way we all work locally?

Collation of the notes from the workshops are available as appendices to these minutes.

Workshop 2 – Where do we go from here?

Identifying ways to achieve efficiencies with minimal impact upon services.

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Part 2: AGM.

Apologies to the event were noted by the Chairman.

Item 1. PRG. Report from the Secretariat seeking support for approach, priorities and proposed projects.

Cllr Grant announced that one of the PRG bids, Fuel Poverty, had been withdrawn. A decision on funding the remaining bids, West Lancs Passport and CCTV, would be made by the Executive meeting after the AGM. Under the terms of PRG, both capital and revenue funds needed to be agreed, and as such both bids 'needed' each other. The Passport bid demonstrated the ethos and principles of partnership working, delivering into business, urban and rural communities and engaging with several organisations to make delivery possible. The CCTV bid assisted with a key message from the community, that is a need to feel safe.

Cllr Grant thanked all report authors for the time and work that had gone into their preparation and requested any comments on the bids from the Forum.

Roger Bell stated that he was strongly taken with the passport bid and that it tied in with elements of the Burscough Wharf development and community engagement and was keen to discuss how Burscough Wharf could help in its delivery.

Louise Dawson (co-author of the report) stated that additional partners to the scheme would be welcomed.

Paul Cotterill (PC) highlighted that he was already on record with regard to his concerns about the PIDs' approval process and disappointment that the proposals had not been referred to the Funding Management Group for appraisal. The 'Passport' PID was a good, holistic project, as far as it went although further development on options analysis and job descriptions was needed, and there was a problem with there being no capital funding available to take forward the community asset area.

PC commented that he was less convinced of the validity of the CCTV bid. He referenced the March 2010 Executive minutes that he thought indicated that there was not enough information to approve the bid. In light of this, PC requested that the Executive meeting following the AGM should be asked to *consider making some of the capital bid of the CCTV project provisional until consideration had been given to making more capital available for the Community Asset Hub.*

Bill Taylor stated that the bid was wholly concerned with ensuring the maintenance and upkeep of existing equipment. The bid would extend the shelf life of the current system. There was no alternative funds available for this work. In his opinion, there would be significant public backlash from the removal of CCTV due to its failure operate. Stuart Williams confirmed that the police fully supported the bid and agreed that the problem of CCTV being taken away is that it reduces public reassurance.

David O' Toole commented that CCTV had done much to reduce crime.

The Chairman agreed that as the discussion was concerned with spending public money, additional work would be needed to flesh out governance arrangements, but that today was about looking at approving the principle of the bids.

Agreed: That the Forum noted the contents of the report and comments would be considered by the Executive.

Agreed: That the Forum noted that discussion around prioritisation will inform the 2010 refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

Item 2. LSP Chairman. Report from the LSP Secretariat seeking nominations for the Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship of the LSP.

The positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected every two years according to the Constitution. Expressions of interest in standing for the Chairman and Vice Chairman position of the LSP were requested to be forwarded to the Secretariat no later than 1 November.

In response to a query, the current Chairman agreed that he would be willing to stand again if required, but that he was happy should other members, or particularly someone from the private sector, wished to take on the Chairmanship.

Noted: The contents of the report.

Item 3. LSP Constitution. Information item from LSP Secretariat.

The Chairman stated that in his view the revised constitution was currently fit for purpose.

Paul Cotterill commented that he objected to the ending of the Funding Management Group.

Noted: The contents of the report.

Item 4. LSP Annual Report 2010. Information item from LSP Secretariat.

Cath McNamara highlighted that overall the Annual Report gave a positive view of the work that had been carried out over the previous twelve months and was interesting particularly as two long-term areas of funding, Investing in Business and Safer, Stronger Communities Funding had come to an end.

Cllr Grant felt that working together would be key to future successes.

Noted: the contents of the report.

Item 5. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service - Performance Report and Action Plan 2010. Information item from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

John Buck presented a synopsis of the Performance Report and Action Plan. The report is out for public consultation on the direction of the Service and in particular on the following

areas:

- A review of specialist rescue and support arrangements.
- Development of a strategy for Unwanted Fire Signals.
- A review of the retained duty system catchment areas for recruitment.

The consultation process will run until Sunday 7th November.

Item 6. Any Other Business

Roger Bell queried what would happen to the workshop discussions and it was agreed that the information would be collated and reported back to the November Executive to help inform the LSP's focus in the future.

On behalf of the LSP, Ian Grant acknowledged the uncertainties that two members, Jane Cass of the PCT and Sheila Battersby of GONW were currently face regarding the future of their organisations and their own posts. The Chairman thanked them for their work and commitment to the LSP and wished them well.