

**LSP ANNUAL MEETING**  
**19 October 2012**

**Present**

Cllr Ian Grant	Chairman		
Cllr Una Atherley	WLBC	Cllr O'Toole	(LCC)
Cllr May Blake	(WLBC)	Cllr Owens	(Education, Learning & Skills Thematic Group)
John Buck	Lancashire Fire & Rescue	Ch. Insp. Kevin Boyce	Lancashire Police
Jane Cass	NHS Central Lancs	Graham Slee	(Southport & Ormskirk Hospital Trust)
Paul Cotterill	Bickerstaffe Children's Services	Dave Tilleray	Community Safety Partnership
Cllr W Cropper	LCC	Shaun Walsh	(Performance Management Network)
Ian Cropper	Parish Council Representative	Cllr Westley	(LCC)
Louise Dawson	West Lancashire College	Kim Webber	WLBC
Puala Jones	Physical Disability Partnership		
Greg Mitten	West Lancashire CVS		

**In attendance:** Sue Griffiths (LSP Secretariat), Alison Grimes (LSP Secretariat), Ian Gill (WLBC), John Corish (WLBC); Martin Trengove (CVS), Gill Hughes (West Lancashire Challenge), Louise Williams (P Jones PA)

**Apologies**

Lindsay Beaton (Wildlife Trust), Eleanor Maddocks (Women's Refuge), Mark Vaughn (Homes & Communities Agency), Sue Littlefair (Princes Trust), Elliot Hodgeon (Edge Hill SU), Alex McMinn (Older Peoples Partnership), Ann Pennell (LCC), Cerys Smye Rumsby (Faith Network), Roger Clayton (CPRE), Cllr Forshaw (Transport Thematic Group), Steve Igoe (Edge Hill), Jacqui Sutton (Learning Disability Partnership)

**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 the future of the LSP in light of funding ceasing, although there was still in the region of £30K that needs to be allocated. It is not the end of West Lancs' successful partnership working, but it must be done in a new way. Cllr Grant also thanked Cath McNamara for managing the LSP through the Secretariat role for the last few years, having now moved on from the council.

**Part 1: Strategic Business**

**Workshop 1 – Future of the LSP (discussion groups)**

To consider what format the "LSP" can continue in after April 2013, with options provided as a starting point for discussion.

- OPTION 1 -** Dissolution of the West Lancashire Local Strategic Partnership and the formation of a West Lancashire Board with Membership similar to the LSP Executive. Reduced administrative support to be provided by the Council (as outlined on page1). Thematic Groups (save for the Community Safety Partnership and the Children's Trust) to remain (if they decide to continue) as stand-alone groups continuing within their terms of reference and work programmes .
- OPTION 2 -** The retention of the West Lancashire Local Strategic Partnership with the Management/secretarial (no change) duties of the Executive/Forum undertaken by a Partner Organisation including the Thematic Group support/reporting to remain as it is at present.
- OPTION 3 -** Dissolution of the West Lancashire Local Strategic Partnership and the formation of a West Lancs. Board with membership similar to the LSP Executive. Reduced administrative support to be provided by a Partner Organisation and the Thematic Groups (save for the Community Safety Partnership and the Children's Trust) to remain if they decide to continue, as stand-along groups continuing within their terms of reference and work programmes.

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

#### **Feedback from facilitators**

Group A supported Option 1.

Group B received the offer of secretariat support to a revised "LSP" structure (it will not be named the "LSP") as outlined by Greg Mitten.

CVS already have the role, voice and connections to undertake this. Other bodies with which the "LSP" will need to engage with are still emerging, eg. Clinical Commissioning Groups and Police & Crime Commissioners.

Comments included that the groups remaining should contain representatives from the emergency services and elected members.

#### **Forum decision:**

- ◇ That the offer of secretariat role be accepted from CVS
- ◇ That a task and finish group be convened (Louise Dawson, Ian Grant, Paul Cotterill, Shaun Walsh, Greg Mitten, Kevin Boyce)
- ◇ That the T&F group be convened by Greg Mitten and put together proposed new framework, Terms of Reference etc so that it can be presented at the February 2013 Executive meeting.

## **Part 2: AGM.**

**Item 1. PRG/2<sup>nd</sup> Homes Funding.** Update from the Secretariat outlining approach to future funds allocation.

Noted that the process for allocating the remaining funds would be circulated soon including information on the website.

**Noted:** The report was noted.

**Item 2. LDF Update.** Presentation from WLBC's Deputy Borough Planner, Ian Gill, outlining the position with the Local Delivery Plan.

Ian outlined that Council had approved the LDP and this would now be submitted to the planning inspectorate for examination.

It is anticipated that if the examiner finds it to be a sound plan, there will be a hearing in February, with an inspectors report in June and adoption in July. Minor queries may result in further work on elements of the plan during the examination period without delaying the adoption, but fundamental changes may result in significant further work.

If the plan is not adopted, it will make West Lancashire vulnerable in terms of being able to have a coherent approach to planning applications.

Paul cotterill queried how WLBC would interact with Parish Councils following the Localism Act and the possibilities of Parish Councils developing Neighbourhood Development Plans would be

Ian responded saying that there was a risk for Parish Councils in developing Neighbourhood Plans, since the work involved including requirement of evidence base, examination, and a referendum where 50% was in favour. If this did not happen, then potentially the work could come to nothing. WLBC preference would be to not have separate plans, but to work with Parish Councils and provide support within the resources possible. \*\*check with Ian\*\*

**Noted:** The contents of the report.

**Item 3. LSP Annual Report 2012.** Information item from LSP Secretariat.

Ian Grant commented that this was a good news report, highlighting the work of the LSP. He expressed his thanks to contributors within the LSP for their work and to Sue Griffiths for her work on the report.

**Noted:** the contents of the report

**Item 4. Any Other Business**

Ian Grant thanked members for attending and in particular expressed thanks to Richard Small who for many years had provided the Chairmanship to the Environment Thematic Group, but who had now moved away from the area.