

Bromsgrove Partnership Board

22 June 2009

MINUTES

Present:

Cllr Roger	Hollingworth	Bromsgrove District Council (Chair)
John	Morgan	Small and Medium Businesses (Vice-Chair)
Hugh	Bennett	Bromsgrove District Council
Mike	Brown	Bromsgrove District Housing Trust (BDHT)
Maggie	Bryan	Worcestershire County Council
Angela	Burnet	West Mercia Police
Kevin	Dicks	Bromsgrove District Council
Marie	Green	Bromsgrove District Housing Trust (BDHT)
Rachel	Jones	Act on Energy (formerly WEEAC)
Della	McCarthy	Bromsgrove District Council
Cllr Ed	Moore	Worcestershire County Council
Elaine	Mortimore	Bromsgrove Youth Homelessness Forum
Hazel	Robinson	Worcestershire County Council
David	Shaw	West Mercia Police
Ann	Sowton	Bromsgrove and Redditch Network (BARN)
Phil	Street	Bromsgrove District Council

Item 1 APOLOGIES

Liz	Altay	NHS Worcestershire
John	Cypher	Parish Councils (CALC)
Mike	Dunphy	Bromsgrove District Council
Cllr Jill	Dyer	Bromsgrove District Council
Mike	McCarthy	NEW College

ACTION

Item 2 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

RH welcomed everyone to the meeting and each person introduced themselves in turn.

MB introduced Hazel Robinson who had joined the Community Engagement team at Worcestershire County Council. It was explained that HR would cover Bromsgrove District and therefore was present at the meeting as an observer.

Under this item RH informed the Board that LA had a Swine Flu update and this would be circulated after the meeting.

DM

Item 3 **MINUTES OF MEETING 7 DECEMBER 2009 & MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

Review of Community Strategy – It was stated at the last meeting that David Galliers from Learning to Deliver would be attending the Away Day on Friday. However, since that time, it had been confirmed that it would be his colleague, Chris Allen, who would be present as a ‘critical friend’.

Item 4 **‘THE TRUNK’ BUSINESS CASE**

The Board was reminded that the former ‘MARC’ centre in Charford had closed at the end of 2008. However, due to concerns over the loss of services, the District Council took the lead to restore activities. It was reported that there had been a quick response from partners to assist and it became an LSP initiative, leading to the establishment of the Successful Neighbourhoods Theme Group.

PS presented the draft business case covering the objectives and the Board was given an update on progress so far which included information on funding contributions. It was explained that the LAA high deprivation reward grant would be essential in delivering the necessary services and it was anticipated that there would be a section 10 agreement so that resources could be pooled in a formalised way. It was confirmed that Debbie Roberts from EPIC, who had been involved in the MARC, was also involved with the Bromsgrove Trunk.

It was agreed that PS would reformat the document in a tabular form and incorporate detailed costings. PS

Item 5 **PERFORMANCE UPDATES**

At the request of the Chair, this item was not covered at the meeting and instead, performance to date would be covered at the Away Day later in the week. HB

Item 6 **ARRANGEMENTS FOR AWAY DAY**

LSP Members were reminded that the Away Day was scheduled to be held on Friday 26 June 2009 at Sunfield in Clent and a location map would be circulated as well as a finalised agenda for the day. DM

HB stated there would be tea and coffee on arrival at 9.15am and the day would start at 9.30am prompt, lasting until approximately 4.30pm. HB briefly stated what would be covered during the day and also reiterated that Chris Allen from Learning to Deliver would be attending in the morning and would take the role of critical friend.

Following the Away Day, it was explained that the next step would be for Theme Group Chairs to complete the High Level Action Plans which DM would circulate. The Draft Sustainable Community Strategy would then be considered and challenged at the next half away day on Tuesday 22 September 2009, together with governance arrangements.

Item 7 **CHILDREN'S TRUST JOINT COMMISSIONING BOARD**

It was explained that the background to the Children's Trust had stemmed from the Victoria Columbie case. Due to the breakdown in communication between partner agencies in this case, the Children's Act 2004 required all 'relevant' partners to co-operate under the strategic leadership of the local authority. In late 2008, guidance was issued stating it would strengthen the duty to co-operate by requiring the establishment of Trust Boards and increasing the number of relevant partners.

Due to the move to a Joint Commissioning Board to ensure an integrated approach, LSPs were being consulted on the Children's Trust Arrangement Options for Worcestershire. As the deadline for responses was 14 July, it was agreed that, with the assistance of PS and DM, the Chair of the Children and Young People's Theme Group and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board would respond to the consultation on behalf of Bromsgrove Partnership. It was agreed that information would be circulated to Members of the Board and Children and Young People's Theme Group and their responses would be collated by EM and DM to inform the final response.

DM/EM/RH/JM/PS

Item 8 **TRANSPORT THEME GROUP PRESENTATION**

HB gave a presentation on the background to and the work of the Transport Theme Group.

It was explained that a more strategic approach had been taken and the Theme Group had been established to focus on: the new Bromsgrove train station and interchange; cross city line electrification; the community transport scheme; review of shopmobility hours; and improved bus routes and infrastructure.

An overview on the work to date on each of the areas above was presented to the Board and all questions raised were answered.

Item 9 **WORCESTERSHIRE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

KD provided a brief update relating to the Worcestershire Partnership which covered two-tier working and LAA Reward Grant Allocation.

Item 10 **COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

There was no communications update.

Item 11 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

2006-09 LAA Reward Grant

It was stated that £2.7 million of a total of £7.7 million (which was calculated based on estimated reward grant) would be allocated for 'other 2008/11 LAA activity' through a commissioning approach and bids. The funding would be managed by Theme Groups at a County level but details on the process were vague. HB suggested he would contact Worcestershire Partnership to find out more. He would then contact the Bromsgrove Partnership Theme Group Chairs.

HB

Warmer Worcestershire Project

RJ gave a brief update on the Warmer Worcestershire Project. It was confirmed that information from the thermal imaging flyover would be made available to residents via an online map. From 3 July 2009, residents would be able to type in their postcode and access information about their home's energy efficiency. They would then be signposted to information enabling them to take up improvement measures, including loft and cavity wall insulation. It was anticipated that the launch date for Bromsgrove would be mid September.

Next Theme Group presentation

EM agreed to give a presentation on the work of the Children and Young People's Theme Group at the next Board Meeting.

Item 12 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting, originally scheduled to be held in August, should be moved to a date in September 2009. Therefore, it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on **Monday 14 September 2009 at 2pm.**

Meeting closed at 3.30pm.