

Cheshire West LSP Thematic Leads meeting.

Date: Monday 18th May 2009.
Time: 1.30pm
Venue: Committee Room 2B, County Hall, Chester.

Attending:

Steve Robinson (Chair)	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Wendy Meredith	NHS Western Cheshire
Cllr. Lynn Riley	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Penny Horsefield	West Cheshire College
John Stephens	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Steve Kent	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Cathy Boyd	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Tim Jackson	Cheshire Constabulary
Jane Staley	Groundwork Cheshire
John Salt	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Debbie Washington and Janet O'Connor	Job Centre Plus
Charlie Seward	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Ian Whitehead	Cheshire West and Chester Council

Apologies: Helen Bellairs (NHS Western Cheshire), Mark Wilson (Job Centre Plus) and Sara Mogul (West Cheshire College).

Support Staff: Alistair Jeffs, Alison Armstrong, Robbie Taylor (Cheshire West and Chester Council)

Item No.1	Welcome, introductions and apologies. Steve welcomed members of the group and apologies were noted.
Action - Decision	None required.
Item No.2	Minutes and matters arising from last meeting. Colleagues were reminded to provide their preferences for a name and logo design for the LSP.
Action - Decision	The minutes were agreed and name/logo suggestions to be forwarded.
Item No.3	Thematic Partnerships – progress, work programme and emerging issues.

Each of the Thematic Partnerships provided a verbal update on current progress, starting with the CYP Trust.

John reported that most recent activity had centred on the visit of the National Support Team to provide advice and analysis of local teenage pregnancy outcomes (more detail to be picked up under agenda item 7).

Charlie reported that the membership of the new Group would be developed from a virtual network of key partners that had been identified. The Chair and Vice Chair would be meeting again in 3 weeks time to decide upon next steps. Colleagues were given news of the Future Jobs Fund programme which had been recently announced, the key points are:

- up to a max of £6500 is available for every job created for a long-term unemployed young person;
- applicants must be aged 18-24; unemployed for up to 12 months; preferably from unemployment hotspots;
- jobs must be a minimum of 25 hours per week contract; paying over minimum wage for a duration over 6 months and training assistance to improve work-readiness should be included;
- Some degree of match funding is needed;
- local authorities are encouraged to be the employer and partnership bids are encouraged;
- finally, a minimum creation of 30 jobs is encouraged in each bid and deadline for bids is the end of June 2009.

Colleagues were asked what sort of contribution each of the thematic areas could make to benefit the overall bid: suggestions included support to an environmental task force (RSLs be keen to learn more too), community safety wardens (E.Port), the College can help with training and their building contractor will be approached, the PCT and Adult Services are keen to contribute and could help attract more young people into the Health Service and care provider services.

By using the LSP framework, value can be added to an application as the more partners and agencies involved the more likely a successful bid will be achieved.

Tim advised colleagues of the decisions and actions arising from the recent Safer and Stronger Communities Group meeting, notably that he and Cllr. Lynn Riley had been elected Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Terms of Reference had been looked at and a draft Partnership structure is under consultation. A review of the Strategic Assessment had been undertaken, highlighting where LAA priorities are likely to be targeted and all the LAA delivery plans had been completed. All of the LAA performance indicators were currently green and the next meeting of the

	<p>Partnership would focus on the ‘stronger’ communities strand. Steve welcomed progress to date and invited Tim to provide an overview of developments at the next meeting of the LSP.</p> <p>Wendy reported the Health and Wellbeing Group would be meeting the following day and the meeting would feature discussions on preventative work for older people and the coordination of campaigns (Flu jabs, fuel poverty etc) ahead of implementation in the colder winter months. The PCT are supporting the Cheshire DAAT to hold an alcohol strategy planning event on the June 30th June – the event would be pan Cheshire at this stage.</p> <p>Jane advised the Environmental Sustainability Thematic Group would be meeting again in early June to examine the LAA indicator delivery plans and then looking at the partnership structure/membership to be confirmed following the plan review. The Environment Agency had been engaged by the Group and the Cheshire and Warrington Sustainability Alliance will be holding an open event on 11th June for those interested.</p>
Action - Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlie to circulate details for the Future Jobs funding bid and the submission deadline to colleagues and responses with contributing ideas and commitments, to be returned to Charlie. • Tim to provide a Safer and Stronger Communities Group report at the LSP meeting on 30th July.
Item No.4	<p>LSP meeting (30/04/2009) and arising actions</p> <p>Partners were reminded of the actions approved at the recent meeting, including:</p> <p>1. Constitution of the Local Strategic Partnership</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To consider the draft Constitution in advance of formal endorsement at next meeting (30th July) (ii) To confirm that the respective thematic partnership Vice Chairs will act as reserve to the thematic partnership Chair on the LSP <p>2. Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) – Initial Self Assessment Report</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To consider the findings of the initial CAA self assessment and make further contributions to the evolving document (ii) To identify a key ‘link’ partner to work as part of a

	<p>virtual CAA Action Group as work in this area progresses</p> <p>3. Local Area Agreement (LAA) – Performance Management Framework</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <p>(i) To implement Stages 1 to 4 of the agreed LAA PMF, i.e.</p> <p>Stage 1: The LAA indicators are allocated to the appropriate LSP Thematic Partnership. This has been completed for the ‘designated’ indicators through the LAA review/refresh process but work remains to confirm the ‘home’ for all the locally identified indicators. This to be completed by the 30 May (at the latest).</p> <p>Stage 2: Thematic Partnerships recognise the lead partner and contributory partner for each LAA indicator. This work will build on the recent request sent by the Chief Executive, Cheshire West and Chester Council to all partners with a statutory duty under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. To be completed by 30 May (at the latest).</p> <p>Stage 3: Thematic Partnerships agree those indicators which require more geographical targeted action. This will need to dovetail with the work on Area Action Planning underway by the five Area Partnership Boards. To be completed by 30 May (at the latest).</p> <p>Stage 4: Thematic Partnerships commission the production of an LAA indicator delivery/action plan from the agreed lead partner. The Safer and Stronger Thematic Partnership is currently trialling the template to ensure that it is ‘fit for purpose’ and once agreed it will be distributed with a deadline for completion by 30 June.</p> <p>The Audit Commission have forwarded a number of new slides updating partners on the CAA process; the Commission have also produced an emerging paper based on their initial analysis which colleagues are encouraged to respond to. Alistair confirmed that the official Commission response to ‘our’ self assessment would be available in late June or early July, which would shape the first assessment. A representative of the Commission would attend the next meeting of the Group in June.</p>
Action – Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSP actions to be completed. • Robbie to circulate Audit Commission slides and emerging

	issues paper.
Item No.5	<p>Developing a Comprehensive Community Engagement and Empowerment Strategy for the LSP</p> <p>Alison reminded colleagues about some of the key elements of the new community empowerment agenda and the new duties of elected members (transfer of assets to local communities, participatory budgeting etc) and how a single Strategy would allow the LSP to better coordinate consultation and reduce costs and duplication in a shared approach.</p> <p>Colleagues unanimously approved of the development of a single, joint approach which can be signed up to and implemented by all. The Police and PCT were keen to integrate engagement activities with other agencies and to look at new methods of engaging local communities. It is hoped the Strategy would help form a 'common language' to use with local people and allow information to flow more easily between partners.</p> <p>Steve commented this initiative could help raise the profile of the new LSP, where consultations can be implemented under a single name. He encouraged the Leads to be kept apprised of developments at future meetings and the LSP and that the right people form the working group. It is important to speak with our communities with one voice and with clear, consistent messages. The planned consultation to produce a new sustainable community strategy will be the first opportunity for the LSP to do so and much depends on its success.</p>
Action - Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LSP receive a report on the development of the new Strategy at the next meeting on 30th July.
Item No.6	<p>Sustainable Communities Act.</p> <p>Partners were advised of a current Notice of Motion under review by the Council, concerning the Sustainable Communities Act. The Act concerns local areas petitioning Government to remove (National legislative) barriers which impair delivering local priority outcomes. The Act is very broad in its remit and much is still to be understood about the full potential of opportunities which may be argued for, both for the Council and local partners.</p>
Action - Decision	More detailed information to be provided at a later date.
Item No.7	<p>Cross Cutting Issue: Teenage Pregnancy National Support Team (NST) visit feedback.</p> <p>John commented that the NST visit had provided local partners with a rigorous and challenging analysis of the issue, which had</p>

	<p>been supportive and understanding. The Team's initial report looked at how services can be sustained to make lasting changes; one way would be to ensure that all teenage pregnancy services are more strongly coordinated and integrated. It was noted that teenage pregnancy was an inter-generational issue for a number of families and closely linked to worklessness and a cycle to be broken in order to 'turn the curve' of local performance.</p> <p>Wendy added that teenage pregnancy was not the only issue here as there are relatively large numbers of terminations in the area and signposting contraceptive services needed improvement. The NST advised that the LSP needed to own cross-cutting issues like teenage pregnancy and have a single strategy aligning all the work-streams tackling the problem.</p>
Action - Decision	Future consideration to be given to establishing a small focus group on behalf of the Children's Trust to drive forward broader Partnership support to reduce the problem.
Any other business	None.

Details of next meeting: Monday 22nd June, 1.30pm – 3.00pm, West Well/Emberton Room, County Hall, Chester

Signed (Chair):

Date: