

Cheltenham Strategic Partnership Executive

12.00pm – 2.00pm, Thursday 28 April 2005
Matchams Restaurant, Everyman Theatre

MINUTES

Present:	Charles Welsh (chair)	Stakeholders' Forum
	Rob Ayliffe	Gloucestershire County Council
	Andrew Banfield	Social Justice Partnership
	Paul Davies	Cheltenham Borough Homes
	Arran Dyde	Cheltenham Borough Council
	Mike Farmer	Learning Town Partnership
	Caroline Fowles (vice chair)	Cheltenham & Tewkesbury PCT
	Chris Hickey	Sustainability Partnership
	Chris Huckle	Cheltenham Borough Council
	Cllr Steve Jordan	Cheltenham Borough Council
	John Mallows	Transport Partnership
	Martin Quantock	Cheltenham Business Partnership
	Margaret Sheather	Gloucestershire County Council
	Nicole Warfield	University of Gloucestershire
In attendance:	Holly Jones	Cheltenham Borough Council

1 Introductions and apologies

Apologies:	Dr Shona Arora	Cheltenham & Tewkesbury PCT
	Philip Bernays	Cultural Partnership
	Claude Bullingham	Regeneration Partnership
	Cllr Peter Clarke	Leader, Gloucestershire County Council
	Richard Gibson	Cheltenham Borough Council
	Steve Hams	Cheltenham & Tewkesbury PCT
	Derek Harrison	Built Environment Partnership
	Cllr Lloyd Surgenor	Cheltenham Borough Council

Rob mentioned that Cllr Peter Clarke is standing down as Leader of the county council after the upcoming elections. Charles asked that the partnership's thanks for Cllr Clarke's help and cooperation in working with the CSP be recorded and the partnership wishes Cllr Clarke well for the future.

2 Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising

Matters arising

Item 2 – (Matters arising from last time) Supporting People

Margaret reported that the county's five year Supporting People strategy is about to be submitted to ODPM.

Item 4 – Proposals for the use of the remainder of the 2nd homes funds

Rob reported that GCC Cabinet have approved the CSP proposals for 2005-2006. The letter from Richard setting these proposals out was circulated with the minutes.

Item 5 – Community Cohesion (Linking Communities’ recommendations)

Chris Huckle gave an update on the timescale. This issue will be discussed further at the May CSP meeting but any early feedback will be appreciated and can be sent to Peter Woolley.

Rob mentioned that GCC would be unlikely to be able to give feedback until after this.

Item 10 – (AOB) Battledown ward and related transport issues

Caroline reported on the option appraisal on overnight nurse-led care. A working session is scheduled for the 9 May and thoughts about the next steps will be brought to the May CSP meeting.

Item 10 – (AOB) Cheltenham Learning Town Partnership strategy

Mike reported that this has been circulated via email to key partners and partnership representatives, but that the response rate has been slow to date. The document is on the LTP website, and an email reminder may be resent.

Any partners who did not receive the email should contact Arran.

Item 10 – (AOB) Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy (CDRS)

It was reported that, although it has been signed off by full council, it will also be brought back to the CSP and sent to partners. The document is ongoing and there was an ODPM deadline that had to be met.

This brought up the wider issue of how thematic partnerships interrelate and where the lines of responsibility lie. This seems to be a particular issue between LSPs and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships. It was agreed to revisit this at the May meeting with a view to looking at the implications of the document.

Martin pointed out that key partners have still not been sent the document.

[Post meeting note: representatives from the Crime and Disorder Partnership will be attending the June CSP meeting to give a presentation on the CDRS.]

3 Statement of Community Involvement

Holly Jones, Strategic Land Use Officer at Cheltenham Borough Council, gave a short presentation on the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

The SCI is a public document and is out for consultation until 20 May. There is a statutory regulation to develop it to accompany the Local Development Framework (LDF). It is important that people are aware how they will be involved early on in the development planning process, as well as asking how people want to be involved. The SCI will also cover how people want to be made aware of significant planning applications.

Any relevant comments will be incorporated into the document which will then be sent out in July for further consultation.

Comments

- Considering that this is the first time the council has had to produce such a document, it is an admirable effort.
- The fact that it isn't a controversial document may mean the response rate is relatively low.
- Regarding pp.22-24 (Additional consultees – non-statutory), if anyone has any further suggestions for other potential consultees then let Holly know.

To discuss the SCI or make any comments, contact Holly on 01242 264 379, or email holly.jones@cheltenham.gov.uk.

4 Public Health White Paper, “Choosing Health”

Steve Hams was unable to make the meeting so this item was deferred.

5 Director of Public Health report recommendations

Shona Arora was also unable to make the meeting so this item was deferred.

Paul mentioned that he has met Shona to discuss how CBH can work with PCT.

Caroline stated that there were media and publicity issues around this work around involving and enthusing the community and relevant organisations. Arran mentioned that Anita Syvret, the editor of the *Gloucestershire Echo*, is due to attend the next CSP meeting to discuss ways of promoting the CSP, so this might be a good time to raise this.

6 Birth to adults conference feedback

Sylvia Salmon was unable to make the meeting so this item was deferred.

7 Taking regeneration forward through income from 2nd homes fund

Arran circulated an update on the regeneration work that Richard had prepared.

Performance management framework

Hester's Way Neighbourhood Project has been commissioned to develop the performance management framework. Bernice Thomson will be contacting key partners and stakeholders shortly to arrange meetings. The anticipated completion date is the end of August 2005.

Cheltenham Community Regeneration Partnership

As part of the consultation work around the development of this new partnership, a regeneration seminar has been organised for 12 May at the Civil Service Club, to which CSP members will be invited. If partners are happy that a new partnership is the correct approach to take then recruitment will begin for the appointment of a partnership coordinator.

8 Proposals for the use of the 2005-2006 second homes fund

The second homes fund has increased to £106k, and the extra £20k has been put into the partnership project pot. The CSP made some proposals for spending the remaining money:

- Set up a definitive e-contact list of key partners and stakeholder specifically for consultation exercises carried out by CSP members.
- The partners were broadly in favour of holding another round of project bids for community regeneration capital projects. However, bearing in mind the experiences from last year, it may be better to invite bids for larger-scale projects (£5-10k).
- Some of the money could be used to support the thematic partnerships that do not have dedicated support resources.

- It is important to remember the community cohesion agenda and ensure that the money is spent in line with these priorities.
- It was also pointed out that another stakeholder event is due, and some of the money could be used to support the organisation of this.

It was agreed that more information and discussion would be needed before reaching a decision.

9 Any other business

Government Green Paper – *Independence, Well-being and Choice*

Margaret provided a brief summary of the document (the executive summary was emailed round before the meeting).

It is a very readable document and the executive summary is very good. It provides a vision for adult social care and is a welcome balance to the debate on children's services, providing more of a complete picture.

The consultation period runs to the end of July. GCC is intending to run events to engage stakeholders and submit a county-wide response, as well as individual ones.

The document is about developing a better strategic approach to adult care and to develop capacity for addressing recent trends.

Key issues:

- The government message is that it is the next stage of the modernisation of public services.
- It sets out a real community cohesion statement.
- Social care is that which goes beyond what friends and family can provide. It is a matter of providing the right care at the right time.
- It recognises that social care is something that will eventually touch everyone.
- There is a strategic onus on local authorities to draw the community together to respond to this paper.
- It is reasonably light on mechanisms, and funding and resource issues.

There have recently been a number of documents dealing with public health and care issues. It is important to keep track of these and look at how they can interlink. However, it is useful that they all have a fairly consistent direction, and the impact will be incremental rather than radical.

It is a good debating document, and invitations to any consultation events will be sent out in the future.

Comments

- There seems to be a falling number of people willing to work in the adult social care sector. This brings up the need to reflect local issues clearly. Adult social care work is not as popular as it was, but there are bigger issues around the overlapping of frontline service delivery.
- Regarding the Supporting People initiative – the problems emerged when considering individual cases. There is a need to break away from the 'needs and services' dynamic and start to shape how we think around empowerment. This covers both health (individuals being able to take care of themselves) and social care (creating healthy communities).
- There is a government grant programme, 'Older People Partnership,' that could be used to link the 'Choosing Health' agenda with the work around social care. It would be useful to find ways of providing support and care that goes beyond traditional means.

Income from 2nd homes – cycle training in regeneration areas

John reported that he has sent Hester's Way Neighbourhood Project and WLP a detailed proposal for providing cycle training, but has not received a reply to date. He agreed to continue trying to contact both the projects.

Regeneration Strategy

Paul requested an update on this for the next meeting – it is something that needs to come back to the CSP?

CBH Business Plan

Paul informed the group that this is being developed and will be out for consultation around June. It will be put on the CSP agenda for then.

Green Transport Week

John reported that GCC is getting involved in this. Locally, the Cheltenham Cycle Campaign is holding the Spa Cycle Challenge on Sunday 19 June. An update on this will be given at the May meeting.

10 Date of next meeting

Thursday 26 May 2005, 12-2pm at the University of Gloucestershire

Summary of actions

<i>Action</i>	<i>Respond to</i>
LTP strategy Send contact details to Arran if you would like to receive a copy of the consultation draft.	Arran Dyde
SCI Send any comments to Holly Jones at CBC.	Holly Jones
Green Paper on adult social care Send any responses to Margaret, or respond directly through the website.	Margaret Sheather