

Cheltenham Strategic Partnership

Notes

Thursday 10 December 2009
12.00 noon Pittville Room, Municipal Offices

In attendance:

Charles Welsh

Children and Young People's Partnership

Margaret Sheather

Gloucestershire County Council

Andrew North

Cheltenham Borough Council

Cllr. Steve Jordan

Cheltenham Borough Council

Bernice Thomson

Cheltenham West End Partnership Ltd.

Helen Down

Cheltenham Borough Council

Caryn Hall

Gloucestershire PCT

Andy Hayes

Stronger Communities Partnership

Hazel Lonsdale

Stronger Communities Partnership

Supt. Tony Godwin

Gloucestershire Police

Gill Morris

Cheltenham Borough Council

Richard Gibson

Cheltenham Borough Council

Apologies:

Jill Crook (Chair)

Gloucestershire PCT

Cllr. Duncan Smith

Gloucestershire County Council

Martin Quantock

Cheltenham Business and Economic Partnership

Martin Horwood MP**Angela Gilbert (Vice-Chair)**

Cheltenham VCA

Chris Hickey

Low Carbon Partnership

Tracy Brown

Cheltenham Borough Council

In attendance

Miranda Steele (item 3)

People and Places

Miranda Davis (item 4)

The Gardeners

Mark Sheldon (item 10)

Cheltenham Borough Council

Sue Blackmon (item 3)

Glos County Council

Claire Cullen-Jones (item 5)

Cheltenham Borough Council

Item

ACTION

1 Welcome and apologies

Cllr. Steve Jordan welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked whether partners were happy for him to chair the meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair. This was agreed.

Apologies were received as above.

2. Minutes of last meeting 22 October 2009 and outstanding matters arising

All actions progressed.

No outstanding matters.

3 Feedback from Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities project

Sue and Miranda gave an overview of the project to date which has been live for just under 12 months.

The original target was to work with 40 people, but the project has worked with 72 people to date; the majority of which are male (70%). The vast majority have received 1-2-1 support, though a small group are receiving IT training at Oakley Resource Centre.

There has been good progress made by the individuals, with 13 going into supported volunteering, 5 into independent volunteering and 1 into paid employment which is a great achievement.

The project works well in Cheltenham as there is a strong referral network with Stonham, Working Links, Job Centre Plus and the 2gether NHS Trust.

The project has received an additional £40k which will mean that the project can continue to the end of 2010. Part of the work in 2010 will focus on working with BME communities as the view from the professionals is that this group is not receiving the support it should.

Partners were interested in knowing about support for employers; Miranda confirmed that Mental Health First Aid training for employers will be rolled out in 2010.

Partners were keen to hear about how the project could be made financial self-sustaining; Sue confirmed that this is hoped to be achieved through demonstrating the project's value to key funders like the 2gether NHS Trust and Glos First. Sue explained that the project is cross-cutting with health, economic, safer and stronger communities.

Partners agreed that an update on the project should be heard at the October meeting.

Andrew recommended that the project is a success story that should be promoted at the county partnerships such as GSSCP and the Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

CSP partners welcomed the update and thanked Sue and Miranda for their hard work.

Steve thanked Sue and Miranda for their presentation.

4 Moments of Change DVD presentation

Miranda Davis attended the meeting to present the Moments of Change DVD. This had been funded by the Health and Wellbeing Partnership and Miranda had worked closely with People and Places to create the film. The purpose of the film is to combat some of the myths and stigma about people with mental health issues.

The CSP welcomed the DVD; Margaret requested that the county social inclusion executive be alerted to the film (and is possible shown it) to ensure that there aren't any overlaps with work that they are doing through the Making life better 2gether campaign.

Partners agreed to show the film wherever possible.

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Steve thanked Miranda for attending the meeting.

5 Joint Core Strategy consultation

Claire Cullen-Jones alerted members of the CSP to the Joint Core Strategy "Issues and Questions" document which is now out to consultation. The consultation closes on Monday 1st February 2010 and she urged all members to

respond.

She confirmed that the working group are looking at holding another LSP event in the new year – the CSP supported this proposal.

Steve confirmed that the planning proposals at NW Cheltenham are being progressed in parallel with the joint core strategy work.

6 Developing the strategic role of the CSP

Richard ran through the paper previously circulated. He identified the key areas where the CSP could concentrate its activities. The CSP discussed the paper and agreed the following list of actions:

Prioritising:

- the improvement of partnership working at the neighbourhood level
- safeguarding across partner agencies
- alcohol reduction measures a priority across CCSP, SCP, CYP and HWB partnerships
- health inequalities with a focus on people with poor mental health and people living in our poorer communities
- quality of life issues in our most disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

Reviewing:

- latest data on educational attainment in north Cheltenham and what programmes are already in place and what the potential gaps might be
- latest data on child poverty and what programmes are already in place and what the potential gaps might be.
- latest data on young people not in education, employment or training and what programmes are already in place and what the potential gaps might be

Engaging with:

- partners to ensure delivery affordable housing
- GCC to ensure effective services for young people across the borough
- GCC in the production of the Local Transport Plan 3

Keeping an overview of:

- The joint core strategy
- The civic pride scheme
- The supporting people programme

Some suggestions about how these could be taken forward include the following:

- Receiving presentations on the roll out of locality hubs
- Receiving presentations on the roll out of the vetting and barring scheme as being implemented by the Independent Safeguarding Authority
- Liaison with Jane Melton from 2gether partnership trust about the work of the social inclusion executive
- Recruiting a representative from Job Centre Plus to attend the meetings.

Richard to engage LSP chairs in agreeing how best the CSP can add value to these areas which will then form the work programme for 2010.

7 Shaping our futures – the older people’s wellbeing strategy

Margaret provided an overview of the draft strategy. She confirmed that this had been pulled together within GCC but now was the time to gain partner input to help shape it. She confirmed that the key aim of the draft strategy was to make an impact of the 7 key dimensions of older people’s wellbeing:

- **housing and the home**, including having a safe, comfortable home which is kept in good order
- **neighbourhood**, being close to friends, shops and other amenities, in safe, well-designed towns and streets;
- **social activities, social networks and keeping busy**, including opportunities for learning, leisure and fun, and involvement in community activity;
- **getting out and about**, whether by car, bus or other forms of transport,
- **income**: having an adequate and reliable income helps make it possible to exercise choice and control
- **information**, to find out about the opportunities and services that are available;
- **health and healthy living**, including access to NHS services and advice on how to stay healthy and increase fitness

She asked partners to debate the strategy and feedback views as soon as possible.

**Action: Richard to circulate the strategy to partners.
Agenda item for Health and Wellbeing Partnership**

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As this was Margaret's last CSP meeting before taking retirement from her post, Steve proposed a vote of thanks for all her hard work.

8 **Connecting Communities bid**

Richard gave a brief overview of the Connecting Communities programme. The programme focuses on traditional "working class" communities to enhance local leadership, support community champions and improve perceptions of service delivery.

Given the criteria, initial discussions were held with Andy Hayes and Bernice Thomson and it was agreed to focus the proposal on rolling out the community ambassador's programme, which is already in place for BME communities, into some of our more deprived geographic communities.

Bernice had prepared the bid and ran through the details with partners.

The bid was endorsed by the CSP.

9 **Partnership reports**

Low Carbon

The progress made by the partnership was noted.

Business and Economic Partnership

The progress made by the new partnership was noted.

Health and Wellbeing

The progress made by the new partnership was noted.

Children and young people

The progress made by the partnership was noted.

Stronger Communities

Andy explained that with the uncertainties over the roll-out of neighbourhood management he had classed progress as "amber". He suggested that the SCP needs to work more closely with parish councils to try and understand their concerns about the current proposals and work with them to develop and agree some workable solutions.

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Community Safety

The progress was noted.

10 Cheltenham Borough Council draft budget

Mark Sheldon, Chief Finance Officer at CBC gave partners an overview of the draft budget that will be going to cabinet on the 15th December.

He drew partners' attention to the gap of £1.2m that had been addressed in the cabinet's proposals for 2010-11, but that the council could face a gap of up to £5m over the next 5 yrs.

He encouraged partners to comment on the draft budget which will be available from the council's website.

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11 Any other business

Steve alerted the CSP to the publication of the Comprehensive Area Assessment results for Gloucestershire and for Cheltenham. He was pleased that Cheltenham Borough Council had scored a 3 (out of 4) overall which means that it is performing well.

There had been no red flags identified in the county, and a green flag awarded for our work on responding to flooding. It identified some areas where more work is needed:

- Arrangements for keeping vulnerable adults safe
- Meeting housing needs
- Strategic infrastructure planning

Steve also wished all the partners a happy Christmas.

12 Key communication messages

- **The CSP welcomed the success of the neighbourhood learning in deprived communities which is working with people who have severe and enduring mental health problems and has had 72 referrals to date**
- **The CSP viewed the Moments of Change film, which is trying to overcome the stigma of mental health and agreed that partners should try and show the film wherever possible**
- **The CSP has agreed a series of priority areas to focus on in 2010. These include neighbourhood working, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, alcohol reduction and tackling health inequalities.**

13 Date of Next meeting

Thursday 4 March 2010

Pittville Room, Cheltenham Borough Council