

Cheltenham Strategic Partnership

Notes

Thursday 22 October 2009
12.00 noon Pittville Room, Municipal Offices

In attendance:

Jill Crook (Chair)

Gloucestershire PCT

Angela Gilbert (Vice-Chair)

Cheltenham VCA

Chris Hickey

Low Carbon Partnership

Cllr. Steve Jordan

Cheltenham Borough Council

Saira Malin

Cheltenham Borough Council

Helen Down

Cheltenham Borough Council

Cllr. Duncan Smith

Gloucestershire County Council

Andy Hayes

Stronger Communities Partnership

Hazel Lonsdale

Stronger Communities Partnership

Rachel Wigglesworth

NHS Gloucestershire

Gill Morris

Cheltenham Borough Council

Richard Gibson

Cheltenham Borough Council

Apologies:

Charles Welsh

Children and Young People's Partnership

Karen Robinson

Gloucestershire County Council

Martin Quantock

Cheltenham Business and Economic Partnership

Margaret Sheather

Gloucestershire County Council

Caryn Hall

Gloucestershire PCT

Supt. Tony Godwin

Gloucestershire Police

Andrew North

Cheltenham Borough Council

In attendance

Bernice Thomson

Cheltenham West End Partnership Ltd.

Jane Griffiths

Cheltenham Borough Council

Item

ACTION

1 Welcome and apologies

Jill welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received as above.

2. Minutes of last meeting 20 August 2009 and outstanding matters arising

Angela, Caryn and Jill have now agreed the way forward for the VCS funding. Rachel and Saira to make the arrangements.

SM / RW

Steve mentioned that the Joint Core Strategy "issues and key questions" document will go out to public consultation for 10 weeks from 2 November onwards.

He also mentioned that there is a lot of developer interest in the green belt land at north west Cheltenham with an article in the press yesterday concerning the Galliard development at Hunting Butts and a letter received today setting out consultation proposals from the development consortium. Richard will circulate this letter to the CSP.

RG

3 **Developing the strategic role for the CSP**

Richard presented his report that set out the results of a draft needs analysis, the current priorities of the 6 partnerships and a set of emerging outcomes and measures.

The report generated considerable debate.

Chris highlighted the need for climate change and sustainability to be interwoven into the needs analysis, particularly around strong and resilient communities and economies.

Angela asked that the role of the VCS be highlighted in the emerging outcomes and measures – possibly as a separate outcome.

Rachel highlighted the need for better indicators to express the level of mental health needs. She also mentioned the issue of carers and clarified that alcohol harm rates are a cause for concern for Cheltenham.

There was a request to be clearer about the need for more inter-faith activities.

Richard mentioned that the report does not include an up-to-date data on older people's needs – it was mentioned that the over 85s and people with learning difficulties are both living longer.

He also highlighted the role of culture which isn't adequately addressed in the report.

Andy asked that the CSP focus on tangible projects that will generate enthusiasm among partners – he identified a potential community farm in Hesters Way as a project that will meet a whole range of outcomes.

Jill concluded the discussion with the following suggestions:

- **The 6 thematic partnerships review the emerging outcomes and measures and identity where sufficient activity is already taking place;**
- **Then to identify where the gaps are;**
- **What the responses should be to meet these gaps;**
- **Where they feel the CSP can add value; and**
- **What the tangible projects might look like.**

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officers**

These results to be discussed at the next CSP meeting on 10 December as the CSP's role should be to sponsor, facilitate or commission these projects.

4 **Total Place**

Jane updated the CSP about the government's Total Place initiative. Gloucestershire has secured funding from the South West Regional Efficiency and Improvement Partnership to pilot a total place project and this is likely to focus on the interventions we make to address chaotic families.

Steve highlighted that this will prompt an interesting debate about where best to secure efficiencies when the input of a wide range of partners is assessed.

Jill thanked Jane for her presentation.

5 Cheltenham West End Partnership

Jill welcomed Bernice to the CSP meeting and asked her to provide an update on the low carbon / cohesion project that was funded last year.

Bernice went through her report.

The CSP welcomed Bernice's presentation as it showed that a lot of progress had been made in the area with both the residential community and the business community.

6 Partnership reports

Low Carbon

Chris mentioned the disappointment that the event for the VCS and micro-businesses on 30th September was cancelled due to lack of interest. Instead, funding will be used to employ an outreach worker to work with the VCS to ensure that they are engaged in low carbon activities.

Business and Economic Partnership

The progress made by the new partnership was noted.

Health and Wellbeing

Rachel mentioned the emotional health and wellbeing event planned for 10 October (World Mental Health Day) went well though there was a disappointment that there hadn't been a higher attendance despite Saira's efforts to publicise the event.

Children and young people

The progress was noted

Stronger Communities

The progress was noted.

Community Safety

The progress was noted.

7 Any other business

Hazel mentioned that she had prepared a paper setting out the case for volunteering in response to the recession. Richard to circulate.

RG

Hazel also mentioned the exhibition of photographs at the Gardens Gallery undertaken by a group of volunteer photographers called Snapper.

Steve mentioned the potential to secure £30m for the Swindon-Kemble rail line and asked for the CSP to consider lending its formal endorsement to this project.

The CSP agreed that it would support any efforts to improve the rail journey from Cheltenham to London.

8 Key communication messages

- **The CSP received a report providing a set of proposed outcomes and measures for partnership working in Cheltenham that have arisen from an overview of needs in Cheltenham. The 6 thematic partnerships have been asked to review these outcomes and to identify where the gaps are and what the responses should be to meet these gaps.**
- **The CSP heard about the success of the "Strong and Resilient West End" project that the CSP funded last year. This has led to the creation of fora for both residents and traders and has tackled issues such as community**

cohesion and climate change.

- **The CSP has added its support to the proposal to re-double the rail line between Swindon and Kemble as it will bring significant benefits for Cheltenham, Gloucester and the rest of the county.**

9 Date of Next meeting

Thursday 10 December 2009

Pittville Room, Cheltenham Borough Council

Proposed agenda items:

- JCS consultation
- Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities
- Developing a strategic role