

Cheltenham Strategic Partnership

Notes

Thursday 25 June 2009
12.00 noon Pittville Room, Municipal Offices

In attendance:

Angela Gilbert (Vice-Chair)

Cheltenham VCA

Cllr. Steve Jordan

Cheltenham Borough Council

Andrew North

Cheltenham Borough Council

Andy Hayes

Stronger Communities Partnership

Margaret Sheather

Gloucestershire County Council

Richard Gibson

Cheltenham Borough Council

Hazel Lonsdale

Stronger Communities Partnership

Charles Welsh

Children and Young People's Partnership

Karen Robinson

Gloucestershire County Council

Gill Morris

Cheltenham Borough Council

Helen Down

Cheltenham Borough Council

Supt. Tony Godwin

Gloucestershire Police

Rachel Wigglesworth

NHS Gloucestershire

Martin Quantock

Cheltenham Business and Economic Partnership

Apologies:

Jill Crook (Chair)

Gloucestershire PCT

Caryn Hall

Gloucestershire PCT

Jenny Moss

Strategic Economic Partnership

Gina Johnson

Learning & Skills Council

Chris Hickey

Low Carbon Partnership

Cllr Antonia Noble

Community Safety Partnership

Saira Hill

Cheltenham Borough Council

In attendance:

Bryan Parsons

Cheltenham Borough Council

Item

ACTION

1 Welcome and apologies

Angela welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received as above

2. Minutes of last meeting 23 April 2009 and outstanding matters arising

It was noted that NHS Gloucestershire has not yet confirmed the funding for the VCS reps. Rachel to chase up.

RW

3 Allocation of CBC funding

Richard went through the paper previously circulated. He asked the CSP to endorse the recommendations for the use of the £15k CBC funding allocated to the CSP.

The CSP agreed with the following:

- To allocate up to £5k to CWEP to enable them to coordinate regeneration activity in St. Pauls

- To allocate £5k to Low Carbon Partnership to enable them to continue to deliver carbon reduction initiatives
- To allocate £5k to Stronger Communities Partnership to enable them to build the skills of local partners to coordinate neighbourhood management activities with a focus on Hesters Way, Springbank and Oakley.

Richard will communicate this with the chairs and seek their views about the types of projects they will wish to bring forward. **RG**

It was also noted that the CSP should be developing more of a commissioning based approach to funding alongside working with the VCS to enable them to secure more contracts.

4 CBC business planning process for 2010-2015

Richard went through the paper previously circulated. He identified that the role of the CSP is going to be critical in this particularly in supporting the council in defining outcomes and then working towards collective delivery options ie what will the council deliver directly, what will be done informally through partnership working, what can be commissioned, shared or stopped.

The CSP agreed with the following:

- To support the council undertake community consultation to assess needs, priorities and relevance of the nine community aims
- To reflect on whether the nine community aims are still relevant to our work
- To take a lead in agreeing defining outcomes and success measures for the nine community aims (or any others that may be identified)
- To support the council define appropriate delivery mechanisms.

Margaret highlighted the work the county council is carrying out on its wellbeing strategy which will explore how we can use our collective resources more effectively to support older people.

5 IDeA peer review findings and recommendations

Richard went through the findings and recommendations: This highlighted a number of strengths in our partnership working, but also a number of areas for consideration. The most significant of these is the role of the CSP which was not seen as being sufficiently strategic, particularly in the light of the success of our thematic partnerships who are increasingly setting the strategic agenda.

Margaret started by congratulating the council on the review and acknowledged the work it takes to support the process.

Steve asked for a structure chart that set out our inter-relationships with the Gloucestershire Conference structure.

Tony emphasised the need for the CSP to take a strategic view on the delivery of the key community outcomes.

Andrew suggested that the CSP adopt a more radical approach to its role; which could focus on facilitating a bi-annual conference to agree outcomes and then to agree how best to commission services and projects and subsequently monitor performance.

Angela welcomed this but emphasised the need for the VCS to be an integral part of this and that we should be exploring how best to develop skills in both the VCS and for the commissioners of services.

It was agreed that Richard should bring back some examples / case studies to the next meeting with a view to preparing for an event in November. This would bring all CSP partners to agree needs / outcomes and what our joint priorities should be. This would then move onto to discuss funding opportunities / commissioning arrangements and what support would be available, with possible training workshops / meet the commissioner workshops.

RG

6 CAA area self-evaluation

To help the county prepare for CAA, the CSP has been asked to carry out a self-assessment that looks at the following:

1. *How well do local priorities express community needs & aspirations?*
2. *How well are the outcomes and improvements needed being delivered?*
3. *What are the prospects for future improvements?*

Richard ran through the self assessment exercise. The final version is available on the website.

7 Partnership reports

CSP action plan progress

The CSP noted progress against delivery of the SCS action plan. The one exception being the lack of progress in adopting the hear by right standards across the CSP organisations. The CSP asked that the CYP takes a view as to whether hear by right is still the right framework to ensure young people are involved in decision-making.

RG

Low Carbon

The good progress being made was noted.

Economic Partnership

The progress already made to join the partnerships was welcomed.

Health and Wellbeing

Rachel highlighted that the partnership will be providing a particular focus on tobacco control and on obesity in the forthcoming months.

Children and young people

The good progress was noted.

Stronger Communities

Helen reminded partners about Fiesta Day on 4 July.

Community Safety

Nothing additional to add.

8 Any other business

Tony requested that the CSP consider an agenda item on finding solutions to curb the problem of cruisers in the town particularly on engineering solutions.

RG

Hazel mentioned the success of the NLDC scheme with 29 people ready to move on.

Angela mentioned the volunteer of the year award and asked partners to circulate the leaflet.

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9 Key communication messages

- The need to develop a more strategic role for the CSP
- An allocation of £5k to support improved coordination for the St. Pauls regeneration project.

- An allocation of £5k to Low Carbon Partnership to enable them to continue to deliver carbon reduction initiatives
- An allocation of £5k to Stronger Communities Partnership to enable them to build the skills of local partners to coordinate neighbourhood management activities with a focus on Hesters Way, Springbank and Oakley.
- The CSP will support CBC develop its 2010 - 2105 business plan

10 Date of Next meeting

Thursday 20 August 2009

Pittville Room

Cheltenham Borough Council

Proposed agenda items:

- Developing strategic role of CSP
- Cruisers
- Plans for event
- Terms of reference
- Risks
- Neighbourhood Management proposals