



Nottinghamshire Partnership

Programme Managers Meeting, Tuesday 10 march 2009

2 pm, The Exchange

Minutes

Present

Caroline Agnew (Chair)

Les Cowling

Steve Derbyshire

Dermot Dolan

Peter McGavin

Kate Miller (Minutes)

Nicola Reece

Heather Stokes

Christine Southwell

Apologies

Peter Baguley

Chris Common

Cathy Harvey

Anne-Marie Hawkins

Susan Lewis-Roberts

Phil Lyons

Joe Pidgeon

Chris Walker





Welcome

Caroline Agnew welcomed the Programme Managers and informed colleagues that she would chair this meeting in Susan Lewis-Roberts' absence.

Minutes of the meeting on 24 February 2009

Minutes were accepted as true record

Actions arising

1. Views of Programme Managers to be added as an agenda item for Finance Working Group meeting on Monday 2 March 2009 (item is on agenda for 02.03.09)

- Please find minutes of Finance Working Group meeting on 2 February attached

Item 1 Place shielding (economic well-being)

Caroline Agnew outlined that the economic downturn is uncharted territory and that there needs to be discussions for recession-proofing the LAA.

During the review and refresh there was a relaxation of targets as they have become difficult to predict in the current climate.

Caroline Agnew posed some questions from programme managers:

What are the main concerns around themes?

What does this mean in terms as LAA?

What can we do as partners?

Have we got enough information?

In terms of unemployment, there are almost 2 million unemployed across the country at present that could potentially become 3.1 million by the end of the 2009 or 4 million if worst case is to be believed.

Caroline Agnew informed group colleagues that a useful document is 'Real help for the East Midlands'. She advised it would be important to consider any actions to mitigate the recession within the LAA in the context of the unprecedented intervention being initiated by Government, as set out in 'Real Help'.

Action: Caroline Agnew to send electronic version of 'Real help for the East Midlands' document to Programme Managers (document attached).

Caroline Agnew also handed out a document entitled 'dealing with economic downturn' which is available on the Idea Website (electronic link included in email).

Steve Derbyshire summarised discussions from the Nottinghamshire Partnership Management Group meeting on 09.03.09:



- There is a requirement to get an overview of how Nottinghamshire is responding to the economic downturn
- What are partners doing that's different?
- Does there need to be a realignment in terms of resources?
- General feeling that partners would like to understand what Nottinghamshire's response is and for guidance on what they ought to be doing in light of the economic downturn
- A sense that there may be a need to re-visit delivery plans or recession-proof delivery plans.

Christine Southwell informed colleagues that a colleague at GOEM is pulling information on what is happening in light of the economic downturn, she would attempt to make this available. Christine Southwell identified that things can move slowly and we should also anticipate an upturn.

Action: Christine Southwell to discuss work that has been gathered from the East Midlands around with colleague and share any appropriate information with Programme Managers

Peter McGavin asked whether there were actual numbers available on how the economic downturn is impacting on unemployment rates.

Caroline Agnew notified colleagues that numbers on unemployment in Nottinghamshire are approaching 14,000 (2.9%).

Heather Stokes advised that actual number relating to CO2 emissions will not be known for two years.

Caroline informed colleagues that following on from the breakfast meeting in January on 'Our future economy - a global vision for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire', there will be four further, similar events held until June, with the first being focussed on science and innovation.

Furthermore, a city/county light-touch economic assessment is being prepared in preparation for the economic assessment in 2010.

Caroline Agnew suggested that the County Council was likely to be drawing up an economic resilience plan. Something akin to this for the Nottinghamshire Partnership may be useful but Steve Derbyshire outlined that there was likely to be a resource problem with this.

Caroline Agnew informed colleagues that as an upshot from the Economic Development and Enterprise Partnership meeting in January, Christine Southwell has convened a group made up of both Nottingham and Nottinghamshire representatives and suggested that it may be useful to widen the remit of this group with a view to taking an intelligence report to the Nottinghamshire Partnership Management Group meeting on 20 April 2009.

Heather Stokes expressed the view that there could be the scope to assist local companies through joined-up working.





Caroline Agnew informed colleagues that there is some work being undertaken around procurement which she will share with Programme Managers (please see attached).

Les Cowling outlined that the long-term focus of the LAA needs to remain clear as the same problems still exist. He stressed the importance not to make assumptions e.g. crime rate will rise due to unemployment.

Caroline Agnew recognised the need to make sure that all work undertaken around the economic downturn is co-ordinated

Action: Christine Southwell and Caroline Agnew to have a dialogue about how the remit of the economic development and enterprise group could potentially be broadened and for a report from this group to be taken to the Nottinghamshire Partnership Management Group meeting on 20 April 2009

Item 2 Audit of the LAA

Nicola Reece of the Audit Commission informed Programme Managers that as part of the audit of the LAA, there will be three main subjects that they will be looking at: Governance, Financial Management and Capacity and Performance Management.

(Please find attached project brief outlining specific questions presented to colleagues)

Action: Nicola Reece to contact, where relevant, Programme Managers directly to discuss these questions

Item 3 AOB

No other business was raised.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24 February, with district Isp's, at 2pm, Cricketers Suite, Notts County Cricket Club

