

LAA MANAGEMENT GROUP
Tuesday 20 November 2007
Holme Pierrepont

Minutes

Present

Phil Lyons	Mansfield LSP (Chair)
Chris Common	Nottinghamshire County Council
Tamara Alexander	Nottinghamshire County Council
Les Cowling	Block Lead, CYP Block (Nottinghamshire County Council)
Marcie Taylor	Block Lead, CYP Block (Nottinghamshire County Council)
Jean Pardoe	Connexions
Martin Smart	Fire
Celia Morris	Block Lead, EDE Block (Nottinghamshire County Council)
Gill Francis	Probation Service
Jackie Pinkett	Nottinghamshire County Council
Nigel Percy	Idea Peer Review Team
David Hunter	Bassetlaw DC
Gillian Blenkinsop	Bassetlaw LSP
Steve Cooper	Police
Geoff Holmes	Observation
Ruth Marlow	Mansfield District Council
Jacqui Bell	Networking Action for Voluntary Organisations
Paul Randle	Rushcliffe Borough Council & LSP
Stephen Bray	Gedling Borough Council
Ged Greaves	Newark & Sherwood LSP
Liz Lesquereux	Block Lead, SSC Block (Nottinghamshire County Council)
Kirsty Cole	Newark & Sherwood District Council
Chris Kenny	Nottinghamshire County Teaching and Bassetlaw PCTs
Peter Elderton	LAA Secretariat
Diane Pollard	Nottinghamshire County Council
David Heath	GOEM
Cathy Harvey	Block Lead, HCOP Block (Nottinghamshire County Council)
Nina Dauban	HCOP Block Chair (NAVO)
Susan Lewis-Roberts	LAA Secretariat
Joe Pidgeon	Block Lead, HCOP Block (Nottinghamshire County Council)
Mick Burrows	Nottinghamshire County Council
Alan Mellor	Ashfield District Council

Apologies

Peter Baguley	Block Lead, SSC Block (Nottinghamshire County Council)
Kate Davies	DAAT
Chris Walker	Block Lead, SSC Block (Nottinghamshire County Council)
Wes McDonald	Police
Steve Turner	Broxtowe District Council
Richard Johnson	Chief Superintendent, Nottinghamshire
Nick Holmes	Ashfield LSP
Nicola Turner	Block Lead, CYP Block (Nottinghamshire County Council)
Paul Woods	Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service
Neil Colton	Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service
Hilary Wells	Broxtowe LSP
Ian Ackerley	Nottinghamshire Police
Tom Stockwell	JobCentre Plus
Kate Revell	Strategic Planning Communities (Nottinghamshire County Council)
John Berridge	DAAT

No.	Item	Action
2.	Minutes from last meeting on 30/10/07	

	<p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>David Heath and Barbara Brady to be added to the circulation of the minutes.</p>	
3.	Priorities	
	<p>SLR confirmed the measures are now out for consultation amongst partners. A copy of the current priorities were handed out at the meeting dated 20 November 2007 and supercede any previous copy of the priorities. Partners should respond to Paul Randle by 27/11/07. There are currently 44 priorities and Tamara is working with Richard Money to gather evidence on these.</p> <p>Concern was raised again regarding the Strategic Assessment Framework.</p> <p>AM raised concern that if the priorities are repeatedly being updated the partners will never be in a position to consult upon them.</p>	<p>MB to feed back to GOEM regarding necessity for a single framework</p>
4.	Technical Guidance on 198 National Indicator set	
	<p>Chris Common took LAAMG through the report. Government have issued the 198 new indicator set and the technical definitions are now out for consultation. We have until 21 December 2007 to respond to the Audit Commission with any comments.</p> <p>It was stressed that up to 35 of these indicators are being negotiated through the LAA. However all 198 indicators will need to be reported on whether they are in the LAA or not.</p> <p>Appendix 1 is a copy of the form which needs to be completed with the feedback. It was agreed to have a countywide response on general issues and technical issues regarding the measures which would be co-ordinated by the LAA Secretariat. Partners could also send separate responses and copy in the LAA Secretariat.</p> <p>Concern was raised by RM that a parallel performance framework was being created by the Home Office. It was important to have one process. It was agreed that representation should be made collectively by the group.</p> <p>RM also raised concern regarding the list of priorities and translating these into the measures. It did not appear to be joined up as a priority could appear in more than one block.</p> <p>Concern was also raised regarding a CDRP timetable recently put out by GOEM for community safety which gave a much longer timescale well into the New Year.</p> <p>It was agreed that the concerns should be accelerated to the Strategic Partnership Board.</p> <p>There will be a need to report to different geographical areas and SB raised the need to take into account how District information will be feeding up to the County. Any local measures which underpin national measures will need to be determined by the District at a local level.</p> <p>NB raised concern regarding the lack of consultation regarding the 198 national indicator set and requested that this should also be fed back as part of the consultation.</p>	<p>Partners to provide comments on Appendix 1 form to LAA Secretariat by 17/12/07</p> <p>LAA Secretariat</p> <p>SPB</p>
5.	Finance	
	<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></p> <p>Pro-formas had been sent to the partners who had received the pool funding. The deadline was 16/11/07. DL requested that all pro-formas are returned before 23/11/07.</p> <p>DP circulated a report on Proposal for Sharing any Pooled Grant Repayment and Carry Forward. DP explained they were looking to continue with the same arrangement as before regarding if less than</p>	<p>All</p> <p>DP to email report to SLR to be circulated</p>

	<p>95% is spent there will be a requirement to pay the excess. If this situation arises, there needs to be a decision how this would be paid for by the partners. It was agreed that this should be carry forward as an agenda item to the next meeting.</p> <p>DP informed that there had been one new cost this year which was top slicing to fund the additional posts.</p> <p>Discussions were had regarding partners already allocated money to keep any underspend. This would avoid any unnecessary spending and can be carried forward for one year.</p> <p><u>Six Monthly Spend</u></p> <p>DP circulated Six Monthly Statement of Grant Usage which gives the year end forecast. Most importantly it indicates that 95% will be spent. The forecast shows Mansfield with a year end underspend. DP has spoken to Mansfield today and confirmed that they will be 100% at year end.</p> <p>It was agreed that this item should be carried forward to the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Comments on Future</u></p> <p>DP informed that from next April there will be a 3 year announcement on the area based grant. DP informed that area based grants did not necessarily have to be used for the LAA and there was no 5% carry forward.</p> <p>The funding would be in three formats, RSG, Area Based Grant and Specific Grant. Funding would not all go to the accountable body and may be distributed to the appropriate delivery partner.</p> <p>AM suggested there should be a set of principles for the partners for when they receive grant money. It was agreed that the Finance Working Group to bring a paper back to the next meeting of LAAMG to clarify the situation.</p> <p>DH informed that operational guidance has now been published on the CLG website and goes into detail on the Finance issues.</p>	<p>with minutes.</p> <p>Agenda item 12/12/07</p> <p>DP to email to SLR to be circulated with minutes.</p> <p>Agenda item 12/12/07</p> <p>Finance Working Group. Agenda item 12/12/07</p>
6.	Update from Local Strategic Partnership Board	
	<p>MB announced that the County Council are close to agreement with the City over arrangements to deal with the conurbation (paper to follow).</p> <p>Minutes from the LSPB had been distributed prior to the meeting.</p> <p>MB confirmed that 7 district leaders were to be invited to join LSPB.</p>	<p>Paper by MB to be sent to LAAMG members.</p>
7.	Membership of the LAA Management Group	
	<p>PL provided overview of history of structures around LAA and the LAAMG's evolving role. In particular, until recently, LAAMG had a strategic function, which has only recently been picked up by LSPB.</p> <p>It was agreed the County would be represented by the Leader and Deputy Leader.</p> <p>LSPB is doing a review of LAA structures and wants feedback on size and composition of LAAMG. PL opened for discussion.</p> <p>General agreement that current size and composition is satisfactory and 'workable'.</p> <p>Concerns raised about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Role of block leads <p>It was agreed PL and SLR would try to map a new structure chart which also took account of the star schematic.</p>	<p>PL agreed to update SPB with Members' views on LAA MG composition.</p>
8.	Stronger Communities Network	
	<p>LL noted change of name to 'Network' rather than 'Group'.</p>	<p>LL suggested</p>

	<p>LL raised the issue of governance across LAA: needs to include theme groups as well as LSPB and LAAMG.</p> <p>Decision making process of Network debated, with most members agreeing that ultimately, the Network only has mandate to make recommendations to MG who are overarching decision makers.</p>	<p>need for Terms of Reference or agreed working practices for Governance Working Group</p> <p>Chair suggested that Star Schematic needs to be revisited and redefined in light of Network.</p>
9.	Action Log	
	Item deferred until next meeting.	<p>Agenda item 12/12/07</p> <p>SLR to send Action Log electronically with Minutes</p>
10.	Any Other Business	
	Regional Roadshow - needs more representation	
11.	Date of next meeting	
	The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 12 December 2007 at 9.30 am at the Making It Centre, Mansfield.	