



Partnership CAA Reference Group

Monday, 8 February 2010
Rufford Suite, County Hall

Minutes

Present

Phil Lyons	Nottinghamshire Partnership
Anne Linsdell	Nottinghamshire County Council
Chris Walker	Nottinghamshire County Council
Dave Mitchell	Rushcliffe Borough Council
Ged Greaves	Newark and Sherwood District Council
Katy Austin	Nottinghamshire County Council
Louise Benson	Learning and Skills Council
Maggie Pape	Nottinghamshire County Council
Maria Lyle	Government Office for the East Midlands (GOEM)
Mike Alexander	Primary Care Trust
Paul Roberts	Nottinghamshire Partnership
Shannon Burns	Nottinghamshire Partnership
Steve Barnett	Audit Commission
Trish Pogue	Nottinghamshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT)

Apologies

Ann Marie Hawkins	Nottinghamshire County Council
Caroline Agnew	Nottinghamshire County Council
Cathy Harvey	Nottinghamshire County Council
Craig Bonar	Mansfield District Council
David Pearson	Nottinghamshire County Council
Gill Francis	Probation Service
Helen Jebb	Nottinghamshire Police
Karen Lloyd	Nottingham Prison
Karen Sleigh	Nottinghamshire Police
Les Cowling	Nottinghamshire County Council
Nicola Reece	Audit Commission
Patrick Candler	Nottinghamshire County Council
Ruth Cutler	Audit Commission
Stephen Bray	Gedling Borough Council
Susan Robinson	Care Quality Commission (CQC)
Terry Laws	Learning and Skills Council
Tim Spink	Nottinghamshire County Council





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1 Welcome and introductions

Phil Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions took place.

2 Matters arising from previous meeting held on 30 November 2009

Dave questioned a comment made about sports in the minutes. Phil explained the comment referred to the inconsistencies with Districts/Boroughs and County strategies and the need for clear evidence of outcomes.

3 Improvement Plan

Katy gave an update on the Partnership Improvement Plan. The plan lists 8 key areas that were highlighted from the long list of 70 issues presented at the last meeting from the CAA Area Assessment report.

Katy told the group she welcomed any comments on the plan.

Katy will report back on the CAA Improvement Plan and will include data to support the plan's milestones.

Crime and community safety in the north of Nottinghamshire

Chris informed the group that Tim Spink is creating an Improvement Plan on the red flag. The plan quality-assures current areas of work and takes into account best practice from other county partnerships.

Phil Lyons reminded the group that there is a sub-group to drive the improvement plan for crime and community safety in the north of Nottinghamshire.

Safeguarding Children

Maggie notified the group that there is a structured improvement programme in place that reports milestones monthly.

A full inspection of safeguarding and looked after children services could occur with 10 days notice in the near future. The inspection would provide further information on progress.

Inequalities

Phil gave an update on the Locality Working Group. The group will look at Districts/Boroughs and County plans to ensure work is both differentiated and coordinated appropriately between the two levels.

Katy to report back on the CAA Improvement Plan and include any supporting data.

Chris to send the Improvement Plan to Shannon Burns to circulate.





Steven reminded the group that inequalities were assessed based on the priority to narrow the gap in the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS).

The next assessment on inequalities will look at the priorities in the new SCS, the LAA indicators, any strategic overview, and if progress has been made to narrow the gap and particularly to reduce health inequalities.

Adult Skills

Louise gave an update on age 19 qualifications and skills at levels 2 & 3, and research on employment skills for adults at work.

Louise offered to give more information on Employment Skills and ESF at the next meeting.

Impact of Recession

Caroline Agnew had previously provided information on areas of work to support the improvement plan.

Impact of an Aging Population

Katy reported on the Opportunity Age Strategy that will support the impact of an aging population.

Sharing of public services

Phil gave an update on the Development Group that will focus on inter-alia, sharing public services through RIEP projects, securing additional RIEP funding, and scoping opportunities for cross-border working.

There was discussion about who will be the lead for this group.

4 General update – 2010/11 process

Steven gave a presentation on the CAA process for 2010 and the key areas of focus for 2010.

Steven reported developments of the One Place website and the proposal that the information could be updated throughout the year.

Steven reported on the process by which flags would be removed / returned. It is anticipated that changes in flag status may be possible outside the fixed annual CAA report, but

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Louise to give an update on Employment Skills and ESF at the next meeting.





clarity will be provided by the Audit Commission in a report due April 2010.

In June, there will be a possibility to change the response to the red flag.

Timescales

Timescales are likely to follow those used in 2009 – with the possibility of District / Borough assessments brought forward.

Peer Involvement

A councillor from Suffolk has been matched with Nottinghamshire to conduct a peer assessment. She was chosen as a representative from IDEA and was matched by the Audit Commission.

Other areas of focus/issues for updating

Housing growth has been included as an area of focus, because a clearer picture is needed that is based on strategy and delivery.

Possible green flag areas

Areas of possible green flags were discussed. Steven stated that a good case will be needed to keep green flags.

Drug treatment may be a possible case to put forward. Steven recommended looking on the One Place website to make some comparisons with other areas' green flags.

Teenage pregnancy may also be a possible case to put forward, although clarification on our current performance is needed.

A concern was raised about the 'profile' green flags for areas like Teenage Pregnancy and Drug Treatment may give Nottinghamshire. Proposed that some more positive examples should be explored.

Other possible green flags will need to be decided by this group. A list will need to be created and partners will need to put their ideas and evidence forward.

Reference Group

It was decided that the group will meet bi-monthly, except between August and October, when the group will meet monthly.

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A clearer picture on housing growth is needed.

A definite position on teenage pregnancy will need to be decided.

Invite partners to provide support/evidence on other possible green flags.

The next meeting will discuss / create a possible list of green flags.

Self-assessment to be added to the next agenda for discussion.





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Steven asked if a self-assessment will take place. The group agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

5 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on

Wednesday, 5 May 2010 in Committee Room C, County Hall
1:30 pm – Nottinghamshire Partnership
2:30 pm – Full CAA Reference Group

