



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

Tuesday 2 March 2010

Tin Hat Centre, Selston

MINUTES

Present

Stephen Barnett	Audit Commission
Stephen Bray	Head of Strategy and Performance, Gedling Borough Council
Rob Crowder	Chief Executive, Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN)
Jane Francis-Ward	Service Director, Legal & Democratic Services, Nottinghamshire County Council
Jane Geraghty	Area Director, Nottinghamshire Probation
Allen Graham	Chief Executive, Rushcliffe Borough
Julia Hodson	Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
Chris Hooper	Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service
David Hunter	Chief Executive, Bassetlaw Borough Council
Chris Kenny	Director of Public Health, NHS Nottinghamshire County & Bassetlaw
Colin Lewis	Principal Performance Improvement and Equalities Manager, Broxtowe Borough Council
<i>Phil Lyons</i>	<i>Chair, Nottinghamshire Partnership Executive</i>
Ruth Marlow	Managing Director, Mansfield District Council
Philip Marshall	Chief Executive, Ashfield District Council
David Pearson	Corporate Director, Adult Social Care & Health & Deputy Chief Executive Nottinghamshire County Council
Darrell Pulk	Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service
Paul Roberts	Nottinghamshire Partnership Manager
Dave Tantum	Director for Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire, Government Office East Midlands

Apologies

Mick Burrows	Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council
Diana Gilhespy	Executive Director of Regeneration, East Midlands Development Agency
Ruth Hyde	Chief Executive, Broxtowe Borough Council
David Horton	Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service
Andrew Muter	Chief Executive, Newark & Sherwood District Council
Tom Stockwell	District Manager, Jobcentreplus, Nottinghamshire
Simon Starr	Sport Nottinghamshire





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NO.	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Phil Lyons welcomed colleagues</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the Nottinghamshire Partnership Executive 4 November 2009.</p> <p>Allen Graham had sent apologies and they were not noted on the minutes. Aside from this omission the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Review of partnership sub-groups – Theme partnerships have been reviewing the “families” of partnerships that support delivery of the LAA, with the intention of rationalising/streamlining wherever possible. It was agreed that Theme Leads would report progress at the annual review meeting on 22 June 2010.</p> <p>Future Jobs Fund (FJF) – the Steering Group has been established and has now met on two occasions. The Executive agreed that progress with FJF should be reported through the Economic Development & Enterprise Partnership and an update to the Executive should be provided when appropriate.</p>	<p>Theme leads to report progress on sub-group review at the next Executive meeting.</p>
4.	<p><u>Local Area Agreement - Refresh</u> – Paul Roberts presented the paper which outlined the six indicators that were subject to the refresh and agreed the following:-</p> <p>NI 112 – Teenage conception rate – to continue to work towards the target but to take the opportunity to remove it from the reward calculation.</p> <p>NI 146 – Adults with learning difficulties in employment – to retain as a partnership priority, to agree a meaningful local target and to take the opportunity to remove from the reward calculation.</p> <p>NI 151 – Overall employment rate – to agree the proposal to refresh this target to 72.5%</p> <p>NI 152 – Working age people on out of work benefits – to agree the proposal to refresh the Ashfield and Mansfield targets to 16% & 17.3% respectively. To revisit the proposed Bassetlaw target of 13.9% to check this is realistic.</p> <p>NI 154 – Net additional homes provided – To continue negotiating towards a pragmatic and sensible target. If a target is felt to be unrealistic this has to be made clear to GOEM.</p> <p>NI 171 – New business registration rate – To agree the refreshed target of 47.2 new business starts per 10,000 of population.</p>	<p>Paul Roberts authorized to continue work with theme leads to finalise refresh and obtain sign off by Partnership chair.</p>



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5.	<p>Performance Reward Grant – Paul Roberts gave a presentation, which reflected the earlier decisions by the Executive and Board. The original purpose of the presentation and supporting paper was to make proposals for the 41% of the Reward Grant that remained unallocated.</p> <p>However, the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) have informed us that the first instalment reward grant has been reduced from £6,980,343 to £3,274,729. The explanation for this is that the original agreement signed in March 2006 stated <i>“the grant will be paid in two equal instalments, half in the financial year beginning on 1 April 2009 and half in the financial year beginning on 1 April 2010”</i>. In addition to the halving of the claim a further £430,885 has been retained because of an audit qualification.</p> <p>This was not the understanding derived from the guidance supplied by CLG to support the claims process. This made no reference to this division of grant; the guidance referred to two instalments and we were led to believe that the payments would relate to the two claims we made. Further questions have been raised with GOEM about the timing of the second claim and when payments will be released. We believe we will be in a position to make the second claim very soon and will request full payment as soon as possible.</p> <p>Given this situation the Executive was asked to consider options for allocation of the “reduced” grant. Options discussed were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applying the revised grant to the original proposal – this was discounted as the allocations were likely to be too small to make significant impact. 2. Deferring the allocations to the Strategic and Theme areas. Meeting in full the original proposed amounts to Districts and Borough’s and allocating the remainder to Community Safety – this option was agreed as the most pragmatic way forward. 3. Applying the “preferred” option to the first claim when paid in full – It was agreed to defer decisions on the proposals in this paper until we were clear about the full payment schedule. 4. Revisiting the 55% share when the 2nd claim is approved – As with option 3 above, a decision to revisit when we know exactly what will be received and when we will receive. <p>The preference for option 2 means that the £3,274,729 reward payable in March 2010 will be distributed as follows: £2,443,000 to Districts/Boroughs - £349,000 each £831,729 to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board.</p> <p>This is subject to endorsement by the Strategic Partnership Board and the County Council.</p>	<p>Secretariat to send out a copy of the partnership agreement that details how payments will be made.</p> <p>GOEM to pursue with CLG what action is required to deal with the qualification made on the audit.</p> <p>GOEM to clarify when second instalment claim can be submitted and when it will be paid.</p> <p>Secretariat to arrange audit of remaining targets, and submit second claim as soon as possible.</p>



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6.	<p>Shared Performance Management System – Chris Common from Nottinghamshire County Council presented a paper describing the process to develop a shared performance management system for the Nottinghamshire Partnership <i>“TotalNotts”</i>. This work is being funded by the Nottinghamshire Improvement and Efficiency Group NIEG and is being progressed by the Nottinghamshire Performance Officers Group (NPOG). The concept is that we will have an integrated performance management system through a software solution. Chris Common said the system specification is currently being designed and tenders will be invited during May/June 2010, it is expected that we will have an operational system within 12 months.</p>	<p>Chris Common to provide updates to the Executive with key milestones.</p>
7.	<p>Quarter 3 Performance Report – Paul Roberts presented this item and said a substantial agenda item at the June 2010 would cover year end performance.</p>	<p>Theme Leads to attend the June 2010 meeting to present year end performance.</p>
8.	<p>Next Meeting 25 June 2010 – 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, venue to be confirmed.</p>	

Meeting Closed: 4.00pm

