

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Wards Affected</b>	All	17 January 2014	
<b>Title</b>	LSP Conference 2013 update		

### 1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To report to the LSP Executive Board on the outcomes from the October 2013 conference.

### 2. **INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Kettering Partnership held its fifth annual conference on 18 October 2013 and it was the most well attended and successful conference to date. 80 delegates attended with some agreeable evaluations being received.
- 2.2 There were also opportunities for partners to use the event for their organisations' showcasing, as well as to provide details of the services they offer.
- 2.3 The current Sustainable Community Strategy was refreshed during 2013. While National Indicators and other Performance Measures have been removed by the coalition Government, there is still a duty on local authorities to produce a Sustainable Community Strategy.

### 3. **CONFERENCE THEMES AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

- 3.1 The refreshed Kettering Sustainable Community Strategy 2013 – 2017 was launched at the conference by the Chair of the LSP, Cllr Russell Roberts. The themes in the strategy, which came about as a result of the 2012 conference, shaped the design of the 2013 conference.
- 3.2 A variety of speakers covered the themes, giving the delegates opportunity to see how the partnership works together.

#### **a) Community Safety**

Adam Simmonds the Police and Crime Commissioner addressed his plans for making Northamptonshire the safest county, and for Crime and Community Safety in Kettering. Broadly speaking his theme was in line with the ambitions of 5 areas:

- There will be a reduction of at least 40% in violent crime
- There will be a focus on eradicating drugs and massively reducing acquisitive crime

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- Anti-social behaviour will be robustly and intelligently tackled
- Northamptonshire will have a more visible police force
- Northamptonshire will be a secure and safe place

These ambitions are in line with the Sustainable Community Strategy action plan and the Kettering Community Strategy, whose priorities are: Serious Acquisitive Crime, Violence, and Anti Social Behaviour and Confidence. These targets will all be monitored this year.

### **b) Health & Wellbeing**

Dr Poggi's presentation focused on the purpose, vision and aims of the Healthier Northamptonshire programme. This is a clinical programme whose priorities are to deliver excellent wellbeing outcomes and great services for the people of Northamptonshire, in the right places and for the right budget.

Dr Poggi talked about the priorities of the programme which:-

- Ensure **sustainability** of the Northamptonshire health and social care economy
- Improve **access and quality of care** for patients and service users
- Provide care in the most **appropriate setting** and in line with best practice
- Support people to **manage their own health** and reduce use of hospital beds and services
- Ensure that people have a **positive experience** of care
- Reduce **health inequalities** in Northamptonshire
- Enhance **staff satisfaction** throughout the health and social care economy

The Sustainable Community Strategy Health and Wellbeing theme has a number of measures which will help to achieve these priorities. In particular, the areas of supporting people to manage their own health and reduce health inequalities in Kettering are addressed through the Sustainable Community Strategy action plan.

### **c) Employability and skills and volunteering**

This theme was dealt with using two different inputs. Cindy Wrighting, Director of Youth Works CIC and some of the young people she works with, came to talk about the challenges and barriers they face as unemployed young people trying to get into employment. Using an interactive method of question cards and scenarios, delegates discussed the issues, feeding back to the group with their thoughts and imparting advice where appropriate. Many of the delegates expressed amazement at the challenges that young people have to face and the barriers that they have to overcome.

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This session then went on to show how volunteering can help people gain the confidence and skills necessary to get into employment. After the young people from Youth Works had given their examples, Trish Dewar from Kettering Voluntary Network brought along a team of people aged between 16 and 52 years, who gave their experiences of volunteering and how this had helped them to move into paid employment.

The Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan reflects these issues in that one of our actions is to improve the employability of local people and the work being done by our partners in this area is contributing to this.

## **d) Growth and Regeneration**

The final presentation was a short one from Alex Jelley about the regeneration of the Borough of Kettering and how the public realm changes were being planned and executed. He also included in his presentation updates on the Christmas events planned and the work of the award winning Kettering Art Gallery and Museum.

## **Evaluations**

Evaluations received from delegates rated the conference as excellent or good, with no-one giving a rating of poor or very poor. The interactive sessions led by the young people turned out to be the highlight of the conference and other positive comments concerned the time given to networking and looking at display stands.

The conference was held on Breakthrough Breast Cancer Awareness Day and delegates, as well as wearing pink, gave donations towards the charity through the purchase of pink cup cakes. We collected £66.50 for this worthy cause.

## **4. DATE FOR 2014 CONFERENCE**

- 4.1 It is suggested that this year's conference take place on 17 October 2014. It is anticipated that the conference will look at the progress on the action plan and check that priorities are still relevant.

## **5. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board:-

- notes the key themes of the Sustainable Community Strategy
- receive the updates on the Conference
- agrees the date for the 2014 Conference