

**KETTERING PARTNERSHIP**

**LSP EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Meeting held: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Present:** Councillor Russell Roberts (Chair)  
Councillor Ian Jelley

**Also Present:** Martin Hammond (Kettering Borough Council)  
Carole Stephenson (Kettering Borough Council)  
Trish Dewar (Groundworks)  
Debbie Egan (CAB)  
Insp Adam Ward (Northants Police)  
David Pope (Committee Administrator)

**16.LSP.01 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bill Parker (NCC)

**16.LSP.02 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**16.LSP.03 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**16.LSP.04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**16.LSP.05 KETTERING FUTURES PARTNERSHIP**

Debbie Egan confirmed the Kettering Futures Partnership (KFP) board had not met since the last meeting of the LSP Executive, although a meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

The board meeting would discuss use of the partnership website, with mystery shopping undertaken with local organisations to ascertain their level of awareness regarding KFP and its work. It was noted that there was a requirement to ensure the work of the organisation filtered down to ground level. Partner organisations had been tasked with providing examples of how their organisation made use of either the KFP website or partnership approach to assist clients or customers. The next KFP awareness day would take place in October and an offer was made for that to form part of the LSP Conference.

The board heard that a meeting had been held with Janet Doran regarding the work of First for Wellbeing (FFW), the County Council's Community Interest Company, as it was considered that KFP were well positioned to undertake similar work. The initial meeting had not proved successful, although a follow-up meeting had resulted in an agreement for a 6-month pilot whereby a CAB employee would undertake work on behalf of FFW whilst based at KBC offices. This pilot would allow KFP to see whether there was a method to engage clients in a more effective manner than FFW were able to currently. If the pilot proved to be effective it could provide leverage for additional work.

The meeting noted that KFP was keen to engage positively with all organisations including FFW and would like to make it part of the partnership. It was noted that it may be too soon to understand exactly what level of impact FFW was currently having and that there was a need to understand what the organisation was trying to achieve and how it measured its success.

#### **16.LSP.06 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HATE REDUCTION STRATEGY**

The meeting was advised that creation of the strategy had seen countywide involvement across a number of organisations, although health sector involvement was still sought. The strategy was similar in style and structure to the ASB strategy published in 2015, with the main aims being prevention, tackling offenders, supporting victims and dissemination of the strategy, with a communication strategy being led by the police communications team.

A consultation was being undertaken with relevant groups and a delivery plan was being written to provide a framework for implementing the strategy.

The meeting heard that the working group would have contributions from the police restorative team and KBC's Community Safety Officer had also made use of the Restorative Solutions service.

Debbie Egan reported that CAB was examining the possibility of becoming a hate crime reporting centre. It was noted that ECins software could be a useful tool in recording hate crime incidents that were below the criminal offence level.

It was

**AGREED** that the LSP Executive Board noted, endorsed and recommended the Northamptonshire Hate Reduction Strategy

#### **16.LSP.07 VOLUNTARY SECTOR SLAs**

The Board heard that current Voluntary Sector SLAs were in their final year; with new contracts currently out to tender covering the period 2017-2021 with the same level of overall funding as during the previous contract, at £271,000.

The meeting heard that KBC members had formed a working group to examine the new SLA specifications, with the group meeting on six occasions since its formation in February. The findings of the working group had been presented to the June meeting of the Executive Committee who had agreed the recommendations. For the period 2017-2021 there would be ten specifications for the voluntary sector, with a slightly altered Business Support specification that would be match-funded as part of a European funding bid.

The opening of the procurement process would be made available on the KBC website, with a closing date for bids of 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Once the bidding process had closed, an officer assessment panel featuring a Deputy Chief Executive, Heads of Service, a finance officer and an LSP partner member would review the bids. The panel's findings would then be passed to a member panel featuring three councillors who would make final recommendations to the Executive Committee. The outcome of the bids would be known by December at the latest.

#### **16.LSP.08 FEEDBACK FROM KETTERING HEAD TEACHERS' GROUP**

Martin Hammond provided the meeting with feedback on discussions held with the six secondary school head teachers in Kettering.

The Board heard that a meeting of this kind had not happened for a number of years and provided the opportunity to discuss relevant issues including:-

#### Youth Engagement

It was noted that KBC had convened a Youth Engagement Task and Finish Group to better understand how to engage and communicate with young people in respect of issues that affected them.

It was noted that although KBC still retained its Youth Council, that body was at some level of disrepair. The schools had offered KBC the opportunity to regularly access their existing school councils, with these having the available capacity to allow for the nomination of representatives to create a single body to share views and projects. This format would also allow other external organisations, such as the police, the opportunity to make use of such arrangements. There was an emphasis on usage of social media to get messages across to young people, with a variety of methods of engagement appropriate for different age groups. This feedback would be presented to the Youth Engagement Task and Finish Group and if approved, would see further discussions with schools to move things forward.

#### Apprenticeships

The meeting heard that schools were not hostile towards apprenticeships and were happy to actively promote these. Schools were, however, lacking in information regarding the provision of apprenticeships and were unaware of the disparity between available apprenticeships and the number of interested young people.

The four apprenticeship providers most active in borough could potentially adopt a Borough-wide approach that detailed available opportunities and how young people could best access these.

#### Policing and Hate Crime

Schools had stated that they wished to see a return to regular police presence inside schools, which could help bring any issues to the fore, although most issues arising in the community soon manifested themselves within schools. It was reported that schools missed JAGs and valued the work they had previously provided.

The Board also discussed the central government strategy to get 3 million young people signed-up for apprenticeships by 2020. It was noted that changes set for April 2017 would see approximately 2000 standards introduced as opposed to the current 50 frameworks. These standards would set out what the outcome of an apprenticeship would be for each sector. Financial

aspects of apprenticeships would also be changing, with employers now negotiating directly with providers. The government had also amended the definition of apprenticeships to include up-skilling of employees.

Currently there were 7,000 apprenticeships starts in the county annually. To meet government targets a further 2000 annual starts would be required, although in-company training could assist in helping to meet that target.

#### **16.LSP.09 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME – OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2016**

The meeting heard that the Annual LSP Conference would now take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 as the Park Hotel venue was unavailable on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

The programme for the conference would provisionally include subjects that focussed on the achievements and opportunities for young people as well as partnership working with the voluntary sector. It was suggested that an invitation be extended to the new countywide Emergency Services Cadet scheme.

As use of the room had been booked for the whole day, Kettering Futures Partnership was offered use of the venue in the afternoon to host their awareness day.

It was

**AGREED** that the conference should focus on young people.

#### **16.LSP.10 VOLUNTARY SECTOR UPDATE**

The meeting heard that it was proving difficult to establish exactly what was going on in the sector presently due to the lack of a Local Infrastructure Organisation, the reintroduction of which formed part of the SLA procurement process outlined above.

The meeting heard that the Rape and Incest Centre was struggling to find new operational premises, having been given notice to leave their existing office by the County Council. KBC had been in contact and discussions could be held to see whether it was possible for the organisation to utilise space within the CAB offices.

Kettering Green Patch had recently applied for and been awarded a Green Flag as part of the Green Flag Award Scheme. This was the first ever community allotment to win such an award. The

Leader requested that this item be reported to the Executive Committee and a discussion held with the Mayor regarding raising of the flag. Green Patch had also been open as part of KettFest, receiving a lot of new visitors and helping to raise awareness.

**16.LSP.11 HEALTH AND WELLBEING FORUM UPDATE**

The meeting noted that a forum had not been held for the last couple of months and attendance levels were low. There was a need for someone from KBC to take over as Chair, although the biggest issue facing the forum was a lack of CCG funding. There were a number of pilot schemes that could be undertaken, but these required funding in order to bring them forward. A meeting would be held between Councillors Roberts and Jelley and the Head of Public Services to discuss future involvement with the forum.

**16.LSP.12 AOB**

None

**16.LSP.13 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The LSP Conference would now be held on Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> 2016.

*(The meeting started at 9:00am and ended at 10.12am)*

Signed .....

Chair

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