

KETTERING PARTNERSHIP

LSP EXECUTIVE BOARD

Meeting held: 14th July 2017

Present: Councillor Russell Roberts (Chair)

Also Present: Martin Hammond (Kettering Borough Council)
Lisa Hyde (Kettering Borough Council)
Shannon Petrossian (Kettering Borough Council)
Paul Bullen (Office of the PCC)
Debbie Egan (CAB)
Trish Dewar (Groundwork)
Anne Lovely (First for Wellbeing)
Sgt Scott Little (Northants Police)
David Pope (KBC - Committee Administrator)

17.LSP.01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Bill Parker (NCC), Kate Williams (Groundworks) and Tresham College representatives.

17.LSP.02 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

17.LSP.03 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

17.LSP.04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

17.LSP.05 KETTERING TOWN DELIVERY PLAN

The meeting heard that as part of the process of shaping the Town Centre Delivery Plan, a conference for all relevant partner

organisations and stakeholders would be held within the Cornmarket Hall on Wednesday 13th September.

The event would assist in understanding how best to market and communicate with stakeholders and the public in relation to town centre events and public realm development opportunities. Workshops would be held to consider priorities and opportunities for the future of the town centre.

Other consultation events would include sessions at both the Youth and LSP Conferences later in the year. There was a need to fully engage with the public on the plan, with a teaser to raise public awareness due to be publicised during the summer.

It was noted the Kettering Futures Partnership would allow KBC to reach many more organisations and individuals than would have previously been the case.

17.LSP.06 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME – 10th OCTOBER 2017

The meeting was presented with the proposals for the annual LSP Conference that would be held at the Park Hotel, Kettering on 10th October.

It was heard that the proposal for this year's conference was to use the event to focus on the challenges faced by older people and to celebrate the partnership working between the voluntary sector, business and Kettering Borough Council whilst incorporating mental health as the 10th October coincided with World Mental Health Day.

It was considered that the conference should have an overall health label, seeking to encourage Healthy Kettering.

17.LSP.07 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FIRE GOVERNANCE CONSULTATION

Paul Bullen, Director of Delivery for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner attended the meeting and provided a presentation in relation to the proposed changes to the governance of fire and rescue services enabled as a result of the Policing and Crime Act 2017.

It was noted that the proposed governance of Fire and Rescue Services in Northampton would pass from the Fire Authority that currently sat within the county council, to the Police and Crime Commissioner, who would become the Northamptonshire Police,

Fire and Crime Commissioner. Should this proposal be approved, both organisations would remain separate but would work closely together, providing savings through shared locations and administration services. Should governance of fire services leave NCC, there would be a greater certainty of annual budgets which would be ring-fenced rather than being reliant on Council Tax setting.

The meeting heard that there was a statutory requirement to undertake a consultation exercise if governance changes were to progress. The consultation was already underway and would run until 1st August and would seek comment from all local authorities, MPs, stakeholders and the public. To date approximately 1,000 responses had been received. Assuming that there was sufficient support for the proposed governance change and no contestation, a business case would be submitted to the Home Secretary by the middle of August with an expectation of a final decision by October. Should approval be granted, changes would come into “shadow effect” from 1st January 2018 for the purposes of precept setting, with full effect from 1st April 2018.

It was heard that the PCC’s office was in latter stage discussions with NCC regarding the proposals, with the county council close to agreeing to the changes.

The meeting asked questions in relation to the estates strategy of the organisations should the proposals be approved and involvement of the Ambulance Service. It was requested that an item regarding the proposals be submitted to KBC’s Executive Committee for consideration.

17.LSP.08 GARDENING ON PRESCRIPTION

Trish Dewar provided an overview of the Gardening on Prescription scheme.

It was noted that sessions would commence in September, with referrals coming from First for Wellbeing and self-referrals. Work was underway to convince GPs of the benefits of referring to the scheme, with First for Wellbeing assisting in that regard. It was hoped the scheme would be fed into Nene County Commissioning Group. The meeting heard that monitoring the impact on individuals involved in the scheme would be the biggest challenge as the results would be subjective.

In addition it was heard that the popular health walks would continue and a plan was in place to undertake new and varied routes to attract new walkers.

17.LSP.09 KETTERING FUTURES PARTNERSHIP

It was reported that the last meeting of the Kettering Futures Partnership Board had been in May and had focussed on four tasks to move the partnership forward which included priority setting and methods of putting these priorities identified into action

A survey would be sent to all members of the partnership asking about the KFP website and the “warm referrals” process. There was an aim to embed the process in the way people worked. In regard to the KFP website, there was a plan to extend the site to have a customer-facing element and it was hoped to launch this by the next partnership day.

KFP would be hosting an event on the same day as the LSP Conference on 10th October, due to it being Mental Health Awareness Day. Kirsty Woods from Kettering Mind would be leading the event and town centre shop premises were being sought where partner organisations could showcase their offering. Although there was a mental health focus, organisations such as CAB and Accommodation Concern would also be involved.

The next Partnership Day would take place on Tuesday 7th November, the content for which was not yet confirmed, although consideration was being given to the possibility of an award ceremony for partner organisations. Updates would also be provided on the October event and KFP priorities.

17.LSP.10 VOLUNTARY SECTOR UPDATE

The meeting heard a meeting had been held the previous day at Kettering Credit Union with a variety of organisations working together to help people in crisis. A partnership bid was being considered as part of Reaching Communities Big Lottery Fund, with several organisations interested. It was important to avoid duplication of any work. Julie Trahern would provide updates as the situation evolved.

It was heard that the biggest challenge facing the voluntary sector was a lack of good quality volunteers, the types of volunteers available to the sector historically no longer existed as retirement ages were extended.

17.LSP.11 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD UPDATE

It was reported that a One You event had been held at Cornmarket Hall which aimed to tackle diabetes and promoted healthy lifestyles. The event had been well attended, and attendance figures and feedback would be received shortly. It was intended to roll the event out to a wider audience regarding healthy eating.

A recent event at EquATA, the equine assisted therapy charity had seen HRH Princess Anne in attendance.

17.LSP.12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

17.LSP.13 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The annual LSP Conference would be held on 10th October 2017.

The date of the next meeting of the LSP Executive would be 19th January 2018.

(The meeting started at 9:00am and ended at 10.14am)

Signed

Chair

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