

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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Wards Affected	All	19 th January 2018	
Title	PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE FEEDBACK 2017		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report to the LSP Executive Board on the October 2017 conference

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 Kettering Partnership held its ninth annual conference on 10th October 2017. It was a well attended and successful conference. 70 delegates attended with some excellent evaluations being received.
- 2.2 There were some 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 conference reflected the themes of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

3. CONFERENCE THEMES

- 3.1 The themes of the conference followed the themes of the Sustainable Community Strategy with a variety of speakers in attendance to show the progress and achievements made. This conference had a focus on mental health to help in the promotion of a Healthier Kettering.

a) Teamwork – Mental Health Awareness

The conference was opened John Bruce from Teamwork who introduced the organisation and what they offer within the community and how mental health has impacted their users and the wider community. Teamwork recognised the need and introduced a counselling programme in 2006. Their reputable service gets referrals from GPs and community mental health teams, wellbeing teams, crisis intervention and local voluntary organisations such as Mind and Northamptonshire Carers and often has a waiting list. Jackie Sawford, Teamwork who runs the counselling service went into more detail on what they are seeing in Kettering Borough. Vickie Bell, Teamwork was then able showcase the County Wide Project that we are leading on to help improve the services they provide to the community and decrease the waiting list. Teamwork were well received and integral organisation within Kettering Borough who provide a vital service to the community.

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b) Health and Wellbeing

Health and Wellbeing looked at older people and some of the challenges they are currently facing. Jayne Chambers from Kettering General Hospital spoke passionately about her role at the hospital and how working closely with older people, identified the need improve their overall wellbeing whilst in the hospital's care. Jayne has been instrumental in setting up and progress for the delivery the Dementia Garden at the hospital through the KGH Forget-Me-Not Appeal. Secondly Nick Johns from Age UK spoke about some of the statistics facing an aging population and what services Age UK is offering locally through its services such as hospital discharge team, community team and the day centre.

c) Social Prescribing

Kate Williams from Groundwork introduced the term 'Social Prescribing' which enables G.P's, nurses & other primary care professionals to refer people to a range of local, non – clinical services. Kate also explained how social prescribing works and the positive impact it can have on the wellbeing of the local residents. Kate spoke about how Groundwork has successfully managed to get match funding for social prescribing through First for Wellbeing. Kate then introduced Victoria Leither who has been recruited to First for Wellbeing as the lead for Social Prescribing. Victoria spoke about First for Wellbeing services and how they are looking to link this in with social prescribing with Groundwork in Kettering.

d) Skills, Education and Employment

Lynn Chapman from KCU spoke about KCU in Kettering and the services they provide and the increased requirements for ongoing support which led to the introduction and development of Inclusive Volunteering Project. This project offers more one to one support to the users of KCU to improve their mental health, skills, confidence therefore increase the opportunity to reach their full potential through mentor/befriending. Lynn explained the impact the project has had in the community through partnership working and most of all the impact it has had on individuals within the scheme for improved wellbeing, qualifications and potential employment opportunities. At the end a video was shown with individuals and organisations who have taken part in the project and the positive impact it has had.

e) Community Safety

Town Centre Enforcement 'A Joint Approach' is an initiative that both the Police and Kettering Borough Council along with other agencies have been working together to tackle ASB, Crime and antisocial behaviour within Kettering. Jon Hall and Bill Field, Kettering Borough Council and Sgt, Scott Little, Northamptonshire Police highlighted how the teams are working together and engaging with individuals and the community to deal with offences. Whilst also being aware of the mental health and vulnerability aspects and how they can support

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individuals in getting the help they may need but keeping a firm handle on the situation to ensure safeguarding the community and offences enforced.

f) Growth and Regeneration

As part of developing and consultation of the delivery plan for Kettering Town Centre Lisa Hyde, Kettering Borough Council showcased the recent Town Centre Engagement Conference which took place on Wednesday 13th September. Giving a breakdown of the conference day and some of the outcomes, 'how it was the start the conversation' with relevant partners and stakeholders. Lisa engaged with the audience attending the LSP conference to encourage them to think, discuss and give their views with an opportunity to add their thoughts to the ideas tree.

Evaluations

Evaluations received from delegates rated the conference as excellent or good, with no-one giving a rating of poor or very poor. A highlight was hearing the passion in the community and how organisations are working together to help improve to wellbeing to Kettering and the borough. Along with being given the opportunity to network with many positive comments concerning the time given.

4.1 DATE FOR 2018 CONFERENCE

- 4.1 It is suggested that this year's conference takes place on Wednesday 17th October 2018.

5. RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:-

- receives the report on the Conference
- agrees the date for the 2018 Conference