

**KETTERING PARTNERSHIP**

**LSP EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Meeting held: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Present:** Councillor Russell Roberts (KBC) (Chair)  
Debbie Egan (CAB)  
Trish Dewar (Groundwork)  
Corrie Harris (Tresham College)  
Insp Julie Mead (Northants Police)

**Also Present:** Martin Hammond (KBC)  
Julie Trahern (KBC)  
Ross Griffin (KBC)  
Shannon Petrossian (KBC)  
Collette Lilley (KBC)  
Sunny Rohit (KBC)  
Chief Insp Dave Lawson (Northants Police)  
  
David Pope (Committee Administrator)

**17.LSP.14 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bill Parker (NCC).

**17.LSP.15 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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

None

**17.LSP.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

## **17.LSP.18 PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE FEEDBACK**

A review of the ninth annual LSP Partnership Conference held on 10<sup>th</sup> October was provided, with the meeting noting that over 70 delegates had been in attendance at the event.

The theme of the conference centred on World Mental Health Day and was held conjunction with Kettering Futures Partnership's pop-up shop event in Kettering town centre. The aim was to highlight the issue of mental health and the issues faced locally, with the conference reflecting the themes of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

Details were provided of presentations given by:-

- Teamwork – Mental Health Awareness
- Jayne Chambers (KGH) – Health and Wellbeing
- Kate Williams (Groundwork) – Social Prescribing
- Lynn Chapman (KCU) – Skills, Education and Employment
- KBC & Police – Community Safety
- Lisa Hyde (KBC) – Growth and Regeneration

Feedback from the event was extremely positive with all attendees rating the conference either "good" or "excellent". Attendees had also appreciated the opportunity to network with other organisations.

It was **AGREED** by the meeting that the date for the next conference be set for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

The meeting discussed the issue of loneliness and inter-generational projects, especially in regard to the elderly population and noted the recent appointment of a new government minister to tackle the issue.

## **17.LSP.19 ENTERPRISING KETTERING**

A brief overview was provided in relation to the relaunch of KBC's economic development brand, Enterprising Kettering.

It was heard that the council had a long history of supporting business, although the context of that support had changed markedly in recent years with Local Enterprise Partnerships providing growth hubs and a huge range of providers providing employability skills.

The Enterprising Kettering brand would allow for more effective signposting and promotion of the range of enterprise, skills and business support services that were available in the borough.

Following Executive Committee approval of the brand, creation and use of a social media presence since November 2017 had seen positive interaction with a number of organisations. It was anticipated that the launch of the Enterprising Kettering website would be possible very shortly, which would further the aims of the brand and increase its profile.

It was reported that on 30<sup>th</sup> January, SEMLEP would host an information roadshow providing an opportunity to learn about match-funding opportunities for projects supporting people facing multiple barriers to employment. Nearly 40 organisations had booked to attend the event to date.

Discussion was held regarding nursing courses and employment placements at Kettering General Hospital, with it being noted that further conversation with KGH was required to see whether this scheme could be resurrected.

## **17.LSP.20 POLICING UPDATE**

Chief Insp Dave Lawson attended the meeting and provided a brief overview of the newly designed police resourcing model that had launched at the end of October.

It was noted that a piece of work had been undertaken to assess which locations faced greatest threat, harm and risk with appropriate resources allocated accordingly. Overall resources for Operation Night Safe and the Response Team were good, but there remained a real challenge for areas where fewer resources were deployed and therefore communication with partner organisations and the public was key to remain aware of emerging issues.

Details were provided of the resources available to the Night Time Economy in Kettering and Northampton. It was heard that a number of officers were being used to police the NTE who had not undertaken frontline duties for some time; therefore a toolkit had been created by the force to ensure that all officers were equipped to undertake these duties and were fit to do so.

Assurances were given that Kettering town centre was allocated the lion's share of policing resources within the North Northamptonshire night safe team, in recognition of its size relative to Wellingborough and Corby.

It was suggested that briefings and refreshment breaks taken during NTE deployment take place in the new hub at the Municipal Offices

to avoid gaps in coverage during the evening that had occurred when travelling between the new custody suite at the edge of Kettering.

Discussions were held regarding Street Pastors and their role in Operation Kayak where vulnerable individuals out as part of the NTE were identified and put in paid taxis home. In addition, use of the DECC in the town centre and the resourcing implications were considered.

Questions were asked regarding the future of the police enquiry desk located within the Municipal Offices and its operation and opening hours. Discussion would be held about staffing of the desk with an update submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

Insp Julie Mead noted that police had faced a particularly challenging week in Kettering with a recent murder having taken place and thanks were offered to KBC uniformed wardens who had, alongside fire officers, undertaken community safety work in the area thereby relieving some of the pressure on police resources.

#### **17.LSP.21 KETTERING FUTURES PARTNERSHIP**

The meeting was provided with details of the pop-up event that had occurred as part of World Mental Health Day in October. A total of 18 partner organisations had been involved in the event, the aim of which was to engage with the public and to provide details of services available across the borough. The event also provided the opportunity to show that the various organisations were working alongside each other and not in isolation.

An empty shop unit had been utilised at a visible location on the High Street in Kettering, with over 70 members of the public visiting, and a number of additional referrals also in attendance. The Partnership Board had considered the event to be a success and would look to repeat it in future.

The KFP had held a Partnership Day in November, with 30 partnership organisations in attendance to hear of the KFP's achievements and future plans, the main priority being encouraging "warm referrals" and also job shadowing among partner organisations to allow for a greater understanding of available services. A framework had been devised to take the job shadowing forward, with the KFP board meeting to assess its success once implemented.

In addition, a possible networking day for frontline workers had been suggested. This would allow for the building of better relationships

and improve partnership working efficiency as well as providing a better experience for customers.

The KFP customer website content had been discussed at the partnership day. The site would utilise the new Council website which would be launched shortly. Consideration would be given as to how the KFP customer website would be launched, initially to partners, officers and members and then to the public.

A KFP working party had convened to produce an offer for schools to allow for better engagement and signposting. An offer “menu” would be produced to allow for a single point of contact for schools with the KFP. It was advised that this project be advertised prior to implementation.

It was reported that another partnership survey would be undertaken by the KFP before the end of the year.

A suggestion had also been made that a Celebrate Kettering Day be considered to take account of the positive activities and contributions made by the various organisations in the town.

## **17.LSP.22 VOLUNTARY SECTOR UPDATE**

It was reported that a Northampton Domestic Abuse Service unit would shortly be opening in Kettering.

In addition, a new night shelter operated by the organisation Safe Until Daylight was anticipated to open shortly, with confirmation of the venue awaited.

The meeting was reminded of the Tesco Bags of Help local community grant scheme, where the money raised from plastic carrier bag sales was used to fund local projects in communities.

It was noted that Green Patch had secured three years of funding from Children in Need to continue the work of the Green Rangers.

It was reported that the Voluntary Sector Forum had restarted with an aim of fostering partnership working and building links. Two meetings had been held to date.

Insp Mead raised the issue of an Independent Advisory Group (IAG), which had not been in existence for over six months, leaving Kettering and Corby as the only area of the county without such a group. It was heard that the IAG would ideally be comprised of key stakeholders in minority communities. An appeal was made for any interested parties to contact Insp Mead, with details of the IAG to be

circulated to members. It was noted that the Interfaith Forum could potentially assist in the interim.

**17.LSP.23 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD UPDATE**

It was heard that activities in relation to First for Wellbeing were continuing but prospective plans were currently on hold whilst the future of the service was decided.

It was also heard that the Health and Wellbeing Board was taking a view of the activities of the various Health and Wellbeing forums with a view to the forums becoming accountable to the board.

It was reported that the joint worker post shared between CAB and First for Wellbeing would not be renewed at the end of its current contract in March.

**17.LSP.24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**17.LSP.25 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

*(The meeting started at 9:00am and ended at 10:40am)*

Signed .....

Chair

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