

KETTERING PARTNERSHIP

LSP EXECUTIVE BOARD

Meeting held: 20th July 2018

Present: Councillor Lesley Thurland (Chair)
Sean Silver (Groundwork)
Sgt Scott Little (Northants Police)
Hazel Webb (KBC)

Also Present: Lisa Hyde (KBC)
Rochelle Mathieson (KBC)
Shannon Petrossian (KBC)
John Kinloch (KBC)
Eleni Middleton (KBC)
David Pope (Committee Administrator)

18.LSP.01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Russell Roberts (KBC), Councillor Ian Jelley (KBC), Martin Hammond (KBC), Debbie Egan (CAB), Trish Dewar (Groundwork) and Corry Harris (Tresham).

18.LSP.02 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

18.LSP.03 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

18.LSP.04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

18.LSP.05 LSP CONFERENCE – SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

The meeting was presented with a draft version of the suggested programme for the annual LSP Conference to be held in October.

Hazel Webb was introduced to the meeting as the new Community Services Manager and would oversee the conference itself.

The concept for the event was celebrated the tenth iteration of the conference and would take a view on what was happening in changing times as well as looking to the future. The voluntary sector would be championed and Health and Wellbeing and Police updates would be provided.

The final proposed section of the conference would see a presentation on the subject of the future of local government, followed by a Q&A session.

18.LSP.06 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Sgt Scott Little reported an overall reduction in recorded crime and ASB offences which had seen month on month reductions for the past six months. General and violent crimes types had reduced but an emerging trend was that of serious organised crime (SOC).

The meeting was provided with a definition of SOC, noting the elements of planning and control that factored into crimes committed.

It was noted that as a result of the police counter terrorism strategy, came a concept of Four P's – Pursue, Prevent, Protect and Prepare. It was considered that by assisting police with prevent, protect and prepare, police could spend more time pursuing SOC gangs.

Local organisations including the voluntary sector had a vital role to play in providing intelligence and information that could allow for the identification of vulnerable individuals and properties thereby allowing steps to be taken to protect these. KBC could also assist in environmental prevention identifying and reporting any hidden drugs and weapon caches that may be located.

A number of SOC offences that had occurred locally were reported and it was heard that Kettering had one of the highest intelligence recording logs across the county. It was noted that Kettering's location and accessibility from areas such as Birmingham and London made it a target for SOC gangs.

Details were provided of County Lines and related activities such as "cuckooing". A number of properties in Kettering had witnessed

cuckooing activity and 10 property closure orders had been obtained around the town in recent times. Of the County Lines drug phone lines that police were aware of, 14 were located in Kettering. For comparison, the much larger population of Northampton had 19 and Corby only two.

The meeting was shown a map detailing hotspots for violence offences in Kettering and noted work being undertaken on trains and at railway stations to try and disrupt drug-related activity.

The meeting heard of two events due to take place in relation to Community Safety, a pop up shop in Kettering town centre on 26th July and the Voice Bus at the Pleasure Park on 2nd August.

18.LSP.07 COLLECTIVE ENERGY SWITCH

Rochelle Mathieson, Head of Commercial Development attended the meeting and provided a presentation regarding a new scheme set for launch on 14th August called Switch to Save which aimed to reduce household fuel bills as part of a collective.

It was noted that KBC was working alongside energy broker iChoosr to harness the power of collective purchasing. Although any individual was eligible to apply to be part of the scheme, there was a cut-off date in place for non-borough residents applying through the KBC scheme. It was anticipated that the majority of those signing up to the scheme would do so online, although support would be available through the council's Customer Services team and a paper-based application form would also be available.

Once the sign-up process had completed, an auction process would take place among energy suppliers to provide the best tariff. Subscribers would be written to with a bespoke energy offer that would outline potential savings and was no obligation. The scheme was open to those residents with pre-pay energy meters and offers would flag whether there were exit fees in place if switching energy provider. Should a subscriber choose to switch to the new provider there would be a 14 day "cooling off period" and the tariff would remain fixed for a period of 12 months. For each scheme subscriber who chose to switch, KBC would receive a referral fee from iChoosr. KBC would promote the scheme and ensure it was self-financing, with any additional funding received supporting public services in the borough.

Promotional material was currently being finalised and KBC was looking to the community sector to encourage people to access the scheme, with organisations offering front-facing services provided with information flyers.

The scheme would launch on 14th August, with the energy provider auction taking place on 9th October. This date would also be the final date to register for non-Borough residents. Offers to subscribers would be issued from the 22nd October and the scheme would close to new subscribers on 27th November. It was anticipated that there would be three auctions annually, with two taking place during 2018.

It was reported that East Riding Council had been operating the scheme with a great deal of success. Should the scheme prove to be an initial success for KBC it would encourage further subscribers to sign up.

A contact email was provided for any queries on the scheme as follows:- Switch2save@kettering.gov.uk

18.LSP.08 KETTERING FUTURES PARTNERSHIP

The meeting noted the next board meeting would be held on 23rd April.

Details were provided of the three main priorities for the partnership:-

- It was planned to provide a uniform offer from all member organisations that wished to undertake work in local schools. It was heard that a working group had met to discuss the issue and would be meeting to review a draft service menu pamphlet on 23rd April.
- Shadowing between staff members from different organisations provided a positive way of strengthening partnership working among those on the frontline.
- There was an intention to develop a customer-facing KFP website. A lot of the background work in relation to this had been completed, although the site was linked to the new KBC website and required further work before publication.

The meeting noted the possibility of a networking day for frontline works from KFP partner organisations. It was suggested that this could be hosted at Greenpatch.

18.LSP.09 VOLUNTARY SECTOR UPDATE

It was reported that a forum had been held at the end of March, with the first discussion item providing an overview of VIN services outlined above. Two funding events would be held in the near future, with the first at the Cornmarket Hall in Kettering on 24th April, led by Lloyds Foundation Trust. It was noted that this session that was

currently fully booked. A further session would be held in Northampton and thanks were provided to VIN for putting these sessions on.

The next forum would be held at 10am on 20th June at the Business Exchange and would form a celebration of volunteering as part of Volunteer Week. The September forum would consider funding opportunities, especially in relation to Big Lottery funding, with discussions to be held with the newly appointed local Big Lottery representative.

The meeting heard that promotion of training relating to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was ongoing.

It was reported that Trish Dewar had retired from her post at the end of March and a replacement for the position would be sought.

18.LSP.10 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD UPDATE

It was noted that following her retirement, Trish Dewar had stepped down as Chair of the board, to be replaced by KBC's Eleni Middleton. Trish would be staying on the board as Vice Chair.

Work was ongoing in relation to Social Prescribing, although there remained extensive work to be undertaken in both the health sector and amongst the public to have the concept widely accepted.

18.LSP.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

18.LSP.12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be 18th January 2019.

(The meeting started at 9:00am and ended at 10:33am)

Signed
Chair

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