

KETTERING PARTNERSHIP

LSP EXECUTIVE BOARD

Meeting held: 19th July 2019

Present: Councillor Russell Roberts (Chair)
Councillors Ian Jelley and Lesley Thurland

Also Present: Martin Hammond (KBC)
Hazel Webb (KBC)
Sgt Rob Offord (Police)
Jane Houston (The Good Loaf)
Debbie Egan (CAB)
David Pope (Committee Administrator)

19.LSP.01 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Julie Trahern and Sean Silver.

19.LSP.02 MINUTES

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

19.LSP.03 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

19.LSP.04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

19.LSP.05 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

The board received an update in relation to the current position of local government reform in the county.

A presentation was provided by the Executive Director explaining the Secretary of State's (SoS) decision in relation to Local Government Reform in Northamptonshire that had been published on 14th May. The presentation outlined the next steps in the reform process, with the meeting noting that the only modification to the reform proposals was to alter the implementation date of the proposed unitary authorities so that the new councils would be fully operational from 1st April 2021.

It was noted that this decision was subject to the parliamentary legislative process and the establishment of a Children's Trust spanning the two unitary authorities. It was anticipated that the final version of the Structural Change Order would be ready around November 2019 with a six-month gap required to elections in May 2020.

With new unitary authorities due to commence from 1st April 2021, budgets and Council Tax levels would need setting in February 2021.

Details were provided of programmed governance, phases and workstreams that would be undertaken as part of the local government reform. Members also noted that an informative prospectus was being created for publication.

The meeting noted that it was very important that the voluntary sector be included as an equal partner with representation to assist in shaping future arrangements in the county.

The board also noted that current Service Level Agreements between KBC and the third sector were due to expire in 2021 and consideration would need to be given as to the future of these.

19.LSP.06 THE GOOD LOAF

Jane Houston from The Good Loaf attended and provided an overview of the work of the organisation.

The meeting heard that the concept behind the organisation had formed three years previously in Northampton as a social business aiming to provide real employment opportunities to vulnerable local women whilst breaking the cycle of poverty, unemployment and offending. By working through structured work placements female offenders gained practical skills and experience in a real work environment. The Good Loaf team was made up of paid staff, volunteers and women on work placements working together to produce the finest bread and

baked products while remaining committed to improving the lives of those involved.

Three years on from the initial bakery in Northampton, the organisation had received recognition from the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Ministry of Justice for its work and had received a significant amount of funding allowing it to expand its reach to include Kettering with effect from February 2019.

The meeting heard that the six-week work programmes on offer to women taking part in the scheme covered topics including employability, volunteering, healthy-eating and money management. These programmes were undertaken in partnership with two external agencies, Aim Higher and First for Wellbeing to assist in building relationships and offering support to the women. At the conclusion of the programme there was an opportunity to apply to become a community volunteer with the Good Loaf. From that point, any profit made from the business would be transferred into paid hours for volunteers to assist in the steps towards obtaining employment outside of the scheme.

The board noted that domestic abuse (DA) group work would be commencing in September in association with the Sunflower Centre and a DA worker from Voice.

A total of three programme cycles had been completed in Kettering to date and there were still several women from the first cycle still involved in the scheme as employees and volunteers.

Jane was thanked for her attendance and the positive work of the Good Loaf.

19.LSP.07 PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

The meeting noted that the annual partnership conference was scheduled to be held in September.

Details were provided that outlined the proposed agenda for the conference with an overall theme focussing on partnership working.

The initial sessions would examine the benefits, challenges and aspirations of strategic partnerships, with key speakers from Kettering Futures Partnership, the LSP board and the Community Safety team

The second session would be Partnerships in Action, focussing on three areas;

- Hospital Discharge Scheme organised by Age UK and Kettering General Hospital
- Dignity in Crisis Scheme operated between KCU and Greenpatch
- Beat the Street scheme.

The conference would receive an update on Public Sector Reform before concluding with an interactive session examining partnership opportunities going future. A facilitator for that session was still being sought.

It was agreed that, if possible, the chief constable could be the key note speaker, and he should be invited to talk on partnership working and the restructure of the force.

19.LSP.08 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (CSP)

It was heard that the final Kettering CSP meeting had been held in June with the new North Northants CSP due to commence from August.

Details were provided of three Domestic Homicide Reviews commissioned by the CSP, with all three having highlighted a need for additional support for victims earlier in their contact with health, police and social care service providers.

The meeting noted a rise in the discovery of cannabis factories in Kettering, which was replicated throughout the county. A piece of work was currently being undertaken to contact and advise property owners whose premises were potentially of interest to such growers.

The board heard that two vacancies on the Neighbourhood Policing Team in Kettering had attracted five applications from officers and it was hoped that these positions would be filled shortly.

19.LSP.09 KETTERING FUTURES PARTNERSHIP (KFP)

The meeting heard that the KFP was currently focussed on three strands of work, one of which was job-shadowing of partner organisations.

The number of partner organisations taking part in job-shadowing had increased by three to approximately 15, with feedback forms amended and to be evaluated as part of the second round of shadowing opportunities.

It was reported that originally there had been a wish to undertake a “soft” roll-out of the customer-facing KFP website, however it had been decided to ask KFP board members to test the website and report their findings at the next board meeting. It was now hoped to present the site at the Partnership Day on 5th November prior to its public launch.

The service portfolio offer to schools had seen recent positive successes with Kettering Science Academy requesting 13 sessions and Kettering Business Academy a further two sessions.

The Universal Credit (UC) Forum had been set up with three meetings held to date. The Citizen’s Advice Bureau was the forum lead and a number of issues facing UC claimants had been identified that would form the basis of pieces of work going forward.

It was reported that the transition to a North Northants Futures Partnership was taking longer as a result of the delay in Local Government Reform in the county. However, a provisional board protocol and Terms of Reference for the partnership had been produced, with preparatory meetings held with the leader of East Northamptonshire District Council.

Following the recent fire at Regent Street consideration had been given to disaster protocols and how the voluntary sector was included within them. Contact had been made with the Safety and Resilience Partnership with representatives set to attend the next board meeting to ensure that responses to any future disasters locally were as robust, effective and encompassing as they could be.

A working group had been created to ascertain whether more could be done to tackle mental health issues in a more joined up manner by looking at additional training needs and prevention work. A session would be held at the Partnership Day on 5th November to seek partner organisation’s views. The Partnership Day would review work undertaken by the KFP to date and explore new areas of work suggested by partner organisations.

19.LSP.10 VOLUNTARY SECTOR UPDATE

A written update had been circulated by email to all members of the board in the absence of Sean Silver.

19.LSP.11 HEALTH AND WELLBEING FORUM UPDATE

It was reported that of the three bids made by the forum for Public Health funding two had been successfully obtained totalling around £100,000 to support the Beat the Street and Holiday Ranger projects.

The Beat the Street project aimed to get people outside and active and would commence in September, focussed mainly on Kettering town centre. The Holiday Ranger project would start for the summer holidays covering a total of 16 sessions until May 2020 with additional funding obtained from the Big Lottery.

Both projects would be closely monitored through a forum Task and Finish Group with feedback provided to Public Health.

Details were provided of future speakers at forum meetings, including the Assistant Programme Manager from the Northants Healthcare Partnership and the SRA for Health and Wellbeing later in the year.

Brief feedback was provided in relation to the recent Health and Wellbeing Festival held on 22nd and 23rd June. The festival had been well received from both stall holders and visitors alike and there were plans to run another similar event in 2020.

19.LSP.12 AOB

None

19.LSP.13 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting was scheduled to be Friday 17TH January 2020.

(The meeting started at 9:00am and ended at 10:55am)

Signed

Chair

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