

NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE ISLAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD IN THE VICTORIA ROOM AT NORTHWOOD HOUSE, COWES, ISLE OF WIGHT ON 14 JULY 2009, COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM

Voting Members Present:

The Ven. Caroline Baston	Chair, Island Church Leaders' Forum
Cllr Dawn Cousins	Chair, Health and Wellbeing Board
Brian Friend	Chair, Economic and Environment Partnership Board
Richard Priest	Chair, Rural Community Council
Cllr David Pugh	Chair, ISP Board / Leader of the IWC
Sue Wadsworth	Chair, Isle of Wight Children's Trust

Non-voting/Ex Officio Members Present:

Michael Bulpitt	Chief Executive, Rural Community Council / Chair, ISP Executive
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Observers Present:

Andrea McCallum	Area Manager, SEEDA (deputising for Kathy Slack)
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Also in attendance:

Astrid Davies	Strategic Manager: Partnership, IWC
Jay Jayasundara	Highways PFI Programme Director, IWC
Linda Krywald	Audit Commission Lead for CAA (invitee)
Stuart Love	Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods, IWC

Apologies:

Steve Beynon	Chief Executive, IWC
Richard Day	Chair, IWALC
Cathy Evans	Government Office for the South East (GOSE) (Observer)
Danny Fisher	Chair, IW NHS
Kevin Flynn	Chief Executive – IW NHS
Barry Greenberry	Governor, HMP Isle of Wight
Richard Grogan	Chair, Environment Forum
The Revd Jonathan Hall	Rural Dean – West Wight
Kathy Slack	Area Director of SEEDA (Observer) – deputy attended
Dr Jenifer Smith	Director of Public Health and Chief Medical Adviser - IW NHS
Chief Supt. David Thomas	Isle of Wight Police Commander

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The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that following the elections in June and the Annual Council meeting, the membership and agenda for the ISP Board remained largely the same, providing continuity for the Island.

**1. Minutes of the previous meeting – 3 March 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held on [3 March 2009](#) were agreed subject to ratification at the next ISP Board meeting on 10 September 2009.

The following updates were received:

Item 1 on page 1, minutes of the previous meeting under Protocols for External Scrutiny; the Board was informed of the revised scrutiny arrangements for the Isle of Wight Council.

Item 2 on page 3, LPSA2 Q1, Q2 and Q3 (Appendix B), the resolution stated that a report about Reward Money would be submitted to the ISP Board meeting on 14 July; on advice from GOSE this report would now be delayed to the next ISP Board meeting on 10 September 2009.

## **2. PFI Presentation**

The Board received a presentation from the Highways PFI Programme Director and the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods, IWC, explaining the background to the scheme, future milestones and the overall timescale. It was envisaged that work on the Island's roads would begin in September 2013. Although the PFI is an IWC programme, it affects all aspects of Island life for the next 30 years and, therefore, was agreed as a high shared priority.

During the discussion concerns were raised about ensuring the availability jobs for Island residents and the involvement of Island businesses. Engagement with the schools and colleges would also be vital in delivering the support for the Island's children and young people in order to maximise future employment opportunities. Discussions were currently being held regarding the possible recruitment of an additional resource to address this issue. The forthcoming Reward Grant funding terms were discussed as potential source for this resource.

The Board was advised that a detailed inventory of the Island's entire road and footpath assets would be provided for the future PFI contractor, which would assist in monitoring progress in future years.

Communications would also play an important role in raising awareness of the Highways PFI project and it was noted that the voluntary sector could also be used to provide access to every part of the community.

The Board was advised that the greatest risk to the PFI project was an early general election and it was therefore essential that the Outline Business Case be submitted in September 2009.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) THAT the ISP Board members would be ambassadors for the Highways PFI Project.
- (ii) THAT the ISP Executive be tasked with developing an integrated action plan for the ISP Board in support of the PFI implementation.
- (iii) THAT regular updates on the Highways PFI progress be received by the ISP Board.

## **3. Downturn Priorities**

The Board considered the update from the Partnership Boards. A sharp rise in unemployment and the numbers of 16 to 18 year olds not in employment or training had

been experienced during recent months and there were also concerns about domestic abuse and housing.

The Board sought to remind each of the Partnership Boards that economic recovery was a shared task. This would include job creation, support for local businesses, investment for the Island and supporting the unemployed.

During the debate it was suggested that the Partnership Boards should ensure integrated working and ideas, combining quality intelligence and strengths to focus on outcomes and impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the ISP Executive be asked to review the bullet points listed under each Partnership Board section of the report and build on each to develop joint approaches on such issues as PFI integration; tackling poverty; mitigating impact of the economic downturn on Isle of Wight businesses.

**4. Standing Item: Performance Update**

**(a) CAA Update**

Linda Krywald, the Audit Commission Lead for CAA, provided an oral update for the Board following the circulation of the Commission's latest thoughts on progress against priorities incorporated in the Sustainable Community Strategy. The Board was invited to provide more detailed comment regarding the issues contained in the report.

The Board was advised that the overall impact of the prison would require further investigation, although it was noted that the Isle of Wight NHS already experienced a significant impact on service.

The Chair of the Isle of Wight Children's Trust declared an interest as she also held a seat on the PCT Board.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) THAT the update report be noted.
- (ii) THAT Partnership Board Chairs contact the Strategic Manager: Partnership, IWC in order to facilitate meetings with Linda Krywald to inform future progress reports.

**(b) LAA Performance Management Framework**

The Board considered the draft framework, which would provide a structured approach for reporting and monitoring whilst providing better partnership working and clarity of ownership for delivery. The Board was informed that this work was being well received as good practice by peer partnerships in the south east.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Draft LAA Performance Management Framework be noted.

**(c) LAA2 End of Year Report (incorporating Q4)**

The Board considered the end of year report, which incorporated results from quarter 4. It was noted that there were a high number of indicators for which no end of year outturn could be determined. The results for each of the Partnership Boards were also reviewed and specific difficulties noted.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Draft LAA2 End of Year Report (incorporating Q4) be noted.

**(d) LPSA2 End of Year Report (incorporating Q4)**

The results of the LPSA were reviewed and particular challenges for the Island were highlighted. It was noted that whilst overall performance improved in the third year, the economic downturn had affected performance across all measures.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Draft LPSA2 End of Year Report (incorporating Q4) report be noted.

**5. ISP Self Assessment and Future Working**

Background information had been circulated to all ISP Board members following the ISP Executive meeting held on 7 July 2009, including an LSP Improvement Tool, to inform a discussion about future working.

During the debate issues around leadership, a clear structure and accountabilities were raised as well as commissioning and delivery activity. It was noted that joint funding had been secured for a joint piece of work with a focus on getting closer to residents. This work would also link with indicators and provide an opportunity to identify areas for improvement. Faith groups in particular were identified as being available to assist with this, perhaps with hosting meetings.

The Board was also advised of some potential additional funding from the IESE, which was available for community engagement projects. The Partnership Board Co-ordinators Group had been tasked with looking at 8 potential projects and the Partnership Board Chairs were also asked for comment.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) THAT the ISP Executive's recommendations for improved partnership working across the Island be endorsed. Specifically, there should be an increased emphasis on the Partnership Boards as the key delivery mechanism of the ISP and that delivery should focus on specific projects and priorities, focusing on addressing them on a neighbourhood/geographic basis wherever possible to build local networks and encourage stronger local communities.
- (ii) THAT information regarding the criteria for funding from the IESE be circulated to all Partnership Board Chairs.

## **6. Smoke Free Island**

The Board reviewed the tobacco control agreement, which included values, an overarching vision and provided details of the Island's coalition partners. The Coalition would be chaired by the Director of Public Health and reports would be received by the ISP Board via the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Board was advised that the Island had particular problems with young people who smoke and this was one of the biggest challenges to Island health. A lot of work had already been undertaken to address this situation, but it was felt that with partners help the Island's children and young people could be further protected. Partners were asked to endorse and support the initiative.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (i) THAT the Smoke Free Island Agreement be endorsed and supported.
- (ii) THAT ISP Board Partners provide a written endorsement, outlining joint action to be taken, which would be co-ordinated as a co-signatory exercise.

## **7. Date of the next meeting**

The next ISP Board meeting would be held on Thursday, 10 September 2009 in Committee Room One at County Hall, Newport

CHAIRMAN