

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ISLAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON 24 NOVEMBER 2009, COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM

Voting Members Present:

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| Cllr Lodi Brand | IWALC Representative |
| Cllr Dawn Cousins | Chair, Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Danny Fisher | Chair, IW NHS |
| Brian Friend | Chair, Economic and Environment Partnership Board |
| Revd Brian Harley | Nominated Deputy for Caroline Baston |
| Supt Norman Mellors | Nominated Deputy for Chief Supt David Thomas, Chair, Crime and Disorder Reduction 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:

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| Dr Jenifer Smith | Director of Public Health and Chief Medical Adviser - IW NHS |
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Also in attendance:

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| Astrid Davies | Strategic Manager: Partnership, IWC |
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Apologies Received:

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| The Ven. Caroline Baston | Chair, Island Church Leaders' Forum |
| Steve Beynon | Chief Executive, IWC |
| Michael Bulpitt | Chief Executive, Rural Community Council |
| Cathy Evans | Government Office for the South East (GOSE) (Observer) |
| Kevin Flynn | Chief Executive, IW NHS PCT |
| Barry Greenberry | Governor, HMP Isle of Wight |
| Richard Grogan | Chair, Environment Forum |
| The Revd Jonathan Hall | Rural Dean – West Wight |
| Linda Krywald | Audit Commission Lead for CAA (invitee) |
| Chief Supt. David Thomas | Chair, Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Board/ Isle of Wight Police Commander |

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced the Revd Brian Harley and Supt Norman Mellors who were deputising for The Ven. Caroline Baston and Chief Supt David Thomas respectively. The Chairman also welcomed Linda Krywald and introduced Paul Chambers, both from the Audit Commission, who were attending for agenda item 3(a).

13. Minutes of the previous meeting

The notes of the meeting held on [10 September 2009](#) were reviewed and it was noted that The Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board, Cllr Cousins, had declared an interest as a member of the CAA Expert Advisory Committee and that the

Chair of the Children and Young People's Partnership Board, Sue Wadsworth, had included comments on the target for 'attainment' during her oral update.

RESOLVED:

THAT subject to the addition of Cllr Cousin's declaration of interest and Sue Wadsworth's comment on attainment, the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2009 were agreed.

Update on Roads PFI Scheme:

The Chairman informed the Board that the Roads PFI Scheme was progressing with the final decision expected in January 2010. Work was being undertaken with local businesses in order to make preparations. The PFI Project Manager had also been tasked with speaking to the Chamber of Commerce, schools and other partners to ensure that the new providers for the Island's secondary schools were fully informed.

Action:

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| 1. | An update to be requested from the PFI Project Manager and circulated to ISP Board members for information. | AD |
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14. Standing Items

(a) CAA Update

The final findings of the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) were presented by Linda Krywald and Paul Chambers of the Audit Commission with the following points being highlighted:

- Educational attainment would be monitored into next year, following an Ofsted red flag, although prospects for improvement had been taken into account and outcomes achieved for children would be tracked.
- Housing, a good overall performance had been achieved, although affordable housing would be monitored and discussions around rural housing would continue.
- Health inequalities needed further understanding, with delivery and impact being monitored.
- Health issue achievements in general were positive, particularly with child obesity, but performance around adult and children's mental health service would be monitored.
- Community safety, reflected a positive story, and although a green tag approach had been taken with drugs and rehabilitation initiatives, the Island had not achieved a Green Flag. Further investigation would be undertaken in order to understand what evidence would have produced a Green Flag in this area.

- Domestic Violence and less serious assaults were being monitored for development.
- The Island's older population was increasing and further understanding was necessary in order to address future service delivery and the impact of free care for the over-80s.
- Adult Community Learning achievements and performance had been noted and it was possible that Ofsted may want to monitor this further.
- Highways PFI Scheme had been identified as a residents' concern and therefore progress would be monitored.

The Board noted that Paul Chambers would be the Audit Commission Lead for the Island as from December 2009 and that the framework would be adjusted as a result of year one. Mr Chambers suggested that there were various gaps in the report, and that there was more to do in some areas, in particular more understanding around the Island's economy, rural issues and community cohesion.

Board members concerns about rural housing issues, affordable housing, provision for gypsies and travellers and the impact of the prison on health services. The Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board Chair advised that service costs were a prime concern and that work was currently being undertaken around the transformation agenda and budget. Further engagement with the voluntary sector and more joint commissioning with the PCT was being reviewed. In addition, housing in rural communities and affordable housing for young people was also constantly under review. The Board was also advised that a survey completed by gypsies and travellers had been undertaken and a report would be submitted to the Council's Cabinet in the near future.

The Chairman advised the Board that the current 'damping' worked against the Island's demographic profile, impacting on resources year on year. The Council would be monitoring the resources required for CAA work, ensuring that front-line services were not affected.

The Chair of the Children and Young People's Partnership Board declared an interest as she was also a member of the PCT Board and advised the ISP Board that a joint partnership day had recently been held with the CDRP, which had proved extremely useful.

The Board was informed that quarterly updates for the CAA should be available from the website as from next year.

RESOLVED:

- THAT ISP Partners provide comment on the CAA findings directly to the Audit Commission's Lead on CAA.
- THAT ISP Partners provide comment on the CAA process directly to the Strategic Manager, Partnerships for collation prior to forwarding to the Audit Commission's CAA Lead.

(b) LAA2 Summary Performance Report and Partnership Board Updates

The Chairman drew members' attention to the LAA2 Summary Report, which detailed progress with targets and priorities. Areas of achievement and concern had also been highlighted.

Childrens' Trust Partnership Board

The Partnership Board Chair provided an oral update confirming that the main challenges were safeguarding; attainment and narrowing the gap for the lowest achievers. The report also included the following points:

- The Safeguarding Partnership Day had been extremely successful, which highlighted practical opportunities for working together to improve outcomes.
- Obesity had shown success with reception age children, but remained below target for year 6. A workshop would be held in December.
- Achievement for level 4 and above had increased and had been the most improved in the country.
- Identified gaps with Key Stage 2 and free school meals.
- A reduction in the number of exclusions
- A reduction in youth offending sentences.
- Bullying issues – working closely with schools and encouraging Sentinel Reporting Programme. Working in partnership with the CDRP to address problems.
- Recruiting problems with CAMHS – reviewing the approach and targeting more effectively.
- Real drops in GCSE results this year resulting in a drop in attainment target, focussed work being undertaken to address this.
- Further discussions required regarding free school meals and Key Stage 4.

Economic and Environment Partnership Board

The Partnership Board Chair highlighted carbon emissions reduction, targets 185 to 189 as priorities and included the following points:

- Planning to adapt to climate change – doing well.
- Reduction of CO2 per capita – in danger of missing the targeted 4% per annum. A workshop had been held which resulted in suggestions for addressing this issue. Proposals identified were being investigated.
- A Carbon Manager had been appointed and a joint bid with the PCT for funding for Workplace Travel was being undertaken.
- Employment rate – behind on this target.
- Benefit working age people – behind on this target.
- Following a recent business survey, a degree of optimism had been identified although cash flow problems still existed, which would also have an impact on employment rates.

Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board

The Partnership Board Chair declared an interest as she was also a member of the Children's Trust Board. The update report included the following points:

- A cross-cutting meeting with the Children's Trust Board had been held to discuss maximising any joint actions.
- Governance arrangements for the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board had been revised.
- The Children and Families Group had been looking at vulnerability in the community and housing.
- Areas of achievement were transformation and greater choice and independence for service users.
- Affordable Homes – on target, but big issues remained about providing homes for people.
- Households in temporary accommodation – the 'Find a Home' scheme had been very successful. Dialogue with private landlords has supported a 'prevention' agenda. Current emphasis was on employment.
- Areas for attention:
 - quitting smoking initiative, prime concern was about young people smoking.
 - percentage of social care clients on self-directed support – additional training in progress.

A number of areas were being addressed through partnership working including the Young Carers Strategy developed with the PCT.

Work with the Transformation Board had been undertaken regarding personalised budgets and ensuring that this would be reflected in the health and wellbeing indicators.

Monthly reports were being received by the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board for Safeguarding Adults. Work was progressing, although further improvements were needed.

Crime and Reduction Partnership Board

The nominated deputy for the Partnership Board provided an oral update, which included the following points:

- The NEET figure was currently rising, which was causing concern.
- Domestic violence – concerns remain and actions were currently being identified. This would require collaborative work in the future. If police attended an incident, an arrest was made. Further family intervention and training was required to address this, which also required further resources.
- Violent crime rate had been reduced by 16% since last year (ABH represented 22% of all violent crime).
- Anti-social behaviour had reduced over the summer period following good partnership working, additional CCTV, the introduction of Street Pastors and working with Licensees.
- Criminal damage incidents had decreased by 12% over the summer.

- Anti-Bullying Strategy – the Island had the highest percentage of bullying in the UK. Good partnership work had been undertaken to address this. Further cross-cutting work was required on youth violence, domestic violence and helping young people to cope with this type of behaviour.
- A Young Persons Strategy to include a youth intervention programme could be developed, which would also support the anti-bullying work and tackle some of the issues of under-achievement.

The Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board advised that a Domestic Violence Forum had been established on the Island and the Hampton Trust had been commissioned to take the Chair. Links between domestic violence, safeguarding issues and family breakdown problems had been identified and a review had been undertaken around these issues as well as parenting skills. Funding streams were currently being sought.

It was noted that an alignment of budget cycles between partners would greatly assist and support joint working initiatives and future decision-making.

(c) ISP Shared Priorities:

- (i) Decision on themes to be chosen for 2010

The Board reviewed the report and discussed how the partnership could make a difference for residents by working together to focus on just a few things, but doing them really well. Funding available from the LPSA2 Reward Grant was likely to be approximately £1.25 million in total and it was envisaged that this could be best used to support other initiatives, i.e. used as 'seed' funding.

A discussion took place regarding the 7 options included in the report and the previously circulated criteria and how some options were inter-related with others. There was general agreement that working together to do things differently would make a difference and provide added value. It was also proposed that existing funding within partnership organisations should be included and used collectively with potential funding from the private sector being explored in order to augment the ISP 'pot'.

The ISP Board proposed that shorter-term objectives include alcohol misuse, domestic abuse and bullying issues, with longer-term objectives to include reducing the carbon footprint; better opportunities for better jobs and obesity.

RESOLVED:

- (a) THAT the ISP Executive be tasked with looking at shorter term objectives for alcohol misuse; domestic abuse and bullying, with longer term objectives for reducing the carbon footprint; better opportunities for better jobs and obesity to establish 3 key inter-related groups.

- (b) THAT the ISP Executive be tasked with investigating existing funding plus LPSA2 funding, which should be used as “seed” funding in order to achieve maximum impact.
 - (c) THAT potential private enterprise funds be explored and the existing strategy be reviewed.
 - (d) THAT the work be incorporated for the next financial year and be divided into shorter term and longer term projects.
 - (e) THAT dementia be revisited as an option for the future.
- (ii) Economic Downturn – joint approach to PFI intervention, tackling poverty, mitigating impact on IW businesses – Partnership Board Chairs.

The Economic and Environment Partnership Board Representative advised that the Eco Island Strategy was being refreshed to ensure that robust plans were in place to implement change and encourage inward investment, in order to support a real difference. The Highways PFI scheme also represented an opportunity for incorporating economic issues, particularly unemployment.

The Chairman advised members that discussions with WM Enterprise Consultants, the Council’s new partner for the Island’s economy, had taken place regarding renewable energy.

The Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board Representative advised that key issues were being addressed and progress had been made. Work on anti-poverty and financial exclusion had also been undertaken and there was a need to ensure that this work was not lost whilst the new joint priorities were being addressed.

The Children’s Trust Board Representative reported that issues around young people not in employment, education or training (NEET), looked after children, revenues and benefits would all be incorporated in the new joint activity areas.

The Crime and Reduction Disorder Partnership Board Chair advised that the CDRP would fully support the joint activity areas.

15. Date of the next meeting

The next ISP Board meeting would be held at 5.00 pm on Tuesday, 23 February 2010, venue to be advised.

CHAIRMAN