

MINUTES OF THE ISLAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD IN
COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON 3 MARCH 2009,
COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM

Present:

The Ven. Caroline Baston	Chair, Island Church Leaders' Forum
Cllr Dawn Cousins	Chair, Health and Wellbeing Board
Cllr Sarah Doran	Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils - Nominated Representative
Cathy Evans	Government Office for the South East (GOSE) – observer
Danny Fisher	Chair, IW NHS PCT
Brian Friend	Chair, Economic and Environment Partnership Board
Richard Grogan	Chair, Environment Forum
Andrea McCallum	Area Manager, SEEDA (deputising for Kathy Slack)
Richard Priest	Chair, Rural Community Council
Cllr David Pugh	Chairman, ISP Board / Leader of the IWC
Dr Jenifer Smith	Director of Public Health - IW NHS PCT
Chief Supt. David Thomas	Isle of Wight Police Commander
Sue Wadsworth	Chair, Isle of Wight Children's Trust

Also in attendance:

Steve Beynon	Chair, ISP Executive / Chief Executive IWC
Astrid Davies	Strategic Manager, ISP (IW Council)
Linda Krywald	Audit Commission Lead for CAA (invitee)
Sarah Mitchell	Director of Community Services

Apologies:

John Brownscombe	Eco-Island Programme Officer (invitee)
Michael Bulpitt	Chief Executive, Rural Community Council
Barry Greenberry	Governor Designate, HMP Isle of Wight
The Revd Jonathan Hall	Rural Dean – West Wight
Kathy Slack	Area Director of SEEDA (Observer) – deputy attended
Kevin Flynn	Chief Executive - IW NHS PCT
Cllr Diana Tuson	Representative for Safer and Stronger Partnership Board
Keith Woods	IWC Strategic Lead, Children's Trust

The Chairman welcomed Brian Friend, Chair of the Economic and Environment Partnership Board to his first ISP Board meeting and Andrea McCallum, Area Manager for SEEDA, who was deputising for Kathy Slack.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting – 26 November 2008

The minutes of the previous meeting had been reviewed and the following matters were raised:

Protocols for External Scrutiny

The Board was advised that the Council's Scrutiny Committee would be investigating each of the KDPs, beginning with the Children's Trust Partnership Board. In particular, the issues around Safeguarding Children and the revision of the 3 year programme, would be reviewed.

In addition, the Board was informed that the Authority had been invited to 'road-test' the revised OFSTED Inspection Framework, following the Baby P case.

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes for the ISP Board meeting held on [26 November 2008](#) were agreed.

2. Standing Item: Performance Update – Paper 2

CAA Update

The Chairman introduced Linda Krywald, the Audit Commission Lead for CAA, who provided an oral update for the Board.

The Board was advised that the CAA Framework had now been published and was available on the website. The outcome from the assessment was aimed at the public, and there would be a continuing dialogue about performance. New aspects of the CAA were a greater emphasis on sustainability, value for money, those made vulnerable by their circumstances and inequalities and diversity. There would also be a single score for the organisational use of resources and management assessment.

A list of priorities would be compiled for the Island and comments were invited from Board Members. This would be completed in September, with the report being written in October and published at the end of November 2009.

The CAA framework would become more detailed over time and might include such things as: access; the economy; tourism; community safety; community cohesion; the impact of the prisons on the Island; access to mental health; waste; housing; education and children's health.

It was proposed that a copy of the information and data held by the Audit Commission would be forwarded for background information.

Concerns were raised about the methodology used and the opportunity to challenge judgements at an appropriate time. The Board was advised that guidance notes would be published on the methodology with the outcomes being collectively decided by the inspectorates. There would be a formal review process for challenging 'red flags'.

RESOLVED:

- a) THAT the Board note the update report.
- b) THAT ISP Board Members provide comment for Linda Krywald regarding priority issues for the Island, via the IWC Strategic Manager for Partnerships.

LAA Q1, Q2 and Q3 2008/09 ([Appendix A](#))

The Board was advised that the information provided gave an outline for quarter 3, which showed a mixed result. The information was reviewed and in particular the performance results for smoking habits and affordable homes were highlighted. Other concerns raised were the targets around community safety, which did not reflect the Island as being a low crime rate area; the number of 16 to 18 year olds who were not in education or training and the core assessment of Children in Social Care.

LPSA2 Q1, Q2 and Q3 2008/09 ([Appendix B](#))

The LPSA2 programme was nearing the end of the three-year term. During discussion the Board noted the success of the GCSE target, as well as the disappointment of the Key Stage 2 target.

The Board was advised that the issue of the Reward Money would need further discussion and the ISP Executive would discuss this further at the meeting in April 2009. It was noted that the money would be received in two lots, the first towards the end of 2009/10 and the remainder in 2010/11. The ISP Executive would prepare a report for discussion at the next ISP Board meeting in July 2009.

RESOLVED:

THAT a report about Reward Money would be submitted to the ISP Board meeting on 14 July 2009.

Performance Summaries for each Partnership Board ([Appendix C](#))

The Partnership Board Chairs were invited to provide an oral update for the Board.

The Economic and Environment Partnership Board: The Board was informed that a Business Barometer measure had been taken involving fifty businesses on the Island. It appeared to demonstrate a resilience at the present time, although a future reduction in workforce was likely. A further measure would be taken in three months' time. A cross-partnership workshop had been held to review all major projects on the Island and to determine ways to assist progress. Some short term actions had been identified together with longer term goals which would include the capital programmes.

Children's Trust Partnership Board: A number of members had been identified to investigate underpinning factors of the economic downturn. In addition, the success of the work undertaken around the target for Chlamydia was highlighted. The Board was advised that a consultation was currently being undertaken on the new Children and Young People's Plan, which was available on the website. A formal invitation was extended to all members to take part in this consultation process.

Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Board: the Board was reminded of the strategic priorities which were: violent crime; burglary; criminal damage and Sandown as a geographic area. The results of the last quarter's performance had been encouraging, although it was anticipated that during the economic downturn domestic violence and arson might well increase. New ways of addressing youth crime were also being investigated with partners, which included a consultation exercise undertaken live on radio.

Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board: the Board was advised that the recent Partnership Boards' workshop had proven to be very useful. It was envisaged that linking up to discuss cross cutting issues would be a key facet of success for the future. Working being undertaken jointly with Health partners had resulted in the establishment of a joint dementia team, with people being supported to live independently in their own homes. Work on `housing had included providing good debt advice at an early stage as well as delivering affordable homes. Additional work on affordable homes and aspects of social care had been undertaken jointly with the third sector and a report would be submitted to the ISP Board in due course.

The Board noted that Workplans for each of the KDPs, informed by the LAA, would be available shortly. These would be reviewed at the next ISP Board meeting and it was envisaged that the ISP Executive be tasked to assist delivery. Members were also advised that the Partners Co-ordinators Group was undertaking some cross-cutting work on smoking and alcohol issues.

RESOLVED:

THAT a report regarding priority cross-cutting issues be submitted to the next ISP Board meeting on 14 July 2009.

LAA Refresh

The Board was advised that some of the education targets would be discussed further with the National Strategy Team and noted that the relationship and process between the IWC and GOSE had been productive.

3. Rural Issues, the Rural Forum and the ISP: Targets and Issues

An update report had been circulated together with further information about the draft Rural Proofing document. The Board was advised that the Island had been identified as 84% rural, which resulted in problems around access, isolation, abuse and poverty. The document identified 8 National Indicators to be addressed:

- Number of children in poverty
- People with a long-term condition supported to be independent and in control of their condition.
- Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carers service or advice and information
- People supported to live independently through social services (all adults)
- Working age population on out of work benefits
- Number of affordable homes delivered
- Median Earnings of employees in the area
- Access to services by public transport.

It was noted that partner agencies would gather more evidence around these areas and that capacity building funding might be available to assist the process.

RESOLVED:

THAT a progress report be submitted to the ISP Board later in the year.

4. Sustainable Communities Act

The Board was advised that a report would be taken to IWC Cabinet at the end of March 2009, which would detail the principles of the Act. In particular, the Act included engagement with local people and the possible establishment of a Citizen's Forum. However, it was noted that such a forum could not include town and parish councillors since democratically elected people would not be eligible.

Members discussed the possibility that a Citizens Forum could form an additional arm to the ISP, providing a challenging role as well as a portal for processing ideas and concerns emanating from local communities. The possibilities would be explored further and a report brought forward later in the year.

RESOLVED:

THAT a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the ISP Board.

5. Economic Downturn: the ISP response

The Board was advised that the ISP Executive would contribute to the debate about procurement issues and barriers. It was noted that the Learning and Skills Council and Jobcentre Plus were supporting individuals experiencing redundancy and providing 'Start Up' information.

During discussion concern was raised about the number of empty shops across the Island, which may have an adverse effect on the community. This could be included in the investigation of the economic downturn.

RESOLVED:

THAT a report on the economic downturn be submitted to the April meeting of the ISP Executive.

6. Items for Information

- (a) Feedback on Informal Meeting with the Scrutiny Committee

The informal meeting had been a useful exercise.

7. Date of the next meeting

The next ISP Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, 14 July 2009 at 5.00 pm. The venue would be confirmed nearer the date.

CHAIRMAN