

Feedback from the Place Board and Public Services Resources Board.

This item is for (delete as appropriate):

Information Discussion Decision

Summary

The Stockport Board, at its last meeting, agreed to adopt a standing agenda item consisting of feedback from the Chairs of the Place Board and Public Services Resources Board. This report contains written feedback to support verbal updates offered by the Chairs.

Desired outcome:

- Stockport Board better understands and has closer oversight of the work of the Place Board and PSRB;
- Stockport Board commissions follow-up actions from these boards as appropriate.

Stockport Board

23 May 2011

Report of: Chair of Place Board
(Chief Executive, SMBC) & Chair of
PSRB (Finance Director, SMBC)

Agenda item 3

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Introduction

1. The Stockport Board, at its meeting on 21 February 2011, as the accountable body for the Place Board and Public Services Resources Board (PSRB), agreed to adopt a standing agenda item consisting of feedback from the Chairs of these Boards.
2. This approach is intended to help all partners better understand the unique role of the three strategic partnerships and to provide a framework within which these partnerships add value to each other's work, reducing the risk of duplication. Specifically, the intention is for the work of the Place Board and PSRB to be:
 - Communicated to partners more broadly, so that new opportunities can be explored, problems can be resolved and innovations and best practice can be scaled up and shared more quickly; and
 - Synthesised, where appropriate, into a more coherent strategic picture, and linked more closely to the priorities and focus of the Stockport Board.
3. This report contains written feedback to support verbal updates offered by the Chairs of the Place Board and PSRB.
4. Full sets of papers for both Boards can be requested from the Partnership Office on 0161 474 3176 / jane.edmondson@stockport.gov.uk
5. Partners on the Stockport Board are invited to discuss and comment on this feedback and the issues raised, and to commission follow-up actions from the Place Board and PSRB as appropriate.

Place Board feedback

6. The Place Board exists to develop effective and sustainable practice whereby the life chances experienced by residents in Stockport's priority communities, and identified in the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy, are tackled and improved.
7. The Place Board has established **Neighbourhood Management Boards** (NMB) in Stockport's four Priority 1 areas: Brinnington; Adswold and Bridgehall; Offerton; and Lancashire Hill, Heaton Norris and the Town Centre (LHHNTC). These Boards bring together those services and organisations that have the resources to respond to the major issues in an area to ensure that the right actions are delivered, in line with the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy, in the most effective way, at the right time and for the right people.

8. The Place Board has met twice since the previous meeting of the Stockport Board in February 2011. The meetings and their related discussions are described below.

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9. The Place Board discussed developments with Act Family and the appointment of Stockport Homes as the managing partner for the work. They received an update on the development of Community Budgets, which raised, amongst other issues, the need to work closely with the Public Services Resources Board to develop this work. Following this the group discussed the Transforming Justice Community Budget project operating across Greater Manchester and its relevance in Stockport's Priority 1 areas, particularly the potential to link with the Spotlight Integrated Offender Management team.
10. The Board agreed proposals to allocate Performance Reward Grant (PRG) revenue funds totalling £150,000 from the 'Tackling Inequalities' project towards work in Brinnington, Central and Offerton areas, and received updates from Chairs of NMB on work in their areas.

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11. The Board principally discussed proposals from the Chairs of NMB to re-focus the work and membership of the Place Board in order to better achieve its aims and objectives. The discussion drew in particular on the views of those colleagues leading on themes within the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and was supported by a presentation, which is embedded here for information, and by the paper on coordinating strategic partnerships that is enclosed with this agenda at Item 6.



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12. The group also received an update on progress with Act Family, which is expected to begin delivering services from July, and on work being progressed in the Priority 1 areas.

Public Services Resources Board feedback

13. The PSRB exists to develop a partnership approach to optimising the use of public resources in the Borough on behalf of the Stockport Partnership. It is currently undertaking substantial pieces of work to develop a partnership estates strategy and a partnership Local Information System.
14. The PSRB has met once since the last meeting of the Stockport Board.

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15. The PSRB discussed the need to better coordinate strategic partnership working (in line with the paper at Item 6 on this agenda). The group then discussed the request of the Stockport Board that, going-forward, the PSRB oversee the distribution of the remaining PRG capital funds, totalling £325,000, and agreed that, rather than instigating a further bidding round, the Board would itself seek out a smaller number of projects that would add value to the Partnership's wider workplan and priorities. The intention behind this decision was to reduce the time and cost involved in orchestrating a bidding round and monitoring the resulting funded projects and to ensure that the limited resource was spent in a strategic and proportionate manner. The Board confirmed that any decisions on future expenditure would be made with the involvement of all partners on the PSRB and would be reported back to the Stockport Board in a timely manner.
16. The PSRB then discussed progress with its two principle projects:
17. The Local Information System (LIS) project is progressing well in its aim to reduce the cost, and increase the quality, of information management between partners.
18. **Funding of £20,000 of PRG capital was sought** in order to procure hardware to create a central datastore for the Partnership. This would create efficiencies in the future, for example by better providing information to underpin statutory needs assessments, such as the JSNA, or Equalities Impact Assessments. The hardware would also act as the infrastructure for a new public facing information platform.
19. **The request was approved** subject to Partners agreeing, via a protocol, which data sets and information they would contribute to the LIS.
20. The Partnership Estates Strategy was previously discussed at the Stockport Board on 21 February. The PSRB accepted the work that the Stockport Board had commissioned from it and from the Partnership Estates Group. Work to apply the learning from NPS Stockport's *Project Catalyst* Report had been taken forward with Neighbourhood Managers from Priority 1 areas as requested. In addition, the PSRB discussed the vision and strategic principles for a partnership estates strategy and agreed to refocus the work of the Partnership Estates Group on piloting a new approach to estates in a limited area. In line with Stockport Board's commission this work will be further developed and reported back over the coming months.