

STOCKPORT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Meeting: 2 February 2010

At: 2.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Dave Goddard - Leader of Stockport Council (Chair)
Jane Ball - Stockport NHS Trust
Councillor Stuart Bodsworth - Environment Partnership
Chief Superintendent Rebekah Sutcliffe - Greater Manchester Police
Mike Greenwood - NHS Stockport
Jim Lunney – Stockport Housing Partnership
Judith Faux - Stockport CVS
Lynn Merilion – Stockport Learning & Skills Partnership
John Schultz - Chief Executive, Stockport Council
Donna Sager - Stockport Children's Trust
Carol Morrison – Stronger Communities Partnership
Cllr John Pantall - Health & Well-being Partnership

Also in attendance

Laureen Donnan - Assistant Chief Executive, Stockport Council
Jo Foskett - Partnership Manager, Stockport Council
Craig Ainsworth – Head of Area Governance & Partnerships, Stockport Council
Steve Houston - Corporate Director, Business Services, Stockport Council
Steve Burns - Head of Regeneration & Leisure, Stockport Council
Anna Ruscoe – Recruitment Manager, Stockport Council
Vincent Fraga – Head of Modernisation (Adult Services), Stockport Council
Sally Pearson – GONW

Apologies for absence

Barry O'Conner - Stockport Economic Alliance
Steve Fisher - Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Authority/Safer Stockport Partnership
Andrew Webb - Stockport Children's Trust
Margaret Brade - Stronger Communities Partnership

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 8 December 2009 were approved as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT

Laureen Donnan submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Partnership Board on the statutory city-region Better Life Chances pilot and the development of Neighbourhood Management governance arrangements.

RESOLVED – (1) That the establishment of a Neighbourhood Management Board as a sub-group of the Stockport Partnership, reporting to this Partnership Board be endorsed.

(2) That the Terms of Reference included at appendix 1 and the associated governance arrangements as detailed in section 3 and 4 of the report, and summarised in appendix 2 be endorsed.

4. PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT

Steve Houston and Laureen Donnan submitted a joint report (copies of which had been circulated) reminding the Partnership Board that a sum of around £6.6m (£3.3m revenue and £3.3m capital) would be received in two tranches, one during the latter part of 2009/10 and the second during 2010/11 in respect of the Performance Reward Grant. After taking account of advance allocations made by the Board the net available was £5.4m (£2.3m revenue and £3.1m capital).

The report invited the Partnership Board to consider submissions put forward by thematic partnerships to enable the Partnership Board to agree the Round 2 allocation in accordance with the previously agreed principles, process and priorities.

The Chair submitted (copies of which were circulated) a shortlist of proposed schemes.

RESOLVED (1) - That approval be give to the following schemes totalling £2m to be funded from the Performance Reward Grant:

		£K	£K	£K
Ref	Proposed activity	Total	Rev	Cap
Environment				
EP1	Carbon Reduction Programme:	200	160	40
EP6	Recycling litter bins	80	0	80
EP5	Street cleaning stewards	80	80	
EP7	Community Orchard	50		50
	Total:	410	240	170
Children				
CT1	Restorative Approaches	5	5	0

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CT2	Behaviour Support Centre	70	50	20
CT3	Managed Pupil Transfer	25	25	0
	Total:	100	80	20
Adult, Education Skills				
AESEP2	Employment and skills outreach advisers	85	85	0
AESEP3	Employment advisers	90	90	0
AESEP6	Learner Lounges	45	0	45
	Total:	220	175	45
Economic				
EA1	Enterprise Base in Brinnington	50	0	50
EA2	Small Business Loan Scheme	40	0	40
EA3	Intensive Support	50	50	0
EA6	Vacant shops	50	50	0
EA7	Christmas lights & events	60	60	0
	Total:	250	160	90
Health & Well-being				
HWP1	User led organisations	139	139	0
	Total:	139	139	0
Stronger				
SCP1	Infrastructure support for the third sector	108	108	0
	Total:	108	108	0
Safer				
SSP1	Community Confidence Co-ordinators	120	120	0
SPP2	Stockport Safe	40	40	0

SSP3	CCTv upgrade	200	0	200
SSP4	Alleygating Edgeley	100	0	100
SSP5	Home security	40	0	40
	Total:	500	160	340
Neighbourhood Management				
NMB	Tackling Inequalities	273	123	150
	Total:	273	123	150
	GRAND TOTAL	2000	1185	815
	Total available	2000		
	To allocate	0		
Part funding of multipul year schemes - to be funded from future rounds subject to satisfactory performance				
EP5	Street cleaning stewards - year 3	40	40	
AESEP3	Employment advisers - year 2	90	90	
SCP1	Infrastructure support for the third sector - year 3	54	54	

(2) That a programme entry process be followed with each scheme before activity and expenditure commence.

5. COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESMENT

Lauren Donnan reported that discussions had commenced with Audit Commission in respect of the process for the 2010 Comprehensive Area assessment, a different approach than in previous years be adopted. The intention was that the Stockport Partnership would have the opportunity to respond to issues raised on a quarterly basis.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Laureen Donnan submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Partnership Board to review the existing governance arrangements and the relationship between the Stockport Partnership with associated thematic boards. The report also proposed arrangements to enhance the democratic accountability and decision making process of the Partnerships through the Council's Scrutiny Committees.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to the proposed governance arrangements proposed in section 3.1 of the report.

(2) That the terms of reference of the Council's Scrutiny Committees together with thematic partnerships which report to them be circulated to members of the Partnership Board for information.

7. FUTURE JOBS FUND

Steve Burns submitted a report of the Service Director (Regeneration) Stockport Council (copies of which had been circulated) informing the Partnership Board of the intention to deliver 500 paid employment opportunities across the public sector in Stockport for long term unemployed people (claiming JSA for 6-12 months) aged 18-24, and other long term benefit claimants as part of the Future Jobs Fund Initiative. Those employed would be paid National Minimum Wage, and will receive structured training and personal development support as part of their 35 hour working week (which could be negotiated down to a minimum of 25 hours per week). These jobs must all be additional to existing vacancies and there was no expectation that the employment would continue beyond the 6 months, but the individuals would be supported with job search assistance for longer term employment.

The Council would administer the scheme and provide support with developing job descriptions, recruitment payroll, organising training and personal development support, as well as liaison with Jobcentre Plus and the Greater Manchester programme management team.

RESOLVED – (1) That Partners be encouraged to consider opportunities to provide employment under the Future Jobs Fund Scheme.

(2) That there should be a commitment to offer at least one placement within the 22 schemes to be funded from the Performance Reward Grant (see minute 4 above)

8. ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Vince Fraga submitted a report of the Stronger Communities Partnership (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Partnership Board to comment the draft community engagement strategy prior to the document being adopted by the Board.

The following comments were made:

- The Strategy should be more explicit about how the Stockport Partnership would engage with "hard to reach" groups
- There was a need to adopt different approaches in different communities within Stockport

- Engagement needed to be meaningful not just a “tick box” exercise or consultation with those already “engaged”
- It would have been helpful to show the Performance Indicators by priority areas

There was a need to work up the performance framework of the strategy to evaluate the “outcomes” as the Performance Indicators in themselves did not provide a true indication of whether the public felt “engaged” in local decision making that was making a difference.

RESOLVED – (1) That the vision, statements of commitment, principles and strategic objectives in the strategy, set out in section 3 of the report be approved.

(2) That the draft community engagement strategy on behalf of the wider partnership, be adopted, subject to the above comments.

9. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT UPDATE

Jo Foskett reported Stockport’s Annual Review was based on performance up to the 2nd Quarter 2009/10 and was agreed with Government Office on 12 January 2010 and formed part of a wider regional submission to CLG for the North West. The second stage was the “refresh”, which allowed certain eligible Local Area Agreement Designated targets to be revised through negotiation with Government Office. Local Area Agreement Review meetings had been arranged with the lead officers for each Thematic Partnership to take place during February and March 2010. The Local Area Agreement would be formally approved and adopted by the Council’s Executive on 15 March 2010 in line with statutory requirements.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The Chair reported that the Appointments Committee had recommended to the Council Meeting that the post of Chief Executive be offered to Eamonn Boylan, currently Deputy Chief Executive and Director of New Ventures and Partnerships at the Homes and Communities Agency.

Members of the Partnership Board paid tribute to Mr Schultz for his support and commitment to the Stockport Partnership.

In addition he reported that the Paul Rubinstein, currently a Corporate Director with Newcastle City Council had been appointed Service Director, Regeneration.

The Chair invited members of the Partnership Board to attend the “Proud of Stockport” Awards on 11 February 2010.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED - That the following date for a future meeting be noted:-

Wednesday 26 May 2010 - 2.00pm
Wednesday 25 August 2010 - 2.00pm
Monday 22 November 2010 - 2.00pm
Monday 21 February 2011 - 2.00pm

The meeting closed at 3.33 pm