

STOCKPORT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Meeting: 15 September 2009

At: 2.30 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Dave Goddard - Leader of Stockport Council (Chair)
Jane Ball - Stockport NHS Trust
Councillor Stuart Bodsworth - Environment Partnership
Margaret Brade - Stronger Communities Partnership
Steve Fisher - Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Authority/Safer Stockport Partnership
Chief Superintendent Mark Granby - Greater Manchester Police
Mike Greenwood - Stockport Primary Care Trust
Jim Lunney – Stockport Housing Partnership
Lynn Merilion – Stockport Learning & Skills Partnership
Councillor John Pantall - Health & Well Being Partnership
John Schultz - Chief Executive, Stockport Council
Andrew Webb - Children's Trust

Also in attendance

Steve Burns - Head of Regeneration, Stockport Council
Councillor Sue Derbyshire - Stockport Council
Laureen Donnan - Assistant Chief Executive, Stockport Council
Joanna Foskett, - Partnership Manager, Stockport Council
James Foster - Audit Commission
Steve Fox - Principal Democratic Services Officer, Stockport Council
Steve Houston - Corporate Director, Business Services, Stockport Council
Sally Pearson - Government Officer North West
Ann Riley - Audit Commission
Maureen York - Ofsted

Apologies for absence

Dave Kirwan - Stronger Communities Partnership
Pat McGough - Stockport CVS
Barry O'Conner - Economic Alliance
Richard Popplewell - Stockport Primary Care Trust

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 23 June 2009 were approved as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTES OF THE PSCCB

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2009 be noted.

4. MANAGING PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE

(a) Quarter 1 Performance

Jo Foskett submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an overview of the Stockport Partnership's performance against the Local Area Agreement and Community Strategy during the 1st quarter, April to June 2009.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

(b) Performance Reward Grant

Steve Houston submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Partnership on the outcome of the first Local Area Agreement which came to an end in March 2009. The Performance Reward Grant will be paid in two instalments over the financial years 2009/10 and 2010/11 and will be split 50:50 revenue to capital. He explained that meetings had been held with representatives of the Thematic Partnerships and that each representative had been asked to make a presentation to the Stockport Partnership Board outlining the progress made by each partnership over the last year, highlighting key current and future issues, risks and opportunities making particular reference to those areas which would benefit from Performance Reward Grant investment.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted

(c) Reports of Thematic Partnership

Representatives of the Thematic Partnership circulated information and made short presentations identifying key current issues, risks and opportunities and issues for the future which would benefit from Performance Reward Grant Investment. The following issues were identified as areas of potential investment:-

Children's Trust

- i. Addressing problems associated with worklessness
- ii. Engaging with families/ Early intervention
- iii. Further investment for the Safeguarding Children

Learning & Skills Partnership

- i. The development of 'non-qualification activity' in priority areas
- ii. Greater awareness of the changing skills of local residents coming out of recession
- iii. Further work on employment/worklessness issues reflecting economic circumstances and priorities at local, sub regional and national level
- iv. Developing and supporting the Stockport Employment Plan

Economic Alliance

- i. Addressing the economic downturn
- ii. Town and district centre regeneration
- iii. Developing skills and the worklessness agenda
- iv. Promoting/supporting entrepreneurs and helping small businesses to develop and strengthen.

Health & Wellbeing Partnership

- i. Problems associated with Alcohol abuse which affect a number of the Partnerships
- ii. The Downturn in the Economy - the effect of unemployment on physical and mental health
- iii. Impact of the Section 75 agreement
- iv. Boosting the economy and developing/refining skill sets

Stronger Communities

- i. Further investment in Neighbourhood Renewal and building on work carried out in respect to Community Engagement.
- ii. Potential replacements for the Adswood & Bridgehall and Brinnington Partnerships
- iii. Economic downturn/ Debt advice.

Safer Stockport Partnership

- i. Serious Inquisitive Crime/ Impact of the recession/ Insecurities/ Reducing serious violent crime
- ii. Drawing on , encouraging and expanding the use of volunteers
- iii. Problems associated with Alcohol abuse
- iv. Support for Neighbourhood Inspectors through the recruitment of dedicated officers in the Community Safety Unit

Environment Partnership

- i. Reducing Carbon emissions in the Borough
- ii. Reducing the Consumption of natural resources that lead to waste
- iii. Improving the cleanliness of local neighbourhoods

RESOLVED - (1) That the suggested principles as detailed in the report be adopted in order to guide the future allocation of the Performance Reward Grant.

(2) That the utilisation of the Performance Reward Grant be done as soon as practicably possible.

(3) That the Service Director, Business Services and the Partnership Manager be requested to submit a report to the December meeting of the Partnership responding the key issues raised by each of the Thematic Partnerships and identifying proposals for initial allocation of the Performance Reward Grant.

5. PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE

Jo Foskett submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing proposed developments to LAA Governance for the Board's endorsement and to comment where further development could strengthen the Partnership. Specifically the report suggested the creation of a Partnership 'Co-ordinating' Group and detailed its potential membership.

RESOLVED –That representatives of the Stockport Partnership be requested to provide the Partnership Manager with any comments of the proposals by Friday 18 September 2009.

6. PARTNERSHIP FORUM

It was agreed that further information concerning this item would be circulated outside of the meeting.

7. COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT

James Foster and Ann Riley (Audit Commission) and Maureen York (Ofsted) attended the meeting and updated the Partnership on the projected outcomes of the Comprehensive Area Assessment. James reported that the initial draft report would be circulated at the end of September, official notification would be sent on 19 October 2009 and that the final report would be published on 10 December 2010.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

8. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

John Schultz reported that copies of the Place Survey report would be circulated to members of the Partnership prior to the Partnership Forum.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED - That the following dates for future meetings be noted:-

8 December 2009 - 2.00pm

2 March 2010 - 2.00pm

The meeting closed at 5.24 pm