

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSIONERS' CO-ORDINATING BOARD

Meeting: 17 September 2008

At: 2.00 pm

PRESENT

John Schultz - Chief Executive, Stockport Council (Chair) in the chair.

Heather Edwards - Service Director (Finance), Business Services, Stockport Council

Ged Lucas – Corporate Director, Adults & Communities and Deputy Chief Executive, Stockport Council

Richard Popplewell - Chief Executive, Stockport Primary Care Trust

Chief Superintendent Neil Wain, J Division, Greater Manchester Police

Andrew Webb - Corporate Director, Children & Young People

Also in attendance

Steve Fox - Principal Democratic Service Officer, Stockport Council

Louise Richardson - Head of Policy and Scrutiny, Stockport Council

Apologies for absence

Marie Gillott - Jobcentre Plus

Steve Houston – Corporate Director, Business Services, Stockport Council

Christine Troughton - Learning & Skills Council

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 9 July 2008 were approved as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT UPDATE

(i) Verbal Report on first LAA - Rewards, Target and Performance Reward

Louise Richardson reported that she, Steve Houston and Andrea Steward had met with partnership representatives and further confirmed that they were anticipating and award of £6.3m in reward out of possible £7.7m.

(ii) Update on Progress with current LAA

Louise Richardson reported that the core group had met recently to discuss disaggregation of indicators both in terms of geographic areas and diversity groups. This work is due to be completed during the review and refresh process. She further explained that some of the national indicators are under discussion and that there may be changes to the national indicator set in due course. Government Office have produced a progress report for Central Government. There were no issues of concern in relation to Stockport's

Local Area Agreement. All issues outlined related to the completion of target setting and disaggregation of indicators that was already in progress and planned previously.

(iii) Timetable for Review and Refresh

Louise Richardson submitted a timetable (copies of which had been circulated) which explained the future course for the LAA review. She explained that the timetable may change, but any alterations would only be very minor.

4. COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Louise Richardson provided an update and welcomed any further comments on the Comprehensive Area Assessment Pilot. She agreed to circulate final copies of the co-ordinated response to members.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

5. INFORMATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: PLACES AND PARTNERSHIP THEME

Louise Richardson provided a presentation in respect to information management setting out both a national and local context. She explained that a project group had been set up to take the proposal forward and a more detailed report would be submitted to a future meeting.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

6. VERBAL UPDATE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A PARTNERSHIP MANAGER

Louise Richardson confirmed that a Partnership Manager had now been appointed and it was hoped that she would be in place before Christmas.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

8. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Health:

Richard Popplewell explained that as part of the North West Health Service Review, consideration had been given to the commissioning and provision of mental health services. The subsequent, soon to be published report will recommend dramatic changes to the commissioning and funding of mental health services within the region and he was concerned at the lack of consultation, carried out with PCT's and the Local Authorities.

Community Safety:

Chief Supt Neil Wain reported on three recent unsuccessful bids for funding for the intensive intervention project, delivery youth crime action plan and for neighbourhood community justice co-ordinators. All three bids would have helped significantly with the delivery of the next Local Area Agreement.

RESOLVED - That the reports be noted.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Andrew Webb provided an update in respect to the Webb - 16-19 agenda for which the Council would take over responsibility in April 2010. He confirmed that Alison Creswell had been appointed to work over the next 12mths to prepare for the transfer of responsibility from the Learning and skills council.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 2.52 pm.