

**NOTES OF WAKEFIELD TOGETHER PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING
25TH MARCH 2010
KINGSWOOD SUITE, TOWN HALL, WAKEFIELD**

BOARD

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| Cllr Peter Box (Chair) | Wakefield Council |
| Alan Wittrick (deputy chair) | NHS Wakefield District |
| Ken Taylor | Groundwork Wakefield |
| Joanne Roney | Wakefield Council |
| Tony Dean | VOX |
| Tim Godson | GOYH |
| Clare Elliott | GOYH |
| Gill Thornton | VAWD |
| Mike Bridge | Yorkshire Forward |
| Mark Callaghan | West Yorkshire Police |
| Cllr Olivia Rowley | Wakefield Council |
| Elaine McHale | Wakefield Council |
| Mohammed Ayub | Next Generation |
| Steve Leigh | MYCCI |
| Andrew Furber | NHS Wakefield District |
| Dr Mathew Day | NHS Wakefield District |

OFFICERS

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| Jo Webb (Wakefield Council) |
| Anne Boyens (Wakefield Council) |
| Andrew Balchin (Wakefield Council) |
| Esther Ashman (Wakefield Council) |

1. APOLOGIES

Margaret Wood, Kevin Dodd, Robin Barron, Vince Macklam, Sue Griffiths.

2. NOTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD 17TH DEC 2009 AND KEY ACTIONS FROM THE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD 22ND FEB 2010

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

3. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

LAA Review and Refresh

Details of the annual refresh have now been sent to Government Office. JW gave an update on the refreshed Local Area Agreement framework, referred to at Appendix A.

Performance Reward Grant

Cllr PB highlighted that the grant has only been allocated for one year and therefore a clear exit strategy needs to be established. KT commented that it is also important to be clear about the processes through which we decide how to spend the allocated grant. TG stated that the money from the first claim is to be released on Monday.

4. COMMUNITY STRATEGY REVIEW

JW stated that the review includes the feedback from the Blueprint Events which were successful, alongside other Engagement activity. Further updates on this will be brought back to a future meeting to keep members informed and enable them to encompass in their own strategic planning. Cllr PB requested that a full feedback report be brought back to the next meeting for discussion.

5. PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE – NEXT PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT

The changes to the structure of the Partnership were highlighted, with the first task and finish group being commissioned to take place in the second part of the meeting. JR

commented that these task and finish groups will avoid duplication but at the same time provide us with more focused yet flexible discussions.

KT highlighted within 2.4, it talks about a number of priorities that need to be considered further and expressed the importance of these to ensure that there are no gaps in priorities covered in the Partnership.

6. IMPLEMENTING THE NEW AREA AND NEIGHBOURHOOD ARRANGEMENTS

Cllr OR discussed the developments of the new Area Arrangements. More consultation is needed however, Cllr OR reported that once these decisions have been finalised another paper will be distributed to the Board. ABa set out what work has recently been carried out. Cllr PB highlighted a paragraph on Priority Neighbourhoods, he expressed that it is important there is member involvement throughout the whole delivery process of this. Cllr OR commented on the engagement activity that is coming up and stated that local members will be involved in this. Cllr PB mentioned that it is important those members who are involved at present, continue with their involvement. MA expressed that it is important community groups are also kept informed and involved in this programme. AW stated that from a PCT prospective, these areas are key. GT compared the arrangements with Bradford Council's programme highlighting a few differences but feels that it will be successful for the local authority from the knowledge she has on what Bradford have gained from this. OR mentioned that Bradford have a different funding regime to ours meaning certain aspects of the work would need to be altered.

7. DRAFT CAA IMPROVEMENT PLAN

JW welcomed any suggestions anyone may have regarding the area assessment process. JW updated members on the CAA action plan; particular suggestions on Green Flag actions were welcomed. Cllr PB asked if there was any specific reason relating to the progress on Affordable Housing or whether this was due to the recession. OR commented on Transport and that this remains a key issue for the district. JW stated that she is meeting with the Chief Executive of Metro shortly with a view to covering transport at a future meeting. AW highlighted that transport is always one of the key issues that arise at Health Consultations.

8. THIRD SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

KT reported that the development of the plan has been conducted by the Council and Groundwork but also includes a mapping discussion which took place with Partners. The plan looks at how it can support other strategies and contains a related action plan. KT advised the Partnership that It is important this document becomes a living document.

GT welcomed this plan and is keen to take on some of the developments highlighted within it.

JR asked that members do not just concentrate on the actions mentioned within the plan as there maybe more specific targets that come up that we also need to aim for. ABo mentioned that the action plan is designed to be at a high level.

MA welcomed the section on equalities.

MC expressed a few concerns relating to sustainability of the third sector with relation to funding and was concerned that this wasn't covered in detail in the plan.

AOB

Total Place

Cllr PB advised the Board of an article by Joanne Roney, recently published in the Local Government Chronicle relating to Total Place. The paper will be circulated to members following the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 24th June 2010