



STRONGER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

Stronger Communities Partnership Board

21 May 2018 : 14.00 – 16.30

Gateway Plaza, L4 Boardroom

Minutes

	<p><u>Attendees</u></p> <p>Cllr Chris Lamb, Elected Member – BMBC (Chair) Wendy Lowder, Executive Director, Communities – BMBC Phil Hollingsworth, Communities Service Director – BMBC Lennie Sahota, Social Care and Health (Adults) – BMBC Cllr Jenny Platts, Cabinet Member Communities – BMBC Marie Hoyle, CEO, Barnsley Healthcare Federation Dave Fullen, Berneslai Homes Sean Rayner, SWYPT Phil Parkes – H&WBB Provider Forum Steve Fletcher – South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Carrie Abbot – Public Health Service Director – BMBC Tom Smith – Head of Employment and Skills - BMBC Shiv Bhurtun – Partnership and Transformation Manager</p> <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Margaret Libreri – Service Director, Education & Early Start Prevention - BMBC</p>
1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies were received and noted from the above member.</p> <p>1a Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>1b Minutes of last meeting/Action Log</p> <p>Apologies to be recorded for Marie Hoyle for the last meeting. MH will be attending future meetings in her role as CEO of the Barnsley Healthcare Federation and no longer represents the Practice Managers' Forum.</p> <p>There were no further matters arising and minutes agreed as a true copy.</p>

2. All Age Early Help Strategy Annual Plan 2018/19

Shiv Bhurtun (SB) introduced and presented the draft 'All Age Early Help Annual plan for 2018/19'. SB highlighted that this will be produced by the Board on a yearly basis. Its main purpose will be to :

- Share the range of activities being delivered against strategy
- Re affirm the Board's commitment to its strategic vision through action.
- Provide an opportunity to celebrate progress and impact pertinent to early intervention and prevention work.
- Inform key stakeholders on overall performance.
- Inform board on evolving performance management structures to support meeting objectives.

SB updated board members on the new performance management framework which will focus on supporting the 3 delivery groups through validating performance collaboratively. Note: The Performance & Delivery group is chaired by Service Director Phil Hollingsworth.

SB provided a brief of the annual plan 2018-19. Key points were :

- The plan confirms the strategic focus for the year ahead and provides summary progress against key areas/commitments agreed in the last period.
- Case studies are included to evidence actual impacts of actions.
- Area of focus for the next period in the plan is informed by emerging priorities, better understanding the distance travelled to date as well as various key intelligence and performance information.
- The plan has been designed with the public in mind. It is user friendly in terms of readability and clarity. This will be enhanced further through the Communication team and design before publishing.
- Next year's annual plan is expected to be more focussed on articulating the impact on the community and measurable performance.
- SB recommended that the Board endorse and agree the content of the Stronger Communities Annual plan 2018-19 today with a view to progressing towards finalising the design and production.

The Chair invited comments from members and the following were noted and agreed in respect of the plan :

1. **Branding of the plan:** This will be the Partnership's shared branding i.e '*Stronger Communities Partnership*' only.
2. **Future review of Performance by the Board:** This will focus on arrangements as set out by each delivery group in section 5 of the annual plan.
3. **Safe and Well Checks:** SF gave a background to the Safe and Well Checks. Programme is focus on preventative work. The checks were initiated in 2012 and involve visiting homes across the Borough to carry out

assessments in respect of risk of fires, smoke alarms and wider risks. The programme has expanded in scope, is nationally recognised and has been rebranded as 'Safe and Well'. The target group are vulnerable people and the scope now includes fire safety, crime survey questionnaire, mental health issues, obesity and fitness, smoking and advice on smoking cessation services. Visiting staff use tablet devices for data capture which is then uploaded and sent to relevant services for action.

An area specific soft launch is scheduled in May 2018. Police and Safer Neighbourhood services are working together on this. SNS are also working in a similar way. SF indicated that adopting a joint approach would be even more beneficial.

Action: It was agreed that SF will:

- a) provide a presentation on the 'Safe and Well' checks to a future Board meeting following the launch.
- b) capture and evidence the impact of the activities
- c) prepare a presentation to share the overall impact to the Board

4. **Maximising opportunity through the Libraries:** WL stressed the importance of closer interface with partners and links on emerging work. There is a need to maximise universal assets across the Borough, eg explore possibilities through the libraries review and developments at the Light Box.
5. **Homelessness Reduction Act and statutory referral pathways:** A question was asked about the Act and referral pathways from partnership organisations. It was acknowledged that this area was outside the scope of the annual plan and is being explored through a different channel. There is a newly created 'Homelessness Alliance' involving different agencies and it is perhaps too broad of a subject to sit with this Board. It was suggested that the Housing and Energy Board would perhaps be best the line of accountability.
6. **Early Help Children:** The Board was pleased to see a focus on parenting support.
7. **Anti-poverty:** Cllr Platts informed the Board about the various lines of funding available in this respect and a number of applications have been made.
8. **Employment support:** It was suggested that this area is important and may need further development with its own heading in the report in the next plan.
9. **Area Councils – optimising welfare and benefits:** It was agreed that extending opportunities to attract funding across all areas is important. Cllr Platts has successfully achieved this with teams which are impacting positively on services. Targeted employment support and addressing in

	<p>work poverty is a focus. Coaching on form filling is taking place at the Job Centre and the Community shops are also assisting in encouraging people into work and further education.</p> <p>10. It was agreed that for the next period Delivery Groups Leads need to be more specific in measuring progress and evidencing impact through their respective performance reporting.</p> <p>11. Monitoring the delivery of our annual plan: Cllr Lamb commented that monitoring delivery in the proposed way is helpful and this clarifies the connectivity between the 3 Partnerships Boards. The Chair emphasised the importance of structured escalation of items to the appropriate Boards in a timely way and indeed to ensure shared escalation processes.</p> <p>The Chair :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • thanked the priority leads for the work and input into the annual plan. • acknowledged the level of work behind the priorities. • agreed this provides a stepping stone going forward in meeting our priorities. <p>Action: It was agreed that :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB will progress finalising the plan with COMS and publication. • any further comments from members should be emailed to SB within the next week to help finalise the document.
<p>3.</p>	<p>Update on Activities within the Neighbourhood pertinent to broader Prevention agenda</p>
	<p>The Quarter 4 narrative report provided examples of work taking place over the last 3 months. The Chair recommended that this report be shared with all partners to encourage further innovation. It was also noted with high level of positivity how well communities are rising up to the challenge.</p> <p>Note: The document is formally reported to Council and is published on the Council website.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Local Integration Board update</p>
	<p>The LIB is being developed in order to assist in delivering the employment skills strategy encouraging employers and broader partners in helping people to become work ready. Employment skill in Barnsley is positive, with NEET levels reducing and skills levels improving. However, it was acknowledged that groups of people are still at risk of being left behind. Some people are presenting with health problems, disabilities and other barriers to employment. LIB is working with SCR and others to look how more integration of health and work can be achieved.</p>

	<p>Last year saw new projects introduced within Barnsley via the Early Help delivery groups. It was noted that significant resources may be available (a share of several million pounds) in the near future to assist adults furthest away from the work market. LIB would seek the SCP support in targeting this funding. This was welcomed and supported.</p> <p>It was commented that there should be also be reference to volunteering as a staged approach to employment. There is a plan to map out the customer journey and various interventions available appropriate to the needs of individuals. It was stressed that poor work experiences, as well as unemployment, can also have a negative impact on a person's wellbeing. There is also an onus on employers regarding workplace health and wellbeing. Self-employment is also taken into consideration.</p> <p>Positive work with Job Centre Plus and DWP is ongoing, protecting benefits, etc, and moving people into work.</p> <p>Neighbourhoods' work – peer support and further development of this and sustaining work.</p> <p>SYFS – Community Shops linking into poverty. Work experience is highly regarded and it was agreed that this should be scaled up. Suggestion to use the European Social Fund to achieve was made.</p>
5.	2 Year Old Progress Check
	<p>Lisa Bosson and Alison Addy delivered a presentation on 2 year old progress checks. SB commented that it would be beneficial to ensure appropriate impact assessments are completed when changes to practice are considered to safeguard resources. <u>Note:</u> The Powerpoint presentation was distributed with today's agenda.</p>
6.	Performance Exception Report
	<p>PH updated as follows:</p> <p>The board has previously received a highlights report on performance. This process has been enhanced further by the introduction of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new performance management framework • Production of exception reports focusing on outcomes and impacts <p>The intention is that there will be a performance meeting each quarter, prior to the SCPB meeting. This will identify set performance measures trends and validate performance by exception which will be brought forward to each Board. Work will centre around anti-poverty, early help adults and early help children, looking at community solutions in line with strategic commitment.</p>

7.	Tolerance & Respect Equality Strategy
	<p>Jules Horsler presented the Equality strategy.</p> <p>A review of the Equality scheme is underway which has been in place for last 9 years. It is intended to take a more dispersed approach and focus on corporate objectives working with all partners / boards in developing the strategy.</p> <p>The objective is to achieve a greater equality across the borough.</p> <p>Community – It is important to for Barnsley’s diverse communities to be celebrated with a view to raise awareness widely. There is a focus on developing more diversity festivals, eg ‘Destination Barnsley’ which will take place on 15 July and the ‘Love where you Live’ initiative could be developed to include other diverse communities. There is a need to build stronger communities and removing barriers to volunteering by new arrivals. Asylum seekers, for instance are not allowed to carry out voluntary work, but can volunteer. This can add to local assists as well as help integration.</p> <p>There is an ‘Actions and measures’ worksheet on the spreadsheet. Barnsley Reach and partnership of several organisations support the equality forum.</p> <p>A request was made for a 6-monthly update to be embedded into the SBP reporting framework.</p> <p>Board members and the Chair acknowledged the importance of this strategy and also the need for appropriate reporting lines. It was acknowledged that SBP strategic objectives fully accommodate the aims of the equality strategy but that the delivery is a Council wide responsibility.</p>
8.	Forward Plan
	<p>Items for the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnsley Brand • Town Spirit, • Neighbourhood Development work
9.	Any Other Business
	<p>It was suggested during the course of the meeting that, in future, subject matter be refined and kept as brief as possible as there were such a number of wide-ranging matters to be discussed. The length of meetings to be reduced to 2 hours in future.</p>
10.	Date & Time of next meeting
	<p>Monday, 20 August 2018 : 14.00 – 16.00 Town Hall, MR1</p>