



STRONGER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

Stronger Communities Partnership Board Meeting

Wednesday 22nd May 2019

14:00pm-16:00pm

Westgate Plaza, L3 Boardroom

Minutes

Attendees

Councillor Chris Lamb – Cabinet Member Place – (Chair) (CL)
Phil Hollingsworth – Service Director Communities – BMBC (PH)
Darren Asquith – Housing Management Group Manager West – Berneslai Homes (DA)
John Marshall – Voluntary Action Barnsley (JM)
Carrie Abbott – Service Director Public Health – BMBC (CA)
Steve Fletcher – Barnsley District Manager – SY Fire and Rescue (SF)
Councillor Jenny Platts – Cabinet Member Communities – BMBC (JP)
Tom Smith – Head of Employment and Skills – BMBC (TS)
Shiv Bhurtun – Partnership and Transformation Manager – BMBC (SB)
Adrian England – Healthwatch Barnsley (AE)
Lennie Sahota – People (Adults) Service Director Social Care and Health – BMBC (LS)
Margaret Libreri – Service Director Education and Early Start Prevention – BMBC (ML)
Gill Stansfield – Deputy District Director Community Services – SWYT (GS)
Jayne Hellowell – Head of Commissioning, Healthier Communities – BMBC (JH)
Louise Beaumont – Business Support Officer - BMBC (LB)

In Attendance

Anne Marshall – Scrutiny Officer – BMBC (AM)
Derek Vint – Area Manager Education Services – BMBC (DV)
Jane Allen – Area Manager Education Services – BMBC (JA)
Karen Sadler – Health and Wellbeing Board Project Manager – BMBC (KS)
Karen Walke – Barnsley Funding Development Worker – SYFAB (KW)
Gary Stott – Arena Partners (GSt)

Apologies

Wendy Lowder – Communities Executive Director - BMBC
Paul Clifford – Head of Economic Generation - BMBC
Dave Fullen – Director of Customer and Estate Services – Berneslai Homes

Action Summary		
<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Officer</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>Armed Forces Day</u>	
8	Promotion of the Armed Forces Day through members' networks.	All
<u>10</u>	<u>Service User and Carer Engagement</u>	
10a	JH to look at ensuring the smooth transition between the age groups.	Jayne Hellowell
10b	JH to look to carry out some consultation work with partners around the table.	Jayne Hellowell
<u>11</u>	<u>SCP Annual Plan Refresh</u>	
11	Board members to provide timely feedback to SB when the draft document of the SCP Annual Plan is circulated.	All
1	Apologies and Introductions	
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies were received and noted from the above members.	
2	Minutes of last meeting/matters arising – Councillor Lamb	
	<p>Minutes of the last meeting, 28.02.19, were agreed as a true copy with the following comments made:</p> <p>Safe and Well Checks are developing further, it was agreed that data is required to feed up through the Early Help Adults Delivery Group. This will enable the information to be captured within the SCP Annual Plan Refresh. This item is on the EHA forward plan for July.</p> <p>Local Integration Board – A positive session looking at employment support has taken place with confirmation of the commencement of the council pathways programmes. A conversation around inclusive economic growth also took place. It was noted that the final call for European Social Fund is just about to be launched and there has been work taking place around how this is communicated to partners.</p> <p>Local Care Networks - The LCN's are progressing at pace following on from the great progress being made within the Dearne area. Initial discussions within the remaining 5 areas are due to take place in June which will then lead to the rollout in these areas.</p> <p>Actions from the meeting held 28.02.19 were updated as below:</p>	

	<p>Item 4: Shiv Bhurtun to take comment around the different partners that attend the Anti-Poverty group back to Jayne Hellowell. To schedule a paper for the next board meeting in May to update. <i>Item on agenda for today's meeting.</i></p> <p>Item 9a: Margaret Libreri to contact all schools that are eligible for free school breakfasts to ensure they are accessing what is available to them. <i>Working on obtaining a list of all eligible schools and also raised the scheme at a recent Head Teachers meeting.</i></p> <p>Item 9b: To bring a full report on Food Access and present to the SCP Board in May. <i>Item on agenda for today's meeting</i></p> <p>Item 10: To share the All Age Early Help Strategy indicators with Joe Minton, to enable cross referencing. <i>Action complete.</i></p> <p>Item 12: Members of the board to inform Carrie Abbott if they would like to be part of the Alcohol Alliance but have not yet received an invite. The first meeting being 1st April. <i>Action complete.</i></p> <p>Item 12: To add Berneslai Homes to the list of Stakeholders for the Alcohol Alliance. <i>Action complete.</i></p> <p>Item 13: To confirm with Julian Horsler how the LGBT part of the equality and diversity plan will be driven forward now that this community forum no longer exists. <i>An update paper on the Equality and Diversity Action Plan is scheduled for the August Board meeting.</i></p>
3	For Information Only: Q4 SCP Narrative Report – Phil Hollingsworth
	<p>Narrative report provided for information to highlight positive work which is taking place.</p> <p>The link to Town Spirit within the report was seen as a positive and agreed that this needs to be adopted within everything that is done.</p> <p>The chair commented on the issue of diminishing funds and the effect this is having. This issue opens up an opportunity to initiate joint network conversations. A conversation followed around opportunities through primary care networks to look at smaller scale projects to use pooled budgets in a different way to enable a more positive way of working.</p>
4	Performance Report – Phil Hollingsworth
	The performance report for Q4 was looked at with the following comments made

	<p>around particular performance indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PI's for Early Help Adults are due to be revised as current ones do not accurately reflect the work that is taking place. • Indicator 3 – a lot of good work is being done around this Social Prescribing indicator. • Indicator 6 – a lot of work across all directorates is taking place in regards to this indicator. Over the last year it has been looked at how to improve this indicator. The Supported Employment pilot has been established, this is a long process but it is being driven forward. The programme that has been created within the council brings people into paid placements to enable them to become work ready. By the end of Q1 there should be 10-12 service users working within this programme. This is also going to be broadened out to care leavers, subject to approval. Timing and recruitment had an impact on this performance indicator. The chair suggested that this could be expanded to external employers and the voluntary sector, with Tom Smith advising about the employment promise that was reported on at February's board meeting. The pilot model has been within BMBC as the council is very diverse so can offer a wide range of placements. Conversations are now taking place within the private sector to broaden the offer. • Indicator 8 – a report is being taken to the Early Help Adults delivery group meeting in July around Excess Winter Deaths. A lot of work has been done in this area, flu vaccines, warm homes/hospital discharge etc, but this now needs to be reflected in the PI's. • Indicator 1 within Early Help Children's was discussed with ML advising that this has been highlighted as an issue and work is being undertaken to improve this PI. There is an action plan in place to ensure families are taking up the offer if they are entitled to the funded early education.
5	Early Help and School Attendance Verbal Update – Derek Vint/Jane Allen
	<p>Derek Vint and Jane Allen attended to give an overview of the early help offer to improve school attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a number of front line staff based in schools offering a wide breadth of service, carrying out a lot of early help work and training services to support around early intervention. • The service is able to work very closely with schools to identify cohorts of vulnerable young people in order to improve life chances and attendance. • Some of the bespoke work is based on getting out and engaging with parents and building a rapport, identifying needs of the family as a whole, along with the young people within that family. • Assessments such as they early help assessment gather facts and look at what is happening holistically and identify any barriers. Through this assessment implementing targeted work can be looked at; parenting capacity, parenting courses, negotiating plans, liaising between family and school to overcome barriers. • The service deals with a mix of cases in terms of complexity and work with families is undertaken to ensure access to the right support. • Staff are very skilled in regards to engaging families and keeping them motivated within the process. A lot of work is required to make changes

within families while maintaining momentum.

- Officers prove to be a good link between home and schools and they liaise effectively with other relevant agencies, often changing the trajectory of where things are going.
- Officers are still available when schools are closed to ensure needs are continually being met.
- The outcome is to improve attendance so schools have overall better attendance across the borough and to try to raise the standards of aspirations and attainment – to ensure every child attends a good school, to gain better outcomes for children, families, schools, communities etc.
- The service is also strategically supporting the council vision.

Questions/Discussion:

- Is there a universal offer, do all schools buy into the service? – DV and JA advised that not all schools do buy into the service. There has been a drive around having a more substantial service level agreement. Those schools that don't buy into the service still receive the statutory offer and where schools do not buy back, they should provide the early intervention, replicating the offer. If they do not want the business service themselves they will come to the service for the statutory offer.
- A question arose around demand – due to schools restructuring there is a gap in services available. Some schools are good at managing the gap and as a service there has been an improvement in identifying need. Schools are under pressure to improve attendance as this has an impact on Ofsted so it is the school's interest to obtain a holistic service.
- The operational relationship with SNS teams was questioned – The team previously attended NAG meetings, but part of the link may have been lost recently so any detail that can be provided to the team would be welcomed. PH advised the board can definitely help to re-establish this link. It was suggested that this could be picked up at task and finish groups at area level.
- The chair questioned links between Camhs, individual parents may not be as happy with the Camhs service; can this service offer an earlier alternative to Camhs involvement? – Mindspace are based within schools to offer support for lower level issues. It was advised that where families are referred in, communication with Camhs staff and the teams' officers has improved. ML advised that this has been flagged as an issue and data has been requested around the impact of waiting for Camhs appointments. There is a desire to dig deeper to establish the effect this has upon school attendance and exclusions.
- It was confirmed that an independent Camhs review has recently taken place; things are going in the right direction but there is still more to be done.
- Some work has been done within the Dearne area around pathways and escalation route for children being referred into Camhs and looking at other services that could intervene to relieve the pressure on Camhs. This is seen as a positive step forward, recognising that this area requires some investment. The chair enquired if there would be some sort of triage for this, GS advised she hasn't seen the plan yet but will have a discussion with Dave Ramsay.

6	Health and Well-Being Board Governance Verbal Update – Karen Sadler
	<p>Karen Sadler attended to give an update from the Health and Well-Being Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HWB Board has recently gone through a period of review and development in regards to governance. There are currently 6 public meetings a year along with a number of closed development sessions. • Due to the board not meeting for a large amount of time throughout the year, a lot of work is done by board members outside of meetings, with a lot of this work being around expectations and statutory outcomes for the borough. • It was advised that the board is not about governance but system leadership; the TOR have been crafted to ensure this is a body that inspires other bodies around connecting the system and collaboration and advocating what needs to be achieved in Barnsley. • The strategy runs until 2020 with the intelligence product being the JSNA, which, this year, will be a lot more focused, user friendly and viable. • There will be a stakeholder engagement event that will be open to board members, and this should take place in October/November. Karen is to keep the board updated going forward. <p>Questions/Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that it has been very helpful that a review has taken place and responsibilities have been clarified to avoid duplication within the system, as a lot of work already takes place within the strategic groups. • ML asked to ensure the HWB Board are also focused upon Children – KS advised there is some work being undertaken to look at filling any gaps, along with an opportunity to carry out a deep dive around the identified gaps <p>KS concluded by confirming she attends a meeting in relation to strategic boards so if any issues arise they can be fed back.</p>
	SYFAB Health Report – Karen Walke
	<p>Karen Walke attended to give a brief overview of the Health Report that had been circulated prior to the meeting and to welcome any questions/comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The value of the contract is £35,000 with an estimate of £330,000 being secured by groups Karen has worked with. This is an estimate due to groups not being under obligation to provide data around secured funding, so the accurate figure could be substantially higher. • It was noted that the return on investment was very positive. • A comment of support was made, not only for the value of work done by SYFAB but that work done with groups to empower them and provide them with the confidence and skills to apply for larger amounts of funding. • The chair enquired about capturing outcomes, with KW referencing the 2 case studies included in the Health report which have tried to capture the benefit of collaborative working. • It was pointed out that SYFAB undertake a lot of myth busting which

	<p>helps groups who may incorrectly believe that they are excluded from certain pots of funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that there are no significant barriers to SYFAB's success and that they maintain positive relationships with all teams. A lot of support is received from John Marshall and Kate Faulkes. Following this, there was an ask of partners around the table to be sighted of the support offer and to refer into the service where appropriate. Karen advised she would be happy to talk to groups that would like more detail around the support that is on offer from SYFAB. • The chair asked if SYFAB have access to 'Grant Finder', KW confirmed she does not have access. The authority has access to this so it may be useful for SYFAB to make use of this. KW will speak to Kate Faulkes regarding this as she could utilise this but it would not suit the smaller groups. • An enquiry was made in relation to the monitoring of the groups that secure funding and the outcomes of this. KW advised that each group have their own monitoring system but they are not obliged to share this information with SYFAB. • KW advised of the 360giving website, which funders populate with details of what has been awarded. <p>Karen concluded by advising the new contract has just been awarded to SYFAB again, which will ensure momentum is maintained.</p>
8	Armed Forces Day Penistone Show Ground – Jayne Hellowell
	<p>JH gave an overview of the Armed Forces Day which is to take place at Penistone Show Ground, 29th June, advising that there will also be activities planned within the Town Centre on the day. The day will also incorporate more campaigning work around the 'Alright Pal' initiative.</p> <p>It was highlighted that negotiations are still taking place with train and bus companies in relation to providing free transport on the day for veterans, from the Town Centre to the event in Penistone.</p> <p>The promotion of the Armed Forces Day is linked in with the work around the Armed Forces Covenant which is due to be presented to the board in August.</p> <p>The chair asked the group to ensure promotion of the Armed Forces Day through their respective networks.</p> <p>ACTION: Promotion of the Armed Forces Day through members' networks.</p>
9	Revision of Anti-Poverty Group and Food Access Partnership – Jayne Hellowell/Gary Stott
	<p>JH gave an overview of the revision of the APDG and Food Access Partnership alongside Gary Stott with key points being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work has taken place over the last few months leading to a Finance Group being set up with the first meeting set for June. • Work has also taken place between Healthier Communities, Gary Stott

	<p>and BMBC's Legal Team which has led to the formation of the Community Interest Company 'Good Food Barnsley'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The setting up of the CIC slowed slightly due to work to ensure there were no significant conflicts of interest in relation to the group's membership. • The structure of the CIC should follow in the next couple of weeks. • The possibility of the CIC getting out into the community to take part in 'pop up' food events is being discussed, in order to promote the company. • An aim of the group is to drive forward innovations in order to enable citizens to begin to drive things forward themselves. <p>Questions/discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Platts asked if the Healthy Holidays work will continue – GSt confirmed that this work was so successful last year that there is confidence in matching what has been done previously, if not escalating it. • The CIC will have the full support from the Council and the key contact within the council, for the Food Agenda, will be Jayne Hellowell. • Why a CIC? – GSt advised the long term aspirations are for this to be something citizens can carry forward themselves and also to ensure the directors are to be members of the community. • People coming together to provide food for people that need it and innovative ways of moving forward was welcomed but concern was shown for people that are in poverty. GSt advised of the new innovation of working towards a point before people find themselves in poverty. • The community shop was discussed around trying to educate people, helping to move them away from poverty.
10	Service User and Carer Engagement Progress Report – Jayne Hellowell
	<p>JH presented this item on behalf of Cath Bedford advising this is in an exciting piece of work which will also be brought back to the board at a later date with a further update.</p> <p>The main updates were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two ways to engage with protected characteristic groups are through Service User involvement and Carer Engagement. • This work will be re-badged under Customer Engagement and Involvement. • The current forums under the protected characteristic groups will still take place as there are some very strong service user groups. • The aim is to pull any duplication together. • Annual Plan of Engagement – any department within the council to advise to engage with those community groups around the areas of business. • An option of taking something to the groups for information or consultation and to ensure meaningful conversations take place rather than just information sitting within the groups. • All progress will be reported back to the board.

	<p>Questions/Discussion:</p> <p>ML – as this work develops, how will the smooth transition between the age groups be ensured? – JH to take this action.</p> <p>AE – advised an independent review of young carers has commenced and will take up to 12 months to complete – JH noted that this was helpful information and advised that the carers’ forum will be managed by Making Space.</p> <p>The chair noted consideration for the future around the different organisations sitting around the table and an opportunity to create some synergy to look at what different partners do. This could be used as a means, from a Barnsley perspective, to glue these things together and make the connections. JH happy to carry out some consultation work with partners.</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH to look at ensuring the smooth transition between the age groups. • JH to look to carry out some consultation work with partners around the table.
11	SCP Annual Plan Refresh Verbal Update – Shiv Bhurtun
	<p>SB provided an update of the refresh of the SCP Annual Plan and advised that the format and structure of this document was very well received last year, with it being easy to understand; looking back on what has been achieved and looking forward to where things are heading.</p> <p>This year’s plan will also include a ‘plan on a page’ in order to condense the document. In parallel to developing the plan on paper, a video format is being worked on which, when completed, will be available to view in various places. It was highlighted that the video format will not just repeat what is in the paper document, but will include a number of conversations around outcomes etc.</p> <p>Assurance was given to board members for the delivery of this document by August and is included within the forward plan for the August board meeting.</p> <p>The timeline of the plan was shared, highlighting week 2 (10th-16th June), as important to keep to schedule in regards to board members providing input and feedback on the draft document and suggesting any amendments.</p> <p>The chair reiterated to board members and asked to ensure they provide feedback to SB when the document is shared for comments.</p> <p>ACTION: Board members to provide timely feedback to SB when the draft document of the SCP Annual Plan is circulated.</p>
12	Forward Plan – Shiv Bhurtun
	<p>The group looked at and agreed the detail of the forward plan. It was reiterated that the board would be kept up to date with any changes to the forward plan</p>

	<p>through the course of the year.</p> <p>The importance of the work of the delivery groups was also highlighted.</p>
13	AOB
	No other business was identified.
	Date of Next Meeting
	Wednesday 21st August 2019 14:00pm-16:00pm Westgate Plaza, L3 Boardroom