



**Stronger Communities Partnership Board Meeting
Thursday 3rd June 2021
14:00pm-16:00pm
Westgate Plaza Level 3 Boardroom
Minutes**

Member	Organisation/Service	Attended	Apologies	Deputy
Board Members				
Councillor Chris Lamb (CL)	Elected Member/Chair – BMBC	x		
Councillor Jenny Platts (JP)	Elected Member – BMBC	X		
Councillor Brenda Eastwood (BE)	Elected Member – BMBC	X		
Phil Hollingsworth (PH)	Service Director, Safer, Stronger, Healthier Communities – BMBC	x		
Jayne Hellowell (JH)	Chair of Early Help Adults sub-group, Head of Commissioning and Healthier Communities – BMBC	x		
Wendy Lowder (WL)	Executive Director Communities		x	
Jane Holliday (JH)	CEO – Age UK	x		
Tara Ramsden (TR)	Third Sector Dementia Alliance Chair - Making Space		x	
John Marshall (JM)	Chief Executive – Barnsley CVS	x		
Carrie Abbot (CA)	Service Director Public Health and Regulation – BMBC		X	Diane Lee (DL)
Rob Holmes (RH)	Fire and Rescue Services - South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue		x	
Julie Chapman (JC)	Service Director, Adults Social Care & Wellbeing, People Directorate - BMBC		x	
Dave Fullen (DF)	Director of Customer	X		

	and Estate Services – Berneslai Homes			
Gill Stansfield (GS)	Deputy Director of Operations - SWYFT		x	
Jill Jinks (JJ)	Community Health Services – SWYFT	X		
Niall O’Reilly (NO)	HWBB Provider Forum – SYHA	X		
Jamie Wike (JW)	BCCG – Barnsley CCG	X		
Board Support				
Shiv Bhurtun (SB)	Strategic Governance Partnership and Transformation Manager – BMBC	X		
Helen Ibbotson (HI)	Business Support – BMBC	X		
Attendees				
Faith Ridgwick (FR)	2030 Lead Officer, Organisation and Workforce Improvement – BMBC	X		
Ben Brannan (BB)	Senior Public Health Officer, Public Health – BMBC	x		

Action Summary		
Item	Action	Responsible Officer
2	SB/HI to review agreed actions from 20.02.2020 and close or move forward where appropriate.	Shiv Bhurtun/Helen Ibbotson
6	HI to document that MHP Strategy on the Early Help Adults forward plan.	Helen Ibbotson
6	SB to link in with BB in respect of the digital agenda.	Shiv Bhurtun
7	SB/HI to work on the forward plan and distribute items as appropriate.	Shiv Bhurtun/Helen Ibbotson
1. Apologies and Introductions		
	The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made, and apologies noted as above.	
2. Minutes and actions from previous meeting (20.02.2020)		
	The chair acknowledged that due to the emergency response in respect of the pandemic the Stronger Communities Partnership Board (SCPB) had been stood down following the 20.02.2020 meeting.	
	The chair acknowledged the amount of time which had lapsed and queried whether actions remained relevant.	

	<p>There was an agreement that actions from 20.02.2020 would be reviewed outside of this meeting with a view to close where appropriate.</p> <p>ACTION: SB/HI to review agreed actions from 20.02.2020 and close or move forward where appropriate.</p>
3.	<p>The PARTNERSHIP going forward</p> <p>The Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted how the board had evolved over time since its establishment when its scope included early help across all age groups. The chair highlighted that there is overall consensus and value for children's element of the SCPB scope to be fully overseen through the children's governance structure thus improving efficiency and effectiveness even more. • Referred to the planned restructuring of the NHS which was due to take place over the next 12/18 months and noted the importance of the board running alongside this development. • Acknowledged and reflected on the challenges over the past 18 months due to the pandemic and highlighted how partnership working had shown real resilience with reference to the positive continuation of many activities during this period. • Praised the partnership and its members and supporting teams for the work behind the scenes that helps to drive key actions forward and make a difference to the communities. <p>3.1 SCP PRESENTATION:</p> <p>PH presented a summary of the Board's journey to date and its strategic direction of travel as well as key emerging priorities within the context of the ongoing pandemic and various recovery plans.</p> <p>There was agreement that the Board's input as system leaders remained important.</p> <p>PH proposed that there are now opportunities to re-establish key areas of work as well as time to refocus the Board's agenda as a priority.</p> <p>The chair thanked PH for his presentation, and again acknowledged the significant amount of work which has continued during the pandemic.</p> <p><u>Change of Chair person</u></p> <p>The Chair thanked PH for the presentation and acknowledged that from a Barnsley Council governance perspective the suggested SCP priority reflected the Adults and Communities portfolio. Taking this into account the Chair confirmed that having led the partnership to date with significant achievements as a team and indeed following discussion with Cllr JP this was the right time to pass over the chairing role to Cllr JP. With Cllr JP having oversight of the Adults agenda acknowledged this to be timely as the SCP provides a clear focus and home for Adults in respect of Early Help and Prevention.</p> <p>Cllr Jenny Platts accepted the Chairing role and confirmed the deputy to be Cllr Brenda Eastwood to undertake any required tasks in JP's absence.</p> <p>Cllr CL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • thanked attendees for their support during his time as chair, specifically acknowledging

	<p>the work of DF, JM and GS as well as support from PH and SB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> welcomed JP as the new chair of the SCPB. <p>Cllr JP thanked Cllr CL for doing a fantastic job as chair of the SCPB.</p> <p><i>JP will be referred to as chair from this point in the minutes.</i></p>
4.	ToR including membership list for sign off
	<p>The proposed ToR's was considered and agreed by the board.</p> <p>CL referred to the new primary care focussed NHS and queried whether it was too early to be linking the board in to this work. PH confirmed that there would be a requirement for the board to link in and added that it was more time was needed for the NHS to establish itself fully in its new way of working. JM confirmed that Barnsley's health-based plan remained in its early stages and that there would be a clear alignment to this board. JM further acknowledged partners members of this Board confirmed that there was the appropriate representation.</p>
5.	Barnsley 2030
	<p>FR - (Barnsley 2030 Lead Officer within Business Improvement) provided a brief journey and current position in respect of the B2030 plan through a short presentation.</p> <p>FR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted the Barnsley 2030 Launch Event on the 22nd June 2021 and encouraged board members to attend. Reflected the value of the board linking in to the 2030 outcomes. Added that from discussions with SB it was envisaged that the SCPB would have informal links into Barnsley 2030 whereby some of the board's achievements are reported as case studies. <p>The chair and PH agreed and noted the importance of the board getting back to basics with engagement work and ensuring communities are engaged in the delivery of the B2030 vision.</p> <p>PH suggested strategic alignment to the Barnsley 2030 plan which would include the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Age Friendly Barnsley MBC Dementia Support - Poverty and Food agenda - Financial Resilience - Armed Forces Covenant - Support for Carers - Stronger Communities Service - Customer Engagement <p>DV also suggested a cross-cutting piece of work for the partnership with regards to lessons learnt in respect of Covid. PH agreed with this comment.</p> <p>The Chair thanked FR for her input.</p>

6.	Mental Health Partnership
	<p>BB –(Senior Public Health Officer) provided a brief on the new Mental Health Partnership (MHP) operating since January 2021. The MHP is designed to promote collaborative working to improve mental health across Barnsley, through all age groups.</p> <p>BB shared the current key priorities. New priorities will be agreed through the borough’s mental health strategy currently under development.</p> <p>BB discussed the key opportunity for the board to connect with the mental health partnership included prevention and the dementia pathway.</p> <p>JHe requested that the MHP Strategy is shared through the Early Help Adults sub-group prior to escalation to the board.</p> <p>ACTION: HI to document that MHP Strategy on the Early Help Adults forward plan.</p> <p>JHe thanked BB for his presentation and noted her improved understanding of the work undertaken behind the scenes.</p> <p>JHe referred to the digital agenda and discussed that a report had recently been submitted to DMT in respect of supporting older people in this area. Feedback from DMT had highlighted the importance of this initiative also including further groups such as learning and physical difficulties as well as mental health. There was an agreement that this should be explored further in respect of the MHP.</p> <p>ACTION: SB to link in with BB in respect of the digital agenda.</p> <p>BE queried the requirements in respect of anger management and how this linked in to the work of the MHP. DL acknowledged this comment and noted issues in respect of anger management. DL went on to discuss that anger management wasn’t looked at in isolation as it was felt it manifested itself across the mental health work stream.</p> <p>CL noted how clearly mental health challenges had been presented through BB’s presentation. CL referred to work required in respect of covid recovery. CL went on to discuss how the pandemic had highlighted social isolation on a broader scale than what had ever been envisaged. Historically social isolation has been looked at from an elderly person’s perspective, CL noted how the pandemic had also highlighted further groups in particularly middle-aged men who live alone with no family. BB acknowledged these comments and confirmed that he was happy to take this back to the MHP.</p> <p>NO noted the employment gap in relation to mental health and queried whether this work could link with SWYFT. DL acknowledged this comment.</p> <p>JW noted the positive timing of the establishment of the MHP, mental health has been a priority for many years, the MHP would now bring this together and allow more structured work to be undertaken. JW went on to discuss that to date he didn’t believe the true impact of covid had been felt by mental health services, if additional numbers received by services can be picked up by community services at an early help level it will reduce the impact on secondary care. JJ agreed with JW’s comments.</p> <p>PH noted that the breadth of the priorities justified the need for a dedicated MHP and although in its infancy it has already proven its worth.</p>

	BB thanked the board for their time.
7.	Forward Plan
	<p>SB briefed members on the proposed forward plan and upcoming items for next meeting.</p> <p>SB clarified that there were 8 <u>proposed items</u> for the next board 19.08.2021. Chair recommended that this is reviewed, and sufficient time is enabled for board members to debate and discuss items as compared to simply receiving high number of briefings. All members agreed.</p> <p>SB requested that members continue to propose items and highlighted that these would be scheduled in as appropriate.</p> <p>JHe supported this request and recommended that all items come through the Early Help Adult's sub-group prior to the board which would help further enhance the debate /discussion at Board level. JHe noted the importance of all partners being involved on the agenda including those outside of the local authority to drive respective areas of work. PH discussed that he felt items coming through to the board should intertwine impacts of covid.</p> <p>ACTION: SB/Hi to work on the forward plan and distribute items as appropriate.</p>
8.	Any Other Business
	No items.
9.	Future Meetings
	<p>Thursday 19th August 2021, 14.00 – 16.00, Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Thursday 11th November 2021, 14.00 – 16.00, Microsoft Teams</p>