

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **Local Strategic Partnership Board** held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, on Wednesday 11 October 2017 from 10am to 11.10am.

Present:	Cllr Sara Bedford (SB)	Three Rivers District Council
	Tina Barnard (TB)	Watford Community Housing Trust
	Gareth Bradbury (GB)	Herts Fire & Rescue
	Steven Halls	Three Rivers District Council
	Elsbeth Mackenzie (EM)	Thrive Homes
	Karl Stonebank (KS)	Three Rivers District Council
	Andy Stovold (AS)	Three Rivers District Council

In attendance:

Deirdre Allen (DA)	Herts Constabulary
Shivani Davé	Three Rivers District Council
Davina Gilbert	JCP/DWP
Cllr Roger Seabourne	Three Rivers District Council
Kirsty Thorpe	Three Rivers District Council
Mike Simpson	Three Rivers District Council

Apologies for absence were received from, Concetta Kyriakou, Sarah Hill, Marion Seneschall, Cllr Stephen Giles-Medhurst (Roger Seabourne substituted) and Chris Pearson.

LSP01/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2017 were agreed by the Board and signed by the Chairman.

LSP02/17 REVISED COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2018-2023

AS presented the report on the proposed changes to the draft strategy for 2018-23 following the June consultation workshop. The report identified key themes, for which the Board's input was requested prior to them being taken for broader consultation:

- Housing
- Ambitious
- Independent & Resilient
- Health & Wellbeing
- Safety

Housing

TB said she supported the Housing priority 100% but believed the partnership working element needed more emphasis, with LSP partners working together to be mentioned. TB said that partnership working as a whole was missing throughout the strategy document. AS said that partnership working will be addressed by reviewing the entire draft strategy wording.

Ambitious

TB suggested referring more to the Apprenticeship Levy and that more should be made of this opportunity. It was also suggested that the LSP should work collectively to create apprenticeship opportunities.

GB mentioned that it is perhaps small to medium-sized companies that may need more support / prompting to benefit from the Levy offer.

GB asked about a link to the Herts LEP with regards to the key theme of skills and how we work with the LEP to maximise local impact.

Independent and Resilient

TB stressed the importance of mentioning the Community Navigator Scheme. The sustainability of this service was discussed. She added that HertsHelp was not well-resourced, and AS said that the public was not generally aware of Community Navigators nor Herts Help.

Families First was also acknowledged as a key tool to promote early intervention and Self Help.

Health & Wellbeing

SB asked that groups of interest should be targeted, not just geographical areas. e.g. it may be that relatively well-off and healthy people are benefiting from public health initiatives and not genuinely inactive people. This is relevant to point 4 in 2.10.3.

TB suggested that the wording in 2.10.1 be changed to 'Residents have access to.....' SB said it might be worth considering a buddy-up programme for health walks etc..

Safety

EM emphasised the importance of Individual Citizen Responsibility with reference to a dispute, for example. GB suggested that some of this be captured within the Independent & Resilient theme as well. There may also be some Home Office guidance sent to Community Resilience representatives that is relevant to this item.

SB said common sense had a part to play in diffusing some issues and said, by way of an example, that problems could be averted by informing neighbours of an intention to have a party. Such behaviour should be incorporated in the statement under 'Self Help'. SB added that she continued to be amazed at the number of constituents who did not lock their cars or house windows.

AS said a national campaign was being launched to combat scams and cybercrime, and the concept of Scam Champions was being promoted, details of which would come out via the Community Safety Co-ordinating Group. DA the scams issue was very much a County one.

RESOLVED:-

That the contents of the revised community strategy were agreed with minor changes to the wording as discussed.

LSP03/17 ADULTS WITH COMPLEX NEEDS PILOT PROJECT

AS provided a verbal update on the project. He said final results were not yet available but an interim report was. The service ended at the end of June with 30 people from Three Rivers, and 55 from Three Rivers and Hertsmere combined. A cost reduction on providing the service had been realised, particularly in the areas of A&E, Mental Health and Domestic Abuse. AS said that there were big challenges in the sustainability of cost savings. Since the end of the pilot, cases had been handed over to key workers but no further details of ongoing progress was available, which was a frustrating situation.

AS said that questions had been asked regarding achievable outcomes of working with some individuals, the answer being simply to keep them alive. This would require an individual approach as each person had specific requirements.

It was stated that although adults with complex needs were much younger than the elderly who needed assistance, the cost of providing support to the former was higher due to the nature of their needs, e.g. housing etc.

The recent Adults with Complex Needs conference showed that sharing information was a major challenge due to data protection issues. Working with Families First was more manageable, but a greater number of obstacles existed with Adult only social care.

TB asked whether it would be possible to get representatives from relevant partnerships around the table to discuss Mental Health. AS replied that the Herts Valley Clinical Commissioning Group chooses not to attend the LSP meetings, but the CSP can certainly try, and that it might be worthwhile contacting a more local service provider. SB suggested an invitation be sent to attend a one-off meeting, with the subject to be discussed by the LSP at a later date.

It was suggested further that a representative from Mind also be invited to attend.

RESOLVED:-

That the update was noted, and that an invitation be sent to Herts Partnership Foundation Trust and MIND to attend a future meeting.

LSP04/17 PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT UPDATE

KS presented an update on the LSP funded work for 2016/17 which highlighted three projects:

- Step-Up Learning & Wellbeing Centre Project
- Physical Activity Referral Scheme
- Three Rivers Domestic Abuse Caseworker

EM asked about the sustainability of the projects beyond LSP funding. KS replied as follows:

Step-Up Learning & Wellbeing Centre Project

The Step-Up project was now self-sustaining due to other external funding secured, volunteer support and a small amount of venue hire.

Physical Activity Referral Scheme

KS said the Physical Activity Referral Scheme would be funded by Three Rivers LSP until the end of 2018, although there was the possibility of further funding from Watford Borough Council which would extend it for an additional year.

KS explained that the scheme was not limited to referrals to gyms, but also included participation in Zumba classes, walks, Tai Chi and Yoga etc.

Three Rivers Domestic Abuse Caseworker

A successful bid was made to the Police Crime Commissioner securing the combined partnership funding for the post to last for 3 years.

RESOLVED:-

That the Performance Reward Grant update be noted.

LSP05/17 WORKPLAN 2017

AS presented the workplan for 2017-2018 and an amendment was agreed with regard to inviting Mental Health professionals to attend a future meeting of the Local Strategic Partnership Board. SB said such a meeting would provide other partners with a good opportunity to contribute within a multi-agency forum.

RESOLVED:-

That a representative of the Herts Partnership Foundation Trust be invited to a future meeting of the LSP Board.

LSP06/17 AOB

There was no other business.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

14 March 2018 at 10am

CHAIRMAN