



NSP Executive
28 January 2010
The Campus, Locking Castle, Weston-super-Mare

Present:

Kay Wozniak (KW) Chair	Chief Superintendent Avon and Somerset Constabulary
Clive Bodley (CB)	Chief Executive, NSHousing
Chris Born (CBorn)	Chief Executive, NHS North Somerset
Bob Snow (BS)	Chief Executive, Voluntary Action North Somerset
Graham Turner (GT)	Chief Executive Officer, North Somerset Council
Charles Walker (CW)	Chairman, North Somerset Initiative

Apologies:

Andy Hicklin (AH)	Wessex Area Planning & Communications Manager, Environment Agency
Paul Phillips (PP)	Principal, Weston College

In attendance:

Peggy Tovey (PT) on behalf of Paul Phillips	Director of Adult Skills & Enterprise, Weston College
James Foster (JF)	Strategic Policy Development Manager, North Somerset Council
Emma Shortt (ES)	Policy & Research Development Officer, North Somerset Council
Lorraine Bush	Policy & Partnership Development Officer, North Somerset Council
Valerie Kelly	Policy & Partnership Officer, North Somerset Council

Item		Action by	Deadline
1.	<p>Welcome & apologies KW noted the apologies and welcomed Peggy Tovey attending on behalf of Paul Phillips.</p>		
2.	<p>Minutes/Matters arising from meeting held 12 August 2009 The previous minutes were agreed with some small amendments.</p> <p>Voluntary & Community Sector Recession Impact Fund Details of grants are available on the Quartet Community Foundation website www.quartetcf.org.uk not the VANS website as previously recorded.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Management – the proposals were agreed with an amendment as follows: A neighbourhood management approach in the area of most severe deprivation, extending into parts of Central and West Wards.</p> <p>Stakeholder Event – Key messages have been circulated to the NSP Executive in the papers for this meeting and to delivery partnerships for consideration.</p> <p>Single Conversation – JF thanked Executive members for responding to the request for information regarding capital investment of partners into the area over the next 10 years. The</p>		

	responses have been forwarded to Government Office South West.		
3.	<p>LAA Stretch Indicator update – Domestic Violence</p> <p>As reported previously, there is an issue with the recording and measurement of repeat domestic violence incidents which means this indicator will not reach its stretch target despite the good work being undertaken and improving results. Discussions are taking place with GOSW to consider whether this indicator can be deemed inoperable and any PRG spread proportionally across the remaining stretch indicators within the LAA.</p> <p>The NSP Board has considered the issue of domestic violence previously. Funding is a challenge and currently there is a £90k funding gap. The Council and NHS NS have agreed an additional £70k funding (NSC £50k, NHS NS £20k) closing the gap significantly. Other partners were asked to consider whether they could find funds to cover the remaining £20k. NSHousing and the Police and Weston College will be approached. The funding will be for one year only.</p> <p>Action: CBodley & KW to review their respective budgets Peggy Tovey to approach PP, on behalf of the Executive, with regards to additional funding</p>		
4.	<p>Performance Reward Grant</p> <p>ES and LB outlined the PRG process and the process for agreeing the key areas of focus for bids – see presentation attached. Some discussion followed. It was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That it was difficult to reduce the number of areas of focus and there was a risk of excluding an excellent proposal by doing so. • The process to reduce the areas of focus had to be undertaken, as allowing bids under any of the 43 aims within the Sustainable Community Strategy would be extremely difficult to manage. • It was good that information from the stakeholder event is part of the evidence used to inform decisions • The Executive had agreed a guided bidding process for allocating PRG to encourage a limited number of well-developed bids from delivery partnerships • It was expected that projects would have a long-term impact and not ‘prop up’ revenue streams • A sum of around £500k was already committed and would be top sliced from any PRG received. This would provide £250k for a Community Chest fund and cover the LAA administration costs front funded by the Council as well as additional funds that have been pump primed for some indicators. • The Health & Wellbeing delivery partnership had identified one area of focus not included, this was work around mental health issues 		

JF then asked the Executive to identify the 10 aims that they felt should be key areas of focus for delivery partnership bids. It was agreed that areas that received six votes (2 aims) were to be included and those with one vote (1 aim) were to be excluded. Discussion of the remaining areas followed and the Executive suggested that it might be possible to build key areas of focus by linking similar aims. Two other suggested areas of focus were removed as it was considered they would result from action on other areas e.g. acting on alcohol and drug misuse and crime would impact on public reassurance.

Concern was expressed that support and development of the Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) was not one of the key areas of focus, particularly when the work of the VCS would be key to delivery of many of the projects under the areas of focus identified.

It was suggested the PRG application form should include a specific requirement that where a project looked to the VCS for assistance in delivery, funding should be included for building the capacity of the appropriate organisations to do so.
Suggested wording:

'Where a project is likely to involve an element of delivery through the voluntary and community sector, funding for developing capacity will be encouraged where appropriate'

It was also suggested that a sum of money from the PRG should be set aside as a 'wild card' fund. Delivery partnerships would each be allowed to submit one proposal that did not clearly meet the identified areas of focus but which would help to deliver on the aims within the SCS. The Executive would be under no obligation to select one of these projects but this would provide flexibility to consider an exceptional proposal that would not otherwise have been considered.

A definition of those able to benefit from the Community Chest fund was requested. For example would Limited Companies that were not-for-profit be able to bid?

Decision:

- **The Executive agreed the 10 key areas of focus – see attached sheet**
- **The Executive agreed that the following be added to the PRG guidance and application form – 'Where a project is likely to involve an element of delivery through the voluntary and community sector, funding for developing capacity will be encouraged where appropriate'**
- **The Executive agreed that a wild card fund (sum to be agreed) should be taken from the PRG to provide an opportunity to fund an exceptional proposal that might**

	<p>not otherwise be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive agreed that the agreed amendments to the PRG guidance, areas of focus and application form be made by the Policy & Partnership Team and then circulated by email for confirmation by Executive members. 		
5.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VK advised the Executive that the next meeting, on 25 February would begin at 9.30am – not 9.10am. • BS advised that a SWForum Event was taking place at the Winter Gardens on 25 February, the same date as the next Executive • ES advised the Executive that the amendment to the level 2 skills LAA stretch target had been agreed by GOSW. Performance had been above target for the last two years. 		

**North Somerset Partnership – Performance Reward Grant
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Agreed areas of focus

1. Deliver community regeneration and ensure the development of successful neighbourhoods in North Somerset and ensure all people are able to make a positive contribution to their communities including active citizenship and volunteering.
2. Reduce and prevent violent crime and support victims, particularly in areas of disadvantage.
3. Reduce alcohol and drug misuse and drug related crime, particularly in areas of disadvantage.
4. Reduce the number of early deaths from heart disease, cancer, stroke, chronic liver disease and preventable accidents, particularly in areas where health outcomes are the poorest.
5. Meet the health and social needs of older people.
6. Improve the life chances of vulnerable children including looked after children and young people.
7. Prevent and tackle homelessness.
8. Development of the infrastructure, business and enterprise needed to support sustainable economic growth and sustainable travel.
9. Develop learning and skills within communities and the business sector.
10. Tackle climate change by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases with a focus on disadvantaged communities and those in fuel poverty.