



**North Somerset partnership
Sustainable Community Strategy/
Local Area Agreement Group Meeting
12 February 2pm-4pm**

Present:

Kay Wozniak (KW)	Chair	Chief Superintendent Avon and Somerset Constabulary
Graham Turner (GT)		Chief Executive Officer, North Somerset Council
Clive Bodley (CB)		Chief Executive, North Somerset Housing
Dr Max Kammerling (MK)		Director of Public Health, North Somerset PCT
Andy Hicklin (AH)		Environment Agency
Dr Paul Phillips (PP)		Principal, Weston College
Linda Shaw (LS)		Voluntary Action North Somerset
James Foster (JF)		Strategic Policy Development Manager, North Somerset Council
Emma Short (ES)		Policy & Research Development Officer, North Somerset Council
Hannah Batts (HB)		Strategy & Research Officer, North Somerset Council
Valerie Kelly (VK)		Policy & Partnership Officer, North Somerset Council
Apologies:		
Fiona Massey (FM)		Government Office South West
Lorraine Bush		Policy & Partnership Development Officer, North Somerset Council

1. Welcome

KW welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Matters arising: Item 8i. The Performance Report is only now ready for circulation. ES will provide a summary of the report.

Action:

- **ES to circulate report with covering summary**

Item 8iii. The report on the Performance Reward Grant (PRG) will be delayed until the end of Quarter 4 2009/10 when all information will be available. At the current rate of progress the PRG will amount to approximately £2.9m.

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3. Feedback from first meeting of new NSP Board

JF asked the sub-group for feedback from the first meeting of the new NSP Board. The sub-group considered that the discussion session had gone well. It has been encouraging and useful. They felt that the discussions had been facilitated well, with useful outcomes. LS confirmed that there had been positive feedback from the VCS about the meeting.

It was noted that as a result of the discussions additional work had been moved to the Executive and that this needed to be communicated to delivery partnerships.

In response to a query about the remit of the sub-group it was confirmed that the sub-group would continue until chairs had been agreed by the new delivery partnerships. At this point it would be possible to confirm the new Executive.

5. Children's Trust Management Board

This item was taken next as MK had been delayed.

JF advised the sub-group that at the end of 2008 guidance on the emerging role of Children's Trust Management Boards (CTMB) had been published by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). The Audit Commission had published a further document outlining their view of the role and function of the CTMB in relation to LSPs.

The DCSF guidance makes it clear that CTMB should

- Be firmly positioned with the LSP
- Inform and influence the LSP
- Be engaged in the LAA
- Have a Children & Young People's plan that fits under the Sustainable Community Strategy

During the governance and performance review of the NSP, the Board had agreed that a representative of the CTMB should sit on the NSP Board and that a children & young people's representative should sit on each of the three delivery partnerships to ensure children & young people's issues are considered by all delivery partnerships. This model had been supported by GOSW. GOSW considered that the Audit Commission model was only a suggestion and that providing there were clear lines of accountability, reporting, monitoring and terms of reference linking the CTMB with the NSP that continuing with this model would be acceptable.

However, at a recent meeting of the CTMB, which Lynn Frith from the DCSF had attended, it was clear that the DCSF strongly advised that the CTMB should be a delivery partnership in its own right.

It was acknowledged that one weakness of this would be that it could lose the children and young people emphasis across each of the delivery partnerships. The Children's Plan has to accord with the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) with the LSP as the umbrella partnership.

It was noted that the review of the NSP had refocused the partnership and that a similar exercise might be useful for the CTMB. It was felt that if the CTMB were a delivery partnership, under the NSP, accountability would be clearer.

DECISION:

- **The sub-group agreed with the governance as suggested by the Audit Commission, that the CTMB should become a separate delivery partnership sitting alongside the other three delivery partnerships and reporting to the NSP.**
- **In addition, the sub-group agreed that they would want to continue with the current arrangement; Children & Young People will be represented on, and issues would continue to run through, every other delivery partnerships.**
- **CTMB should report to NSP Executive and Board as other delivery partnerships.**

ACTION:

- **To set up a dialogue between the CTMB and new Executive (Chair & individuals from the Executive who also sit on the CTMB) to discuss work, representation, accountability.**

4. Alcohol Strategy

MK outlined the draft Alcohol Strategy and covering paper that had been previously circulated.

It was noted that a large number of priorities had been listed but that some of these were actions. The document set out what we know and plans to be made.

The issues around alcohol misuse are much wider than the crime and disorder agenda. Although the document covered a lot of ground it did not show how partners' services could be aligned to help support activity.

Delivery partnership activity is already helping support delivery of the strategy. The sub-group considered that it would be useful if the document could be a ready reference for delivery partnerships when talking about their work to identify how they can support delivery of the alcohol strategy priorities.

It was suggested that it would be useful to produce a summary outlining the priorities to be achieved and how, and then to use the strategy document as an appendix to give background info.

It was also suggested that an implementation group be set up. This would be a short-term group who would come together to identify the key objectives and activities and align these to delivery partnerships with the chairs of the delivery partnerships ensuring delivery.

Action:

- **MK to produce a summary with key objectives and activities, aligning these to delivery partnership groups. Delivery Partnership Chairs will need to ensure that these are delivered and decide how to do that.**
- **MK to set up a short-term implementation group**
- **To be taken to NSP Board for endorsement in April**

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6. LAA refresh update

ES spoke to the report previously circulated. A number of indicators have been included in the annual refresh and whilst questions over a number of indicators have been resolved there are several that are still outstanding. These are NI 20, NI 21, NI 30, NI 50, NI 150, NI 181.

Data for Children & Young People Statutory indicators will not be available until the summer.

Three targets are still being considered for re-negotiation. These are:

NI 16 – Serious acquisitive crime rate: GOSW is unwilling to re-negotiate this indicator as only North Somerset, of the local Unitary Authorities, is showing a steep rise in levels.

NI154 – Net additional homes provided: Agreement has been reached to remove this from the refresh and re-consider the targets in 2010

NI 159 – Supply of ready to develop housing sites: This indicator has been taken out of the 'lockdown'. Michael Reep has written a new business case and GOSW is putting forward three options –

- to change the designated target to a local target
- to look at again in 2010
- to set new targets

Planning applications are not being submitted therefore the sites are not considered ready for development.

It was also noted that not all the health indicators in the LAA are aligned with the PCT Vitals Signs indicators and these are being updated.

GT queried whether NI 150 (Adults in contact with secondary mental health services in employment) could be re-negotiated. With the recession, levels of mental health issues are likely to increase. ES confirmed that this indicator is not included in those that GOSW have said they will consider but she will query this.

Action:

- **ES to query re-negotiation of NI 150 with GOSW in current economic climate**

7. MAA Update

A draft MAA has not yet been issued, although a 'story board' (an outline version of the MAA) had been circulated. ES outlined the indicators that had been included. These are: NI 159, NI 154, NI 167, NI 177, NI 152, NI 163, NI117.

The draft MAA will be taken to NSC Executive on 24 March.

PP asked for confirmation that the MAA indicator around level 2 qualifications was for those being delivered in North Somerset, rather than those being delivered to North Somerset residents.

Action:

- **ES to circulate NSC Executive Report to sub-group after meeting on 24 March.**
- **ES to bring more details of the MAA to the 10 March sub-group meeting**
- **ES to clarify indicator around level 2 qualifications**

8. AOB

Bob Snow will be the new VANS CEO from 2 March.

JF advised the sub-group that the CAA framework had been published on 11 Feb. He had met with the area lead, Phil Suter, and had invited him to the next sub-group meeting.

The core issues emerging and which North Somerset should focus on are:

- An increased focus on Equality and Diversity assessment on services for vulnerable people
- Stronger links with the SCS – is the LSP fit for delivery and how is the SCS being delivered?
- How does the LSP respond to new issues? eg recession.

9. Date of next meeting

10 March 2pm-4pm Town Hall, Steepholm Room