

Dartford and Gravesham Local Strategic Partnership

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

MINUTES of the meeting of the Public Service Board held on Thursday 19 July 2007 at Dartford Civic Centre at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Public Service Board

Cllr Jeremy Kite – Chairman, Dartford Borough Council

Cllr Mrs Ann Allen – Dartford Borough Council and Kent County Council

Cllr Mike Snelling – Gravesham Borough Council and Kent County Council

Dev Sharma – North West Kent Racial Equality Service

Val Miller – West Kent Primary Care Trust

Officers

Graham Harris – Dartford Borough Council

Adrian Gowan – Dartford Borough Council

Christopher Woodley - Gravesham Borough Council

Josie Gill – Dartford Borough Council

Susan Bourke – Dartford and Gravesham Borough Council

Richard Spoerry – Kent County Council

Robert Hardy – Kent County Council

ABSENT:

Eddie Falvey – North West Kent Council for Voluntary Service

1.0 Apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies received from Chief Supt. Gary Beautridge of North Kent Police and Jim Wintour, representing Gravesham Borough Council.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting held 29 November 2006

2.1 The minutes were approved.

3.0 Matters arising and announcements

3.1 There were no matters arising or announcements.

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4.0 Kent Agreement – End of Year Two Report

4.1 Richard Spoerry was in attendance to provide a progress report on the end of year two of the Kent Agreement. The report shows that progress has been made since September 2006, with an increase from four green outcomes to five. Only *Outcome 12* is red, which is 'To build confidence in the Criminal Justice System without compromising fairness'.

4.1.1 *Outcome 9* has a red indicator against *Crimes committed in the night-time economy*. Indications show that this may become amber/green. There are some concerns around *Outcome 1* as there are four red indicators. Indications show that these will not be hit within the next nine months. The results are judged through teacher assessment, which has become a more stringent process, so children are not getting worse but the process is becoming tighter.

4.1.2 The discrepancy between the affordable housing figures in the Kent Agreement and the affordable housing figures that the district councils have been working to was acknowledged, with a suggestion that all figures are confirmed by individual districts before they are agreed.

4.1.3 It was confirmed that not all indicators will have reward grant attached. There is a total of £36m available across the three years. Judged on the performance of the first two years, Kent would receive £24m at this point.

5.0 Development of the Kent Agreement Two

5.1 Richard Spoerry referred the Board to the coloured squares document entitled 'Kent Agreement 2 Suggested Outcomes' and explained the process of deciding the outcomes to date. A more detailed version will be circulated by Friday 27 July 2007 with evidence as to why outcomes have been chosen, asking partners to respond with indicators by Monday 10 September 2007.

5.1.1 The Comprehensive Spending Review will release a 200 national indicator set in late September/early October. District councils are encouraged to look at indicators that are long term and not necessarily achievable within the allotted three years.

5.1.2 Richard Spoerry explained that central government have not yet committed to any financial reward with the Kent Agreement 2 and suggested that if they do, it will not be money per indicator but a percentage based on the successful achievement of indicators. It was agreed that reward grant was an essential incentive for partners to engage. It was acknowledged that under the Kent Agreement 2, funding will be pooled and this will include money that districts already receive. The Kent Partnership Public Service Board will distribute this pooled funding and so partners must engage with the Kent Agreement 2 in order to ensure their share of the pooled funding.

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- 5.1.3 A discussion emerged around incompatible indicators, the growth agenda versus coastal towns, deliberate unfocused targets at this point, and details around specific outcomes.
- 5.1.4 It was agreed that each partner should rate the outcomes in each box in order of importance, as an individual district or as a LSP and then identify what is not there. Richard Spoerry will confirm this request by post.
- 5.1.5 A discussion emerged around the balance of indicators across Kent and the negotiation of different outcomes for different districts. It was mentioned that a percentage of the reward grant for Kent would be used to resource LSPs and CDRPs.
- 5.1.6 **Action:** For the Sustainable Community Strategy to emerge around the 'Vision for Kent' themes and Kent Agreement 2 structure. A response to Richard Spoerry's request for priority outcomes and potential indicators will be agreed both individually by Dartford and Gravesham and as a LSP by Monday 10 September 2007.
- 5.1.7 Richard Spoerry left the meeting at approximately 8.25pm.

6.0 Community Strategy 2003 Progress Report

- 6.1 Christopher Woodley introduced the report documenting the progress made with the 24 strategic targets issued in the first Community Strategy in 2003. It was agreed that the content was fine and it was acknowledged that the review of the targets was unlike a review of the LAA. In future the reporting of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Kent Agreement 2 will match.
- 6.1.1 It was agreed that this information should be published as a short and snappy leaflet publicising achievements and explaining the plans for the future. This leaflet will be circulated to Members of both councils.
- 6.1.2 **Action:** Susan Bourke to work with Christopher Woodley on producing a leaflet highlighting the main achievements within the report.

7.0 Preparation of the Sustainable Community Strategy

- 7.1 Christopher Woodley introduced the discussion document, 'Preparation of a Sustainable Community Strategy' for the Board's information. It was agreed that the Kent Agreement themes must be reflected in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

8.0 Any Other Business

- 8.1 It was acknowledged that the Fastrack bus service had won a National Transport Award.

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8.2 Val Miller informed the group of the launch of the Kent Public Health Strategy and of the health area profiles for Dartford and Gravesham.

8.2.1 It was explained to the Board that the Choosing Health money will be divided on a per capita basis across the districts and that the districts will be involved in the decision making.

8.2.2 Val Miller informed the group that she will be on sick leave for the next three months and a locum consultant will be attending the LSP meetings to ensure consistency.

9.0 Date of next meeting

9.1 The next meeting will take place on Thursday 13 September 2007 at 7.30pm at Gravesham Borough Council Civic Centre.

The meeting finished at 9.05pm.

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