

Dartford and Gravesham Local Strategic Partnership

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

MINUTES of the meeting of the Public Service Board held on Thursday, 24 July 2008 at North Kent Police Station at 2pm.

PRESENT:

Public Service Board

Cllr Mike Snelling – Chairman, Gravesham Borough Council and Kent County Council

Cllr Jeremy Kite, Dartford Borough Council

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

Chief Supt. Paul Brandon – North West Kent Police

Dev Sharma – North West Kent Racial Equality Council

Val Miller – On behalf of Jess Mookherjee (West Kent Primary Care Trust)

Marilyn Keating – North West Kent CVS

Officers

Glyn Thomson - Gravesham Borough Council

Nick Brown – Gravesham Borough Council

Michelle Parfitt – Gravesham Borough Council

Jackie Denton – Gravesham Borough Council (taking minutes)

ABSENT:

Robert Hardy – Kent County Council

Jess Mookherjee - West Kent Primary Care Trust

Graham Harris – Dartford Borough Council

Adrian Gowan – Dartford Borough Council

Susan Bourke – Dartford Borough Council

1.0 Apologies for absence

- 1.1 Apologies received from Graham Harris, Adrian Gowan and Susan Bourke, all from Dartford Borough Council and Jess Mookherjee from the West Kent Primary Care Trust.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2008

- 2.1 The minutes were approved.

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3.0 Matters arising and announcements

- 3.1 The Chair welcomed Chief Supt Paul Brandon to the meeting and thanked North Kent Police for inviting the Public Service Board to have this meeting at their new premises.

4.0 Update on KA2

- 4.1 Glyn Thomson introduced this item and a discussion took place on action to be taken over the next 3-4 years. The document is grouped into 8 themes and has now been agreed by partners and the Minister. The Board spent some time looking at the themes and where organisations are to come within the delivery. We need to be aware that we will be obliged, at some stage, to monitor our progress and we need to build this into an action plan.
- 4.2 The Board discussed concerns over health issues such as obesity, alcohol and drug addiction. Chief Supt Brandon informed the Board about a lock-out scheme being used in Australia to combat the problems with 24-hour drinking. The scheme means that after a certain time if a person leaves a licensed premises they are unable to go back into that or any other licensed premises within a particular zone. The scheme has been very successful in three states of Australia where alcohol related crime and ambulance response has reduced dramatically. North Kent Police is hoping to take this scheme forward in Dartford and Gravesham.

5.0 Review of Dartford and Gravesham LSP

- 5.1 Discussion took place on the future approach to the Local Strategic Partnership. There has been considerable concern that in practice the LSP has not been as effective as it could have been and therefore it was agreed that it was time for a review. The following was agreed.
1. Retain the existing joint LSP.
 2. The meetings to be action orientated with clear direction.
 3. Three meetings per year, to be reviewed as we progress.
 4. Additional County Councillors will not be able to attend as observers to meetings.
 5. The Fire Service should be represented on the LSP.
 6. Someone from the private sector should be approached to be the Chairman.

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- 5.2 Membership of the group and attendance of partners at group meetings was discussed and the following amendments were made:

Chief Supt. Paul Brandon to replace Chief Supt. Beautridge.
Cllr Roger Goth (Kent County Council) to be added to the group.
Marilyn Keating (North West Kent CVS) to replace Mr K Wiles.
Mr D Turner (Gravesham Borough Council) to be removed.
Mr V Hull (North West Kent College) to be removed.
Mr I Martin (Groundwork Kent and Medway) to be removed.
A representative from the Fire Brigade to be included.
Ms K Patterson (observer from Sevenoaks DC) to be removed.
Mr B Daley (observer from Swanley Town Council) to be removed.

6.0 Interim Community Strategy Performance Management Report

- 6.1 Discussion took place on the report produced by Susan Bourke. It was agreed that we need to start thinking about what we want to take up and are we going to use KA2 in terms of measuring?

6.1.1 Glyn Thomson to discuss this with Graham Harris and bring a report back to the next meeting. We need to link up with the Police and PCT on this.

7.0 Dartford & Gravesham Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)

- 7.1 Nick Brown introduced this item. The joint SCS is currently being developed by Adrian Gowan, Susan Bourke and Michelle Parfitt. Dartford and Gravesham have separate Corporate Plans and Adrian Gowan is drawing the joint SCS together taking the key features from each of the Corporate Plans. The LSP partners need to be engaged in the development and delivery of the SCS as it will outline the high level objectives for the area. Adrian Gowan and his policy colleagues are working to a tight timescale for the completion of the SCS so any consultation will require early responses.

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8.0 Any Other Business

8.1 There was a brief discussion on the three new neighbourhood forums being set up in Gravesham.

8.1.1 **Action:** Glyn Thomson to bring a report to the next LSP meeting on how the forums are progressing.

8.2 There was no other business to report.

9.0 Date of next meeting

9.1 Susan Bourke and Michelle Parfitt to work on setting dates for future meetings and circulate dates of availability by the end of the month.

The meeting finished at 4pm.

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