

Dartford and Gravesham Local Strategic Partnership

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Public Service Board held on Wednesday, 29 October 2008 at Gravesham Borough Council at 2pm.

PRESENT:

Public Service Board

Cllr Mike Snelling – Chairman, Gravesham Borough Council and Kent County Council
Graham Harris, Managing Director, Dartford Borough Council
Cllr Jeremy Kite, Leader, Dartford Borough Council
Cllr Kevin Lynes – Kent County Council
Glyn Thomson – Chief Executive, Gravesham Borough Council
Dev Sharma – North West Kent Racial Equality Council
Jay Edwins – On behalf of Jess Mookherjee (West Kent Primary Care Trust)

Officers:

Michelle Parfitt – Gravesham Borough Council
Ben Turner – Gravesham Borough Council
Jackie Denton – Gravesham Borough Council (taking minutes)
Susan Bourke – Dartford Borough Council

ABSENT:

Chief Supt. Paul Brandon – North West Kent Police
Cllr Mrs Ann Allen – Dartford Borough Council and Kent County Council
Jess Mookherjee - West Kent Primary Care Trust
Adrian Gowan – Dartford Borough Council
Marilyn Keating – North West Kent CVS
Mike Bodkin – Kent County Council

1.0 Apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies received from Adrian Gowan, Cllr Ann Allen and Jess Mookherjee.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2008

2.1 From 8.1 Update on Neighbourhood Forums: Approval has now been given by both KCC and GBC for the establishment of Neighbourhood Forums based on the Dover model. They will be split into Gravesham Rural, Gravesham East and Gravesham West and the first meeting will be Gravesham Rural on 15 December 2008 at the Meadow Rooms in Cobham.

2.2 The minutes were approved.

Signed by Cllr Mike Snelling:

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3.0 Matters arising and announcements

- 3.1 The Chair welcomed Cllr Kevin Lynes, the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Supporting Independence, to his first meeting.

4.0 Review of Dartford and Gravesham LSP

- 4.1 GT presented an update and the group agreed that the approach in the report be supported. Further reports to be brought back to the group on Environment & Transport and Housing & Stronger Communities.
- 4.2 It was agreed that it would not be necessary to have both the Public Service Board and the LSP and therefore the LSP Board will be the main body.
- 4.3 Sustainable Community Strategy: An overview of the interagency plans being put in place to be given at the February LSP meeting and to include the CDRP. The PCT to bring a presentation/report on health improvement. Dartford and Gravesham to provide copies of their Corporate Plans and outline in presentations to the LSP the relevant parts.
- 4.4 MAA and LAA: Some of their work and policy direction to be brought to the next meeting in terms of what is being proposed. We need to work closely with KCC on specialist provision.
- 4.1.1 Action: GT to arrange a brainstorming meeting, possibly including Rob Hancock and Mike Bodkin.
- 4.5 It was agreed at the Public Service Board that we should have a chairman from the private sector but unfortunately the person who was being considered has now fully retired. Some further thought to be given as to who would be interested.
- 4.6 All the recommendations contained within the report were agreed.

5.0 Dartford and Gravesham Sustainable Community Strategy

- 5.1 Susan Bourke updated the group on the progress with the Sustainable Community Strategy which is a joint document between Gravesham and Dartford. Michelle Parfitt circulated a document outlining the LSP impact on the agreed KA2 indicators. The strategy will be used to monitor the Kent Agreement. The draft strategy was agreed.
- 5.1.1 SB to confirm if the KA2 indicator document circulated outlines the LSP priority of each indicator or the impact the LSP/local authority can have on each indicator.

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6.0 Any Other Business

- 6.1 Dev Sharma advised that from April 2009 the NWK REC will be changing their name to the Kent Equality Regional Council. This will make it clear that they deal with all strands of equality and not solely concentrate on race. They will continue to be based in Dartford and Gravesham but if calls are received from outside of North-West Kent they can be directed to the correct place.

7.0 Date of next meeting

- 7.1 Susan Bourke and Jackie Denton to arrange the next meeting for February 2009.

The meeting finished at 4.45pm.

Signed by Cllr Mike Snelling: