

## **Minutes from the Birmingham Strategic Partnership Programme Board 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

**Present:** Jon Bright (BCC); Sophia Christie (PCT) ; CSUPT Paul Scarratt (WMP); Paul Tilsley (BCC); Les Lawrence (BCC); Elaine Elkington (BCC); Phillipa Holland (GOWM); Brian Carr (BVSC)

**Supporting Officers, Observers and Guests:** Ray Windless (Service Birmingham); Kevin Hubery (BCC); Asif Afridi (BRAP); Karmah Boothe (BCC); Jackie Mould (Director BSP); Richard Kenny (BSP); Jayne Bench (BSP); Ken Lawrence (BSP)

**Apologies:** Apologies of absence were received from David Cragg (LAC); Anil Patani (WMP); J Warmington (BRAP)

### **Conflicts of Interest**

An extract from the BSP's Rules of Engagement on Conflicts of Interest had been circulated.

Jackie Mould reported that the current Conflict of Interest was being reconsidered as part of a stocktake and in future it would be a part of the agenda for all meetings.

Councillor Tilsley declared an interest as a Director of Service Birmingham on the agenda item "Working for the Future".

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

A copy of the minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2007 had been circulated.

### **Matters Arising**

The following matters were reported to the meeting:-

- Jackie Mould confirmed that a briefing note on community engagement had been circulated to the BSP Board Members
- Jackie Mould confirmed that the interviews in connection with the BSP stocktake were under way; work was being done on the accountable body role with a view to drawing up new protocols, and outline staffing structures were being prepared to be reported to a future Programme Board meeting
- Ken Lawrence confirmed that the initial schedule of NRF projects facing closure had been circulated to the constituencies and the thematic groups

## **Working for the Future - Business Transformation**

The Programme Board received a powerpoint and video presentation from Ray Winless of Service Birmingham which focussed on Service Birmingham's proposals for improving face-to-face interaction with service users and producing a service that was not constrained by existing buildings and property and highlighting the opportunities of a multi-agency approach.

Following the presentation a number of issues were raised including whether this was driven by cost or service improvement; whether customer information held by different agencies was shared; the ability of the private sector to participate; how this was linked to other initiatives, e.g. Quirk; and the impact rationalisation would have on the most deprived communities.

Ray Winless indicated that whilst the primary focus was to support/enhance service delivery, there was an efficiency agenda; there was no facility to share information at the moment although the health sector was looking at this with a joined up software; the process already attracted interest from the private sector; the needs of the most deprived would be addressed; and that whilst drawing in with other programmes was an aspiration, it was recognised there was a need to demonstrate success on the ground which then could be rolled out.

### **It was agreed that:-**

Service Birmingham should open a dialogue with the Police and other agencies which the BSP should facilitate.

### **Action: -**

Jackie Mould

### **Quirk Report**

The report on the Quirk Report had been circulated.

Jackie Mould reported that Julia Leah was unable to attend today's meeting.

### **It was agreed that:-**

This item be deferred and Julia Leah to be invited for a further meeting.

### **Action: -**

Jackie Mould.

## **Local Area Agreement - First Draft**

A copy of the first draft of the Local Area Agreement was tabled. Jackie Mould reported that this was a first draft with many of the partnerships still finalising their details. However the document contained too many priorities and needed editing to focus on the big transformational issues. In order to facilitate the following five criteria were proposed.

- The outcome addresses an issue which is recognised as a significant concern by more than one BSP partner, or by at least one partner and the residents of Birmingham (as expressed through public consultation exercises)
- The outcome addresses an issue which, if not dealt with, is likely over time to seriously hinder Birmingham's economic growth and/or inhibit the quality of life of a significant proportion of its residents
- The outcome addresses an issue which can only be effectively tackled by partnership working, i.e. it is beyond the scope of any one single agency to resolve. The only exception to this is where delivery against the issue is the sole responsibility of one partner but its overwhelming strategic importance is widely acknowledged
- An acceptable level of progress against the outcome is realistic within three years given the level of resources which are likely to be made available
- The outcome is capable of having indicators from the new National Indicator Set (or, exceptionally, local indicators) attached to it which can measure actual progress towards its achievement

There was some discussion concerning performance indicators on succeed economically, the danger of agencies seeking to include priorities within the Local Area Agreement simply as a means of seeking additional support and the difficulty of identifying any priority that was the sole responsibility of a single agency.

### **It was agreed that:-**

The criteria reported to the meeting should be used as part of the process.

A number of points on the priorities currently identified were then made:-

- Connectivity should mean digital as well as physical
- Should "educational attainment" be "educational and skills attainment"
- The need to factor in how the priorities are tracked and managed
- The respective roles of the private and public sectors with regard to transport
- Direction should be given to the potential for merging/reworking community safety priorities and using performance indicators to provide differentiation;

- Locating neighbourhoods and public spaces under quality of life rather than community safety
- The need to include the safeguarding of adults
- The need to address the impact of alcohol on health
- The need to consider how best to address equalities
- The need to consider the juxtaposition of violent extremism and community cohesion
- Consideration should be given to including a number of the potential priority outcomes "as sub-sets of existing ones"
- Consideration should be given to including reduced barriers to partnership working as an outcome
- Consideration to be given to whether there is a case to measure efficiency across the public sector
- The need for clarity on timetable and process for various partners
- The need to consider including anti-poverty as an outcome

Richard Kenny reported that the priorities needed to be submitted to GOWM by the end of November with a delivery plan developed by April. Workshops with partnerships will be taking place and target setting would be needed in the January to March period.

Jackie Mould confirmed that the initial sign off of the draft documents would be done by the City Council's Cabinet and the BSP during November.

**It was agreed that:-**

Priority outcomes would be revised in the light of the Programme Board's discussions.

**Action:**

Richard Kenny.

**Community Strategy Update**

Jackie Mould reported that it was proposed to circulate a leaflet which summarised the key messages with a tear off slip to encourage a response. The full document would be available either electronically or through the post should it be required. It was proposed to take on additional support to help with this work. The total cost of the leaflets, support and associated PR was £50,000.

It was suggested that the leaflet should be made available to partners so that they can integrate it on their websites and newsletters etc.

**It was agreed that:-**

£50,000 of NRF be allocated to further any consultation on the community strategy, and that the document be circulated to partners.

**Action:-**

Jackie Mould to implement the consultation strategy.

**Social Enterprise Baseline Study**

The Social Enterprise Baseline Study had been circulated.

Jackie Mould reported that Michael Kilduff was not at the meeting but requested that the Programme Board agree £20,000 to implement Phase 2 of the study in order to help deliver the Local Area Agreement.

**It was agreed that:-**

£20,000 of NRF be allocated to Phase 2 of the Baseline Study.

**Action:-**

Jackie Mould/Michael Kilduff.

**Any Other Business**

Sophia Christie raised what was happening with regard to community engagement and the lack of information available. Jackie Mould reported that a meeting of the Task Group had been held and subsequently a framework and proposals had been developed which would be reported to the next meeting.