

Be Birmingham Executive Board Brief

The meeting of the executive board on 19th November considered the following:

Community cohesion

The board discussed the challenges of community cohesion in an increasingly young and diverse city. The partnership response will be to integrate cohesion across its core business. In addition the board agreed:

- To adopt and build upon BCC's Community Cohesion Strategy
- That the next BB summit on 28th January will focus on shaping the Community Cohesion Strategy
- That each thematic partnership will identify how its work will contribute to the Community Cohesion Strategy
- To develop appropriate performance indicators relevant to the strategy
- To work with BCC to review the arrangements for the Community Cohesion Forum

Social capital and enterprise

Jackie Mould updated the board on arrangements for the Voice 09 conference which takes place in Birmingham on 10th & 11th February 2009. The board was also informed that the partnership will be tendering out the forthcoming Social Capital and Enterprise Strategy.

Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)

Following Birmingham's support of the CAA Pilot, Sophia Christie reported that she had been invited to speak on the experience. Separate meetings are to take place between the Audit Commission and the relevant parties to discuss red flag issues.

Core City's Improvement Collaborative

The board was informed of the longstanding arrangements between the local authorities of the eight core cities in England. Sophia Christie highlighted the work that the Primary Care Trusts in these cities had undertaken to agree common values and priorities. She also confirmed that they were now ready to put out a tender for a partner to support this collaborative programme.

LAA six-month performance summary

The board noted that at this stage there was only limited performance data available. It was also updated on the current position of 16 of the national indicators with half currently on track. Managers were asked to develop a response to those indicators off track.

LAA annual review and refresh

The Government's arrangements to refresh the Local Area Agreement were reviewed and it was noted that as there was likely to be limited delivery data available, the review is likely to focus on the local capacity and delivery arrangements for the LAA.

Multi Area Agreement (MAA) skills & employment

The board was informed of the emerging regional MAA and noted it would need to ensure close working with the city region over the next few weeks.

LAA 2008/11 delivery plans

The current position of the anticipated 43 delivery plans was reviewed. The board discussed the scrutiny arrangements that had been put in place with the accountable body. In addition it was agreed:

- To approve in full the delivery plans for housing growth/net completions and affordable housing development
- To approve in principle the delivery plans for the delayed transfer of care and neighbourhoods
- That BB will seek formal confirmation from thematic partnerships that all the plans have been fully agreed and signed off
- That individual delivery plans are to be considered as and when appropriate by the accountable body's Scrutiny Committee

Philippa Holland

Philippa Holland from GOWM will be retiring in January. The chairman wished her well and thanked her for her advice and support over the last few years.

Next meeting

The next executive board meeting will take place on 15th January 2009.

Jackie Mould

