



PARTNERSHIP BOARD (PMB)

Notes from a meeting on 7th October 2005

Item 1 Local Area Agreements

Bernard Sully spoke to a briefing note setting out a response to Hampshire Strategic Partnership. The response was agreed.

The initial submission of the LAA is to be submitted to Government Office by the end of October.

Item 2 Consultation with Local Hospitals

Janet Blann led a discussion on the draft response to the Winchester and Eastleigh Health Trust concerning the review of local health arrangements. It was agreed that bullet point 6 should read 'the closure of community beds in Romsey Hospital' rather than 'the closure of Romsey Hospital. The response was otherwise agreed.

Item 3 Performance Report – Action Groups

Marion Woods introduced the performance report from Action Groups which highlights much of the excellent work supported by the groups. There is no doubt that reporting needs to be more specific from some of the groups and MW will work to achieve this. Reporting on project progress is only one way of monitoring the work of the Partnership. There are key performance indicators in the Community Plan and these too need to be reported upon although there has been some resistance to this from Action Groups.

MW is to address this at the next with chairs and co-ordinators meeting. MW is also to research reporting methods in other LSPs with a view to bringing a proposal to the Board early next year for a refined methodology.

Item 4 The Children and Young People Plan

Janet Blann spoke to a briefing note that set out a proposal that Anthony Fielding should set up a working group with a view to his coming to the January Board meeting with a plan for taking this forward.

The Board agreed that Anthony should consider a range of proposals that would enable the Children and Young People's agenda to be taken forward and bring them to the Board, as proposed.

Item 5 Report on the Turnaround Project

Liz Lee presented an update on the project which has reached a stage where the Participatory Needs Assessment has been completed and a report prepared which has been made available to the Board. The Board commended Liz on the excellent work that she has carried out in relation to the project and wished her well in her new post.

The recommendations from the Turnaround Project Steering Group and were endorsed with the following comments;

- That community engagement is crucial and this is not specifically identified in the recommendations
- That it is important to engage and involve local councillors
- That under recommendation 1. it should read 'that the Turnaround Project Steering Group should continue'. The Board agreed that the Steering Group should not be referred to as an Action Group, but that it should remain linked to those groups as a separate entity
- The possibility of a research project to evaluate it
- Roy Perry suggested that HCC be approached for funding

Item 6 From Talk to Action Event on Nov 7th 2005

Marion Woods spoke of the need for a clear methodology for taking the Turnaround project forward proposing that the outcomes framework should be adopted. The strength of the model is its simplicity and the fact the performance indicators are inbuilt into the planning process. The methodology is likely to be adopted by Hampshire LSPs generally with the benefit of a shared language and understanding about community planning. There has been a good response to the November event which has attracted a lot of interest right across Hampshire with almost all LSPs represented.

It was agreed that this methodology would be adopted as the Turnaround Project takes it's work forward to the action planning stage.

Item 7 Andover Vision

Janet Blann gave an update on the Andover Vision and presented a briefing paper from Barbara North.

The Board did not agree with the proposed recommendation under bullet 4 that 'the TAP project should become an Action Group in its own right'.

The Board noted the recommendations but would like further clarification about some of the other points before the recommendation

Item 8 Board Meetings 2006-01-13

The timetable of meetings will be circulated

AOB

- Claire Baker is covering Liz Lee's post on an interim basis. She will be TVBC's link with the Turnaround Project.
- Verna Kempthorne has been appointed to cover the post permanently and will commence work in January. Her remit will differ from that of Liz and her title will be Health Policy Manager
- Jerry Price has been appointed as the Schools Improvement Officer. He will be responsible for improving educational attainment in Andover schools
- A new Community Development Worker has been appointed and will work from the Phoenix Centre
- The launch of the Test Valley Compact is due to take place at King's Somborne Village Hall on 15th November from 12-2 pm.

