

## LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (LSP) MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 March 2015 at Hertsmere Civic Offices

<b>Attendees:</b>	Councillor Morris Bright (Chair)	Leader, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Donald Graham	Executive, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Loran Kingston (Minutes)	Partnerships Support Officer, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Hilary Shade	Head of Partnership and Community Engagement, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Rebecca Young	Health and Wellbeing Policy Manager, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Earl Dutton	Operations Director, Hertfordshire County Council
	Councillor Teresa Heritage	Executive Member, Hertfordshire County Council
	Chris Wood	Chair, Citizens Advise Bureau (CAB)
	Sue Pearlman	Chair, Community Action Hertsmere (CAH)
	Lewis Osbourne	Member, Hertsmere Forum of Faiths
	Tannis Perks	Chief Inspector, Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Susan Platten	Partnership / Relationship Manager, DWP
	Councillor Brenda Batten	Leisure, Culture and Health Portfolio Holder, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Andrew Cobb	Executive Director, Aldwyck Housing
	Sean Scully	Director of Student Experience, Oaklands College
	Peter Evans	Clerk, Aldenham Parish Council
	Rob Day	Station Commander, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
	Dr Kate Page	Vice Chair, Hertsmere Commissioning Locality
	Aaron Eldred	Health and Wellbeing Apprentice, Hertsmere Borough Council

<b>In attendance:</b>	Councillor Ann Harrison	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Andrew Cawthrope	Prince's Trust
	Kim Harwood	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Valerie Kane	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Jane Taylor	Hertsmere Commissioning Locality
	Oliver Monaghan-Coombs	Hertfordshire County Council

	Heather Walsh	Community Action Hertsmere (CAH)
<b>Apologies for absence:</b>	Ian Pluck	Chief Executive, Hertsmere Leisure
	Jeremy Green	My Incubator Manager, WENTA
	Rev Richard Leslie	Chair, Hertsmere Forum of Faiths
	Councillor Seamus Quilty	Housing and Economic Development Portfolio Holder, Hertsmere Borough Council

<b>1.0</b>	<b><u>Welcomes and apologies</u></b>
<b>1.1</b>	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to the guest speakers and the new board member Chief Inspector Tannis Perks.
<b>2.0</b>	<b><u>Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</u></b>
<b>2.1</b>	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.
<b>2.2</b>	<p>The following updates were given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 3.0 – Councillor Brenda Batten advised the group that Hertsmere were actively taking part in the Anti-Smoking Campaign.</li> <li>• Item 2.3 – Hilary Shade gave an update on the Big Local Project. Please see attached. The Chair advised the group that he was concerned about this project and felt it was important to keep LSP board members up to date with its progress, as community leaders.</li> <li>• Item 5.2 – since the last meeting two WRAP training sessions have been held and just under 100 people have attended from the council and other local organisations.</li> <li>• Item 6.2 – Rebecca Young advised the group that since the last meeting the sponsor group met to discuss the pilot project. Affinity Sutton have contributed £10,000 towards the project for the next two years and funding will be sought from other local partners. The procurement process will start in April for an organisation to run the pilot project.</li> <li>• Item 7.1 – Chris Wood advised the group that Heather Day's successor, Carolyn Wooler had been appointed and will be present at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b><u>Prince's Trust – update on PRG</u></b>
<b>3.1</b>	Andrew Cawthorpe presented a report. Please see attached.
<b>3.2</b>	Andrew Cawthorpe advised the group that there was still £15,000 funding remaining. He proposed to the group that the remaining money could be used to support Hertsmere residents on the 'Get Into' courses. Although these courses would not be run in the borough, there are good transport links to the boroughs they are held in. It was noted that the project cost per person would be £2,000; only £1,000 from the PRG per person, as the Prince's Trust have matched funded the project.
<b>3.3</b>	Susan Platten was keen to see more work done with those on Employment

	Support Allowance (ESA), as there are approximately 2,500 people receiving it in the borough.
3.4	<p>ESA is for those who are ill or disabled and offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">financial support</a> if you're unable to work</li> <li>• personalised help so that you can work if you're able to</li> </ul> <p>You can <a href="#">apply for ESA</a> if you're employed, self-employed or unemployed. You might be <a href="#">transferred to ESA</a> if you've been claiming other benefits like Income Support or Incapacity Benefit.</p>
3.5	<p>Sue Pearlman was keen to know how many actually stay in their jobs for more than a year and advised the group that CAH are good at getting in touch with the harder to reach groups of people. Andrew Cawthorpe told the group that they were currently only able to measure the first year in employment. Investments are being put into the IT systems so that smarter evaluations can be done in the future.</p>
3.6	<p>Councillor Theresa Heritage was keen to see disabled people being offered the courses. Andrew Cawthorpe advised the group that he doesn't exclude people from the courses; however some people will need extra support which may require additional funding.</p>
3.7	<p>Donald Graham was keen to see local businesses involved with the courses and wanted to ensure the money would only be used for Hertsmere residents. Andrew Cawthorpe advised the group that he would be discussing the courses with local businesses and the funding would only be drawn down for Hertsmere residents.</p>
3.8	<p>The LSP board agreed for the remaining money to be used for the Prince's Trust to continue to support Hertsmere residents on courses.</p>
4.0	<b><u>Homelessness update and impact of Welfare Reforms</u></b>
4.1	<p>Kim Harwood talked through a report. Please see attached.</p>
4.2	<p>Donald Graham advised the group that Universal Credit will be rolled out in Hertsmere in September 2015 for less complex claimants. He told the group he was pleased with the council's response to addressing the homelessness issues, especially as Hertsmere now has a portfolio of temporary accommodation.</p>
4.3	<p>Chris Wood told the group that around 10% of the CABs customers have housing related issues, including actual or threatened homelessness as a result of the benefit changes.</p>
4.4	<p><b>ACTION: It was agreed that there will be an update at the September 2015 board meeting on the implementation of Universal Credit, with updates from the DWP and Alwyck. There will also be an update on the CABs customer statistics at a future meeting.</b></p>
4.5	<p>Kim Harwood informed the group that she would be arranging another housing</p>

	conference before Universal Credit is introduced.
<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>Herts Healthy Homes</u></b>
<b>5.1</b>	Heather Walsh talked through a presentation. Please see attached.
<b>5.2</b>	<b>ACTION: Heather Walsh to send details of the Herts Healthy Homes Local Initiative Fund to Loran Kingston and she will circulate to board members. It was noted that the deadline for this funding was on Monday 23 March 2015. Update: These details were circulated to the board. A meeting was held for interested parties on 9 March 2015 and as a result CAH will be submitting two applications for funding.</b>
<b>5.3</b>	Councillor Theresa Heritage advised the group that St Albans have a high number of referrals as they use the market stall to promote the scheme.
<b>5.4</b>	Tannis Perks was keen to liaise with CAH to find out what the police are doing to help promote the project.
<b>5.5</b>	<b>ACTION: Loran Kingston to circulate information on the statistics and referral process to partners. Update: Please see attached.</b>
<b>6.0</b>	<b><u>Community Reassurance</u></b>
<b>6.1</b>	Tannis Perks gave an update to the group.
<b>6.2</b>	<p>Counter Terrorism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current terrorist threat level in the UK is severe.</li> <li>• The CSP has been working to promote the Prevent Strategy and has supported the delivery of training to raise awareness and help partners identify those individuals who are at risk of becoming radicalised.</li> <li>• The police liaise with council staff to gain an understanding of any community tensions, which are then monitored. This assists the officers to understand the needs of the communities and to support them appropriately.</li> <li>• Currently there are specific patrol plans in place to ensure premises that are identified of having a higher risk are visited regularly.</li> <li>• Meetings and briefings are being held with local faith groups to discuss their concerns.</li> <li>• There has been an increase in the number of racially aggravated incidents. Each incident has a level of scrutiny to ensure there are no emerging trends.</li> </ul>
<b>6.3</b>	<p>Keep Safe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This project offers people with disabilities a safe place to go if they need help or assistance. This project works really well.</li> </ul>
<b>6.4</b>	<p>Domestic Abuse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been a change in the legislation, which now includes coercive behaviour and this will hopefully increase the number of incidents reported to the police.</li> <li>• On 5 March the council is hosting the Welwyn Hatfield and St Albans and Hertsmere Domestic Abuse Conference. This year the focus is on</li> </ul>

	the hidden victims of domestic abuse; the children.
<b>6.5</b>	The Chair was keen to ensure that the correct messages were put out in the communities and was keen to ensure that the fear of crime was not raised in the borough.
<b>7.0</b>	<b><u>Responsible Authorities Group (RAG)</u></b>
<b>7.1</b>	Donald Graham talked through a report. Please see attached.
<b>7.2</b>	The Board supported and agreed the proposal to merge the RAG with the LSP meeting.
<b>8.0</b>	<b><u>Any other business</u></b>
<b>8.1</b>	The Chair asked the group for suggestion of premises that may be suitable for a food bank in Bushey. All suggestions should be sent to Loran Kingston.
<b>8.2</b>	The Chair told the group that the Safer Streets information folders had been updated. Copies were tabled.
<b>8.3</b>	The Chair highlighted some of the resident Survey Results. This can be viewed here <a href="http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Your-Council/Official-Publications--Guides--Policies/Residents-Survey.aspx">http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Your-Council/Official-Publications--Guides--Policies/Residents-Survey.aspx</a>
<b>8.4</b>	Sean Scully informed the group about a 'Have a go day in Hertsmere' at 96 Shenley Road on Saturday 9 May 2015 between 11am-4pm to encourage people to get into skills based training. Please see attached.
<b>8.5</b>	The group were advised that the McMillian Nurses fund may be withdrawn from the CAB in October 2015. Members of the group were keen to ensure a solution was in place if the funding ceases. Board members agreed to discuss this outside of the meeting.
<b>9.0</b>	<b><u>Date of future meetings</u></b>
<b>9.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 9 June 2015</li> <li>• Tuesday 8 September 2015</li> <li>• Tuesday 8 December 2015</li> </ul> <p>All meetings start at 2pm and are held at the Civic Offices, Borehamwood.</p>