

**Minutes**  
**HARLOW 2020 PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
Monks Barn, Harlow Study Centre, Harlow

**PRESENT:**

Jackie Sully (JS) (Chair)	Rainbow Services
Cllr Eddie Johnson (EJ) (Vice Chair)	Essex County Council (ECC)
Chris Fluskey (CF)	Harlow Education Consortium
Andrew Bramidge (AB)	Harlow Renaissance Ltd
Charles Cochrane (CC)	Essex Police Authority
Alison Cowie (AC)	NHS West Essex
Adrian Coombs (ACo)	Essex Police
Gerald Coteman	Princess Alexandra Hospital

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Yvette Wetton (YW)	Essex County Council
Lynn Seward (LS)	Harlow Council
Marina Sherriff (MS)	Harlow Council
Alan Mordey (AM)	2011 Census
Jenny Minihane (JM)	NHS West Essex
Keith Hughes	Business Link East

**APOLOGIES:**

Robert Halfon MP (RH)	MP for Harlow
Raine Hunt	Princess Alexandra Hospital
Jonathan Clarke (JC)	Harlow & District Chamber of Commerce
Malcolm Morley	Harlow Council

**ABSENT:**

Rev Robert Findlay	Inter Faith Forum
Cllr Margaret Hulcoop	Harlow Council
Cllr John Strachan	Harlow Council
Jan Dalrymple	Voluntary Sector Forum
Sue Young	Harlow College

JS welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received and noted.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

AC requested a change on page 3 of the previous minutes – “Essex PCT” should read “North Essex PCT”. The minutes were then agreed as an accurate record.

YW stated that the West Essex Partnership School Prize Giving had been awarded funding from Essex County Council and so would run again this year.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Neighbourhood Plans - an update report had been received from Julie Houston and was noted (3.2).

3.2 PRG Projects – a final report was circulated by MS and noted. All agreed that the projects achieved considerable success (7.0).

3.3 Harlow Branding - Harlow Renaissance Ltd had met with RH regarding the branding of Harlow as he had concerns over the “see something different” strap line. Any issues have been resolved and RH has agreed to champion the campaign. It was agreed that 2020 is an obvious home to take this work forward (9.0).

#### **4. THE PUBLIC HEALTH WHITE PAPER & HEALTH INEQUALITIES**

AC gave a presentation on the public health white paper and health inequalities in Harlow. The white paper was launched in November 2010 with the consultation period ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March (extended due to other consultations taking place feeding in). The emphasis being that public health is everyone’s business and we all have an impact. Environmental improvements are having more of an impact on extending lives rather than public health improvements. The Government’s approach to health and wellbeing is shown in the Ladder of Interventions, moving up the ladder means more intrusive actions. The majority of recommendations in the Marmot report have been accepted by the government, putting more effort into areas where needed. The Ageing Well priority includes highlighting the contribution of older people to society, keeping older people active and talking about end of life choices to prepare themselves and their family. Princess Alexandra Hospital is doing some work in this and will share with the LSP.

In the future, GP Consortia will be responsible for most health commissioning with the national NHS Commissioning Board having overall responsibility.

AC recommended that members look at the Public Health Outcomes Framework which is out for consultation now. Objective 3 – alcohol harm – is of particular interest as it has been difficult in the past to get information from A&E.

Health & Wellbeing Boards will join up commissioning and will produce the JSNA and a joint Health & Wellbeing strategy. This is an opportunity to open up services through the private and voluntary sector to see better outcomes. Public health budgets will be transferred to 2<sup>nd</sup> tier local authorities from April 2013. This will give the opportunity to tackle wider causes of unhealthy behaviours and health inequalities with the Health & Wellbeing Board keeping everything together, working through the localities.

JS informed the group of a health event taking place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Harlow Town Football Club, facilitated by Rainbow Services, bringing together stakeholders including GP leads. Speed networking will take place to enable those attending to quickly meet counterparts from other sectors.

KH asked about any changes to service for those living close to boundaries. AC responded that this should not matter; patients should not see a difference. GPs are now talking across boundaries and some consortia will cross boundaries too. GC added that from an acute hospital standpoint they will continue to take patients from across borders.

EJ asked why some people end up at the hospital when they shouldn’t be there. JM responded that this is being looked into but probably because it’s so conveniently placed and easy to access. A triage nurse at the hospital can now see people before A & E and can direct them to a GP appointment if that is more appropriate. The group agreed that a GP lead needs to be on the 2020 Board and this is currently being organised. For those wishing to read/respond to the White Paper please go to:

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_121941](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_121941)

#### **5. THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY & THE HARLOW COMMUNITY AGREEMENT**

LS gave a presentation on the Harlow Community Agreement.

Work is taking place on refreshing the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) but in the meantime a task & finish group has been formed to develop a Community Agreement. Four priorities have been identified which all have a link to health inequalities. They are reducing obesity, raising aspirations, improving the night time economy and raising Harlow’s profile. A workshop is taking place to discuss each priority and develop action plans. LS asked

partners to look at prioritising partnership work to drive this forward and act as a critical friend. KH asked how this will link to the Local Development Framework (LDF). LS replied that the SCS will have the same themes as the LDF. AB commented on the night time economy in Harlow and that it is important that we change the atmosphere by having restaurants, cafes etc for families. CC asked what is the partnership landscape moving forward and will 2020 have the required resources. JS replied that Harlow has always seen people and organisations coming together with a primary strategic focus on the town, whether we work across boundaries or not. CF commented that what matters is delivering the best outcomes through partnership working and that changes in external structures may hinder this but economies of scale are important. CF asked if there had been an update on the perceptions of Harlow from the work undertaken by HRL two years ago. As there had not been, the group agreed that an update would need to be undertaken to measure outcomes. CF believes perceptions are more positive now.

## **6. 2011 CENSUS**

AM gave a presentation on the 2011 Census which is taking place on 27<sup>th</sup> March. The results will impact on future council funding allocations and planning. Much work has been done to encourage the completion of the form, which is a legal requirement with a £1k fine for not completing. The form will be sent through the post or can be completed on line. There will be no questions on sexual orientation or income as this can deter people from completing. BME communities and the VCS have been helping with language and other barriers. Home visits can be arranged when necessary. Basic data will be available from July 2012, the rest being issued in 2013.

## **7. WEST ESSEX CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONING AND DELIVERY BOARD & HARLOW CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP**

LS distributed an update on the work of the children's partnerships.

## **8. SAFER HARLOW PARTNERSHIP**

LS distributed an update on the work of the Safer Harlow Partnership and the Prevent Action Plan. It was requested that Prevent be reported on in more detail at the next meeting.

**Action LS**

ACo will ask the Divisional Analyst to look into whether changes in demographics have had an effect on domestic violence figures.

**Action ACo**

## **9. HARLOW RENAISSANCE**

AB reported that discussions on the new motorway junction were going well and this could be delivered for £15-20m. Late March/April will see the proposals with a strong business case for going forward. It may be possible to see this delivered within the next 5 years. Harlow Renaissance have still to hear from Network Rail re completion of the train station improvements and AM urged partners to keep the pressure up on Network Rail.

As this was AB's last meeting, JS thanked him and HRL for their work and contribution to Harlow 2020.

## **10. BUSINESS LINK**

KH informed the meeting that Business Link was closing. From 25<sup>th</sup> November there will be no on the ground support service. There will be a website and a contact centre but no local surgeries or support. There will also be some support from the DWP for those wanting to start a business or business growth advice. KH is putting a paper together for the West Essex Alliance on what will be delivered as a platform for questions to cover gaps. Also, Harlow Chamber of Commerce is discussing the implications of Business Link's closure. The Board requested that JC respond at the next meeting on possible options.

**Action JC**

## **11. HARLOW 2020 FINANCE & FORECAST**

A paper from MS had been circulated and was noted.

**12. UPDATE FROM PARTNERS**

There were no updates from partners.

**13. QUESTION TIME**

Mr Chris Johnson stated that the Epping to Stansted Tube Link report is due in and should be included in the final report on Stansted Airport. JS responded that as there was no representative present from the airport it was not possible to comment. JS requested that MS investigate further.

**Action MS**

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no any other business.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00a.m. in Committee Rooms 2a & 2b, Civic Centre, Harlow. Apologies from JS, Cllr Eddie Johnson will take the Chair for this meeting.