

Minutes

HARLOW 2020 PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Friday 9th December 2011, Committee Rooms 2a & b, Civic Centre,
The Water Gardens, Harlow

PRESENT:

Jackie Sully (JS) (Chair)	Rainbow Services
Adrian Coggins (AC)	NHS West Essex
Cllr Tony Durcan (TD)	Harlow Council
Chris Fluskey (CF)	Harlow Education Consortium
Ian Hudson (IH)	Harlow Chamber of Commerce
Rev Robert Findlay (RF)	Inter Faith Forum

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jane Greer (JG)	Harlow Council
Lynn Seward (LS)	Harlow Council
Marina Sherriff (MS) (minutes)	Harlow Council
Tom Mitchell (YM)	Essex Police

APOLOGIES:

Adrian Coombs	Essex Police
Amanda Hughes	Harlow College
Cath Shaw (CS)	Harlow Council
Charles Cochrane	Essex Police Authority
Cllr Eddie Johnson	Essex County Council
Malcolm Morley	Harlow Council

ABSENT:

Jonathan Clarke	Harlow & District Chamber of Commerce
Robert Halfon MP	MP for Harlow

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

ACTION

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

TM stated that Item 9, line 6 should read Chief Inspector not Inspector. The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September were subsequently agreed as an accurate record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 – The Essex Partnership Consultation (4) – JS reported that it had been agreed to set up a working group to look at the structure of the LSP. However, this has been deferred until Cllr Andrew Johnson had met with Essex County Council. Cllr John Jowers is now ECC's link Cabinet Member to Harlow.
3.2 – WEP Primary Prize (7) – MS reported on progress with next year's awards which are held to raise aspirations and celebrate the achievements of local primary school children. Next year external funding will be sought, possibly from

local businesses who may wish to sponsor a theme such as sport or mathematics. All 106 primary schools across West Essex have now been contacted and 16 of the 31 in Harlow have so far indicated that they wish to take part. This is 51% of Harlow primary schools. CF added that Harlow Education Consortium may be able to assist with funding and stressed the importance of highlighting literacy as a key skill.

4. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY (SCS)**

JS reported on the recent consultation. Of the 82 respondents 74 agreed with the priorities. JS, LS and MS had met to go through all of the responses to see if anything had been missed and one priority had been added to the document on sustainability and recognising diverse communities. LS added that many of the comments were more suitable for the action planning stage. Transport and road links featured heavily.

MS had previously circulated an updated version of the SCS incorporating the above changes and recommending that this be launched in the first quarter of 2012. It was recommended that the launch event be used to develop the action plan. This was agreed. It was not thought that an annual conference and survey were necessary but rather that these take place as and when necessary. **MS to begin arrangements for the launch.**

MS



SCS Consultation Report

TD stressed the importance of keeping the 2020 website up to date and include progress.

The free prize draw was drawn by JS and the winner was Jo Wren.

5. **REGENERATION UPDATE AND THE ENTERPRISE ZONE**

JG distributed a fact sheet on the Enterprise Zone. In August, the Government announced that the Harlow bid for Enterprise Zone status had been successful and will be in two areas of Harlow – Templefields North East and London Road. The focus is on health & allied industries, advanced manufacturing and ICT sectors. Road improvement plans include a number of schemes to increase the capacity of the A414, including an access road to London Road and punching a road through from Templefields to Cambridge Road. An implementation plan has been completed and a risk register started.

A design brief for priority estates has now been developed following consultation with residents and this has been approved by Harlow Council's Cabinet. Progress is being made on the other priority estates at Lower Meadow and Barleycroft and will commence in Northbrooks in the New Year.

Regarding GAF2, there will be a road naming ceremony in Old Harlow in the spring for Victor Dunn Mews. Work has commenced in Old Harlow and it is hoped to start on site at Clifton Hatch very soon.

Work on developing a new regeneration plan for the town centre has been paused whilst the Harvey Centre completes their modernisation. More news will be available in early 2012.

RF asked how many jobs for low skilled or unemployed people the Enterprise Zone will bring to Harlow. JG replied that it was too early to say but that the status will bring lots of opportunities and benefits. TD commented that the bid was based on local jobs for local people and that what is not wanted are vast warehouses bringing in cheap labour. AC asked how the current economy will affect the number of jobs. JG replied that at a recent symposium Medtech were very positive that the market will pick up. TD said that Harlow's proximity to

Cambridge was advantageous, JS added that the SCS consultation showed that people feel very strongly about transport and transport links and that we also needed to be positive about Harlow's image.

IH asked if the Implementation Plan was in the public domain. JG replied that it wasn't at the moment but it will be. JG will send any updates to MS for distribution.

6. THE FUTURE OF OPERATIONAL POLICING IN ESSEX

TM gave an update on the changes to policing in Essex since the last board meeting. The front office at Harlow Police Station will be open from 8.00 a.m. until midnight, seven days a week and that when it is closed there will be response hubs in Chigwell and Dunmow. At Harlow there will be one Chief Inspector, three Inspectors, six sergeants and twenty seven PCs. Due to better use of technology, cars nearest to an incident will attend, thus increasing efficiency and reducing response times. The new way of working is currently being trialed in Thurrock to iron out any problems.

TD raised his concerns about officers being less visible. TM said that community support officers would be remaining and there will be continuity with existing officers.

7. THE SAFER HARLOW PARTNERSHIP & HARLOW CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP

LS gave an update on the Safer Harlow Partnership which overall is making very good progress. All crime is down by 6.98%, antisocial behaviour is down by 12.8% and domestic burglary is down by 23.14%.

Domestic abuse is still a concern. Incidents were up by 17.29% but this may be as a result of an increase in reporting.

Safer Places face serious funding issues. The SHP agreed an emergency payment of £5k to enable the refuge to accept children over the Christmas period. The Night Time Economy group is looking at innovative ways to tackle some of the crime and antisocial behaviour issues that face town centres late at night. It is likely that the SHP will have to undertake a domestic homicide review following a local incident. The law now states that this has to take place to find out if there are any lessons to be learnt by partner agencies and if anything could have been done to prevent it. Safer Essex is developing methodology and putting together a pool of experts to assist with this.

The SHP is likely to have to change in the future when Police & Crime Commissioners take over, meaning the funding structure will be very different. There will need to be closer working across West Essex but most partners seem committed to continuing a local Harlow partnership as well.

TD raised his concerns about Safer Places and victims having to make choices about staying with children. CF added that the rise in cases may be due to more reporting but HEC has evidence that there may be an increase as families have more issues to deal with.

LS continued with an update on the Harlow Children's Partnership and the EssexFamily Project.

The Children's Partnership has struggled a little to be clear about its role since it no longer has any commissioning responsibilities and attendance has dropped off from some agencies whilst restructurings etc take place. Both Epping Forest and Uttlesford partnership's felt the same way and a meeting was held with Lonica Vanclay to discuss this and their relationship with the West Essex Children's Commissioning and Delivery Board. This was very helpful and in future the local groups will not have such burdensome performance management responsibilities as this will be done by ECC. The local partnership's will focus on joint working to address local issues, sharing information and having an advocacy role for their

localities to feed in to the West Essex Board and up to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Children's Partnership has made contact with the GP commissioning leads and is having a special meeting in January with Dr Cyrus Fernandes to discuss a range of issues that the partners have identified.

The Harlow pilot of the EssexFamily project is based on tackling the needs of a cohort of families in the Staple Tye area of Harlow. An action research approach is being taken and a strong steering group has been formed, led by the Harlow Education Consortium.

The project involves working with families who have two or more from a list of identified issues and who have indicated that they want to take responsibility for changing their lives. There are currently ten families being supported and others being assessed.

There has been excellent support for the project with partners contributing staff resource, and others fast tracking referrals. In total, funding worth over £100k has been pooled with ECC allocating a further £72k for this year.

Project staff are being trained in the "Family Outcomes Star Evaluation" method to provide evidence of the effectiveness of the programme. The pilot is being supported by the Innovation Centre which is also providing guidance and advice whilst looking at other pilot-wide issues.

The next step will be a workshop in January to look at evaluation, evidencing outcomes, sustainability and future financing models etc.

JS commented that she was pleased that this was happening in Staple Tye with such a co-ordinated approach. LS replied that there were a lot of common resources to tap into and a good community spirit.

8. MEETING DATES 2012

Next year's dates for March, June, September and December **to be circulated by MS.**

MS

9. UPDATE FROM PARTNERS

AC reported that the NHS is currently in transition and there is lots of uncertainty around jobs. There will be two senior public health positions coming up with district links in the job descriptions. There will be topic specific leads across the North Essex cluster but also someone else linking to each of the districts as well as with ECC. There are plans for a public health advocate for Harlow within a West Essex brief. The JSNA will be used as evidence to allocate resources and therefore Harlow will be a priority area. All agreed that having public health as a clear separate strand will be a very good thing. JS added the importance of making links with the Clinical Commissioning Group. AC added that the Health & Wellbeing Board will also have local links and public health will have a high presence and a representative continue to sit on the 2020 Board.

CF reported that HEC wishes to find a way so that discussions and services relating to both children and adults are brought together. All agreed. JS added that if the Community Budget pilot goes through then the plans state that commissioning will be linked rather than in silos.

IH reported that the Chamber of Commerce is holding a meeting on the 15th February at which CS will be speaking about the Enterprise Zone. A workshop has taken place at Harlow College offering free one to one advice to new businesses and people thinking of starting one. This was very successful and another is planned for March.

10. QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public in attendance.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RF spoke about Heart for Harlow and the photograph banner currently on display in the Harvey Centre. This includes pictures taken by first year photography students from Harlow College and depicts what they love about Harlow. RF added that there will be a Heart for Harlow carol service on Sunday at 11.00 a.m. where all sectors will be represented and the Heart for Harlow awards scheme will be launched.

JS informed the group of Rainbow Service's AGM which is taking place on Friday 16th December at 12.30 p.m. in the Conference Room, Harlow Health Resource Centre.

12. DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.