

Derby City Partnership Board Meeting

Summary report

7 June 2010

Third Sector Strategic Action Plan

The Third Sector Participation Project aims to increase engagement and participation of the sector across the Partnership. Having consulted third sector groups, the project has developed a strategic action plan, published in April. The plan has five broad targets for the third sector:

- To play a much more engaged role in the development and implementation of policy
- To be better informed about, and more able to take advantage of, opportunities for partnership working through improved communication
- To respond to the changing funding environment and therefore become more sustainable
- To ensure a more coordinated approach to the recruitment and development of Derby volunteers
- To develop and promote even higher standards of staff management and training

There are now 50 third sector representatives across DCP groups and it was acknowledged that while it took time to develop relationships, consistency was very important. It was noted that sustainability will become more of an issue for the third sector in the financial climate.

Total Place

Total Place aims to give greater value and improved outcomes through public services working together locally in alternative ways. Pilots have looked at solutions to the barriers to improving service structures, organisational culture and leadership and financial planning. Politically, the concept seems likely to remain. It is not prescriptive framework but main considerations are:

- What do the citizens of Derby really want from public services?
- What really counts in the expenditure managed by the public sector in Derby?
- How do organisational cultures prevent our ability to deliver public value?

Total Place requires very strong joint leadership. Alcohol may be an area in Derby for this approach but the next step would be to establish a high level map of the flow of resources into the city.

Inspiring Derby 2010

Inspiring Derby week 2010 is from Monday 28 June to Sunday 4 July with over 90 activities. The aim is to showcase Derby and increase pride in the city. The week will also be used as part of the wider consultation with partners and the public on a vision for Derby in 2026 which will in turn lead the development of the 2011-2026 Sustainable Community Strategy.

2026 Vision and Sustainable Community Strategy

A consultation with public and partners will run from 28 June to 30 July, beginning with Inspiring Derby week, on a new vision for Derby in 2026. Partners have been asked to support by engaging staff, customers, visitors, friends and family in giving their 3 wishes for Derby in 2026:

Wish cards: will be delivered to every household across Derby in July or look out for them in many public buildings and workplaces – return them in the post or local collection point

Photo competition: Turn your wishes into photographs and win! Click [here](#) for details

Online: click [3 wishes](#) to make your wishes online

3 Wishes tree: visit the 3 wishes tree - click [here](#) to find out where it will be

Do-it-yourself: run your own 3 wishes workshop with staff, volunteers, members or customers

Performance Reports

By the end of March 2010 only 58% of Local Area Agreement indicators will meet or exceed their target. It is not clear what the position of the Local Area Agreement and reward funding is with the Coalition Government. The Comprehensive Area Assessment has now finished, although the improvement activity highlighted by the assessment process will still continue.

Thanks

Thanks were expressed to Rev Stephen Greasley and George Mighty for their commitment and contribution, as the third sector representatives, to Derby City Partnership Board. Hazel Simpson and Janet Tristram will now take up these roles.

Next Board meeting

Monday 6 December 2–4 pm, Community Action Derby, Charnwood Street

For full minutes go to Derby City Partnership website www.derbycitypartnership.co.uk

City for Children and Young People

Achievements

There will be a celebration event for children and young people held in Inspiring Derby Week on Thursday 1 July at 9.30-12.30 in the Darwin Suite of the Assembly Rooms. This will include the launch of the 2010-2011 Children and Young People's Action Plan, Parenting Strategy and the 2010-2011 Participation Action Plan. All members of DCP Board are encouraged to attend and support local children and young people and find out what they do!

Recent business covered and issues

The recent joint meeting of the Children and Young People's Executive and Derby Safeguarding Children Board considered a number of key issues:

- **Children's Trust**

Before the change of Government, legislation was passed to make Children's Trust Boards statutory bodies with direct responsibility for the Children and Young People's Plan. While the current national coalition could abolish Children's Trusts, members of both Boards expressed their strong commitment to the partnership approach as the way to deliver services that would bring improved outcomes for children and young people in the context of reducing budgets.

- **Inspection of safeguarding and children in care**

This inspection will happen over the next 12 months with a notice period of 10 working days. A small group of officers had attended a workshop run by Swindon Borough Council, who received an 'outstanding' rating from their recent inspection, and this had given them invaluable information and pointers for what to expect and how to prepare. The inspection is partner wide and of the intensity of the previous Joint Area Reviews, for example Swindon had to organise 87 separate meetings over the 10 day inspection period including 6 group sessions with children and young people, 6 group session with parents, 45 focus groups and 20 interviews with senior officers. This is a critical inspection which will have a significant impact on any future assessment of the Council and its partners. All members of DCP Board need to be responsible for raising awareness within their organisations and, for those relevant partners, of ensuring they engage with the preparation process. An overview report can be provided for Board members use.

- **Serious case reviews – follow up action plans**

Safeguarding Boards now have a responsibility to challenge Children's Trust Boards on their performance on safeguarding children. The most effective way of fulfilling this new role was considered at the meeting and one element was ensuring that all agencies learn from Serious Case Reviews (SCR). Derby has completed two over the last 18 months, after not having had any for 4 years and there is another in progress. One strong emerging theme was the increased understanding of the impact of domestic violence. Data now showed that children who were victims of abuse were more likely to come from families with a history of domestic violence and where there were no strong male role models, rather than because the perpetrator had been a victim of abuse themselves. This evidence needs a strong partnership response with much better intelligence and risk assessment to get support into families and vulnerable women more quickly.

- **Sexual exploitation strategy**

Internationally, police intelligence is showing increasing criminal trends in on/off line grooming and child exploitation. The cases often have added sensitivities and complexities because of the cross cultural nature of the crimes and perpetrators. To ensure Derby has a robust and partner led response to these changes, a multi-agency strategy is being developed based on best practice from other areas and local expertise and experience.

Issues on the horizon

- **New Coalition Government** – the initial legislative changes underway in the Academies Bill, the abolition of Contact Point and the later Education and Children Bill will need to be considered both in terms of risks to the delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan and on partnership working.
- **Development of the 2011-2014 CYPP:** Planning for the next three year Children and Young People's Plan is underway and will link with the development of the new SCS.

Cultural City

Achievements

Cultural City Strategy and Action Plan 2009-11 – the Cultural City Action plan has reached the end of a successful first year with 84% of the first year's actions having been completed including:

- Opening new library facilities in Allenton and Mackworth with Chellaston to open in June and developing a museum offer within each library reflecting local interests.
- Derby Theatre reopened in October 2009 and work to establish audiences is ongoing. The amateur show allocation in 2010 is fully booked celebrating a welcome return of amateurs to the theatre.
- Development of the Leisure Strategy for new sports facilities across the city which will further support health related projects such as B Active, Make Your Move Your Way and others which have again exceeded their targets this year.
- Developing an annual Playday event in Markeaton Park to encourage children, young people and their families to play and learn together.
- Reviewing the Creative Industries Network role and sustainability
- Feste 2009 was developed and delivered successfully. Plans are fully underway for 2010 which will include a strong participatory theme, a major community project and a range of international artists.

Recent business covered and issues

Derby and Derbyshire Year of Culture 2017

The Year of Culture Steering Group has been meeting regularly and is in the process of finalising a pre-bid report which looks at the strengths in the cultural offer in Derby and Derbyshire, identifies a cultural vision for the city and the step changes required to be made to achieve it. The vision recognises that culture is at the heart in all our communities' lives and aims for Derby and Derbyshire to be a place where local and distinct cultural activities are celebrated and connected to world class activities and events. The next stage will be to circulate a summary of the report to the wider cultural community and beyond to increase engagement, receive feedback and additional information to build on the initial report.

Linked to this is a research project that is being developed in partnership with the University of Derby to identify the baseline information available to inform the 2017 bid, fill in the gaps in information required and develop a framework going forward that will measure the impact of the 2017 Year of Culture, its lead up and legacy.

Cultural Landscape project

Aims to build on the existing festivals programme in the city and the cultural infrastructure of the city also to position culture in the city. £750,000 has been awarded by emda over three years for the project which includes the main festivals of Format, Feste, Derby Jazz Festival, Summer Rhythms and Festival of Light.

Issues on the horizon

Festé 2010 takes place on the last weekend of September.

City for Stronger, Safer and Cleaner Communities

Activity and Achievements

Local Area Agreement

Over 60% of the indicators under the city for stronger and safer communities are predicted to meet or exceed their end of LAA target. Those forecast as amber/red have been subject to rigorous action planning to bring performance back on track.

Confidence, satisfaction and perceptions

- Confidence and perceptions remain critical priorities for the partners. Four LAA indicators relate to confidence and satisfaction, and until the next Place Survey it will be difficult to assess progress towards meeting these targets
- Work is ongoing in the CSP to improve perceptions and build confidence, which builds on the work of Operation Relentless during October and November 2009. Work is underway in partnership with the police and council to develop a strategy and plan

Anti-Social Behaviour

- Minimum standards for anti-social behaviour are being introduced
- National Victim Service has been launched with a requirement to place greater emphasis on the needs of the victim. The ASB team will be broadening their involvement in this area to develop a mechanism for ASB victim feedback and improve customer service and satisfaction.
- Agreement has been reached to scope and develop a partnership, city-wide ASB Service, including the Council, Police, CSP and Derby Homes

Substance Abuse

- Work on alcohol has been a focus for the partnership. The National Support Team visited in February and provided a series of recommendations to improve alcohol support in the city
- New alcohol services have now been commissioned to support some of these recommendations. However, the cross-cutting nature of this theme means that it will impact on many other service areas throughout the partnership.
- Drug performance continues to look positive and is projected to meet the NTA end of year targets for numbers in effective treatment
- The new continuum model for drug treatment has been launched in the city, providing additional support for clients to move through levels of effective treatment.

Youth Offending Service

- 2010 marks the ten year anniversary of the Youth Offending Service, and this is celebrated with continued strong performance against its national targets
- High achieving indicators include the reductions in entrants to the youth justice system. A decreasing trend has been evident in all quarters of 2009/10, and this has been matched by a fall in the arrest rate for the corresponding age group. The rate of proven re-offending amongst young people has also shown positive performance (National Indicator 19).
- Custodial sentences for those who are convicted remain high and the youth offending team continue to work with the Magistrates to ensure that outcomes for young people are equal and proportionate.

Offenders and Offending

- Section 108 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, took effect on the 1st April 2010, giving the Community Safety Partnership a new duty to reduce re-offending. The new duties strengthen the link between crime reduction and reducing re-offending, formalising local Integrated Offender Management (IOM) and prolific priority offenders. Aimed at reducing the impact on crime levels, making communities safer and improving public confidence and reassurance in the criminal justice system.
- The CSP's integrated offender management scheme has been progressing, and this has been strengthened by the addition of Probation as a responsible authority from April 2010. This will allow for further collaboration and data sharing to build effective profiles of offenders and offending behaviours

Domestic and Sexual Violence

- Repeat referral rates to Derby MARAC remain low, and this LAA indicator is expected to exceed its target by the end of the LAA
- The pilot for Forced Marriage Protection Orders has been taking place in the city, with the Family Justice Centre providing a focus for supporting the orders.
- During the pilot period, two orders were successfully applied for, using the Independent Domestic Violence Advocates as a suitable third party on behalf of the Local Authority

Healthy City

Recent business covered and issues

Healthy City has not met since the last Derby City Partnership Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 22 June 2010 where the main focus of the meeting will be the visioning for the new Sustainable Community Strategy and discussion on the consultation for the Supporting People Strategy 2010-13.

There have been a number of recent changes in membership of the Healthy City Executive following changes in staffing at NHS Derby City and Derby City Council. Derek Ward has been seconded as interim joint Director of Public Health whilst a permanent replacement for the post is recruited. Derek will initially chair the Healthy City Executive and Cath Roff, Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Housing will join the Executive in a leadership role. The Executive needs to finalise the arrangements for Chair, Vice Chair and Strategic Lead for the Executive at its next meeting and there is the intention to reinvigorate the Executive and ensure closer working between partners.

At the last Healthy City Executive the decision was taken that the Health Improvement Forum and Improving Health sub group of Healthy City Executive would be cancelled for the time being. This was in part due to declining attendance for Healthy City meetings and a need to review membership due to significant staffing changes across Derby NHS and the Council. All sub group members are being invited to take part in a visioning session for the Sustainable Community Strategy in July. The visioning and priority setting for the new SCS may result in the need to re-establish these or alternative sub groups in the future. In the meantime all partnership public health issues will go directly to the Healthy City Executive.

Issues on the horizon

Exploring the funding and other opportunities for Healthy City available through the European Office.