

Minutes of meeting of Derby City Partnership Board

Monday 8 June 2009

Present	Councillor Hilary Jones Rita Silvester John Cadwallader Kim Harper Julie Acred George Mighty George Cowcher Rev Stephen Greasley Helen Bishop Professor John Coyne Janet Holland Graham Bennett Chief Supt Andy Hough John Forkin	Derby City Council Derby City Council Derby Cityscape Ltd Derby Council for Voluntary Service Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Derby Millennium Network Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce Forum of Faiths for Derby Rolls-Royce plc University of Derby Chair, Children and Young People Network Chair, City Growth Chair, City for Stronger and Safer Communities Director, Marketing Derby
Advisors	Hazel Lymbery Garry Bryant	Derby City Partnership Government Office for the East Midlands
In attendance	Beverley Parker Stephanie Cole Gordon Stirling Clare Labram Jane Harrison	For item 3 – Comprehensive Area Assessment For item 3 – Comprehensive Area Assessment For item 3 – Comprehensive Area Assessment Observer – Derby City Partnership Observer – Derby City Partnership

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01/09	Introductions and apologies	
	Apologies were received from Andrew Flack, Steve Hall, Andrew Morgan and Prem Singh. Hilary Jones introduced Janet Holland to the Board who is Chair of the Children and Young People's Network and Chief Supt Andy Hough who is now a member of the Board as Chair of City for Stronger, Safer and Cleaner Communities. Hilary also introduced Gordon Stirling, Jane Harrison and Clare Labram who attended the meeting as observers. There were no declarations of interest.	
02/09	Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting on 16 March and matters arising	
	Item 02/09 – Hazel Lymbery and Garry Bryant are having discussions about linking to regional observatories. 03/09 – Hazel Lymbery will arrange to meet with Sharon Squires to discuss the points raised under Community Cohesion and discuss how to take this forward. With two minor amendments the minutes of 8 September were agreed as a	Hazel Lymbery

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03/09	Comprehensive Area Assessment – Initial findings	
	<p>Beverley Parker from the Audit Commission presented the initial findings of the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA). Firstly she gave an overview of the new framework and its characteristics and explained the focus of the assessment is to make a difference to local people. All information will be written in a way that the public will understand. A flavor of the issues has now emerged and these will be discussed with partners over the summer months; Beverley gave a summary of these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are some big issues that need joining up and require co-ordinated action. • Narrowing the gaps – there seems to be pockets of inequalities in the city such health, education and wages. The CAA need to explore how the partnership are working together to target and narrow these gaps. • How the partnership is planning for the potential social impacts of the recession such as family breakdown, debt and ill health. • How the partnership are working together to address local concerns. It is clear through the Local Area Agreement, Sustainable Community Strategy and by work in Groups that things are being done but some areas are still unclear and need further exploration. • How the partnership is working to raise aspirations across the city with long term goals in mind as well. • How are partners working together to empower communities and get engagement including making the most vulnerable voices heard. <p>Beverley informed the Board that the CAA have a good understanding of Derby as a diverse city and are impressed by the clear understanding that partners have of the existing pockets of inequality and the joined up responses being made to issues. Two way honest communication is now needed to ensure that the emerging issues can be explored and understood by the CAA. Beverley explained that the common areas of focus will be agreed in late June and round the table discussions with partners will occur in early July. Further field work and discussion will take place during July and August and the pre publication reports will be issued on 14 September which will have a five day review period.</p> <p>Graham Bennett asked what is meant by community of interest and Beverley explained that this is any group experiencing disadvantage of a common issue who are not connected by geographical location.</p> <p>John Forkin asked how relevant and how much input is needed from the private sector. Beverley informed him that the assessment is for the whole area of Derby and that the private sector is a key partner of the city. The sector has an input into economic development and promotion of the city and benefits all groups including the vulnerable and those who are included in the pockets of inequalities.</p> <p>Kim Harper questioned lack of empowerment being included in the issues and Beverley replied that gaps exist in the CAA's knowledge of this area. Now that the new Third Sector contract has been awarded to CVS this will be</p>	

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	picked up in the discussions.	
04/09	Third Sector Contract with Derby CVS	
	<p>Kim Harper, Chief Executive, Derby CVS gave a presentation on Third Sector Participation in Derby City Partnership. She explained that Derby CVS was awarded the contract to support Third Sector involvement in Derby City Partnership which commenced in February 2009 and runs for two years. Kim stressed the importance of having Board engagement at strategic level.</p> <p>A mapping exercise has been undertaken and there are 50+ third sector representatives on Derby City Partnership main groups and sub groups.</p> <p>Kim explained the structure which aims to remove duplication, add value to existing work, improve communication, engage the sector and ensure those representing the Third Sector are accountable to those they represent. The structure consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Sector Groups – the main aims of these groups are to improve communication by using policy updates, having a news website and giving free CVS membership. • Networks – hundreds of Third Sector groups will be able to participate within the activity of DCP through existing networks which reflect the five DCP cities. This work aims to remove duplication and add value to initiatives that already exist. • Voices Group – this group will be made up of around 50 DCP representatives who will meet twice a year whose main focus will be wider Third Sector issues. • Development Group – this will be the advisory group which will meet every other month. Members will be from various Third Sector groups with the four Third Sector representatives on the DCP Board. Elections of who should sit on the group will be held next year. <p>Board members agreed that a consistent, clear and pro-active approach to involvement of the third sector across DCP is needed and agreed to an election process for DCP Board members once a robust process has been established. Nominations will be supplied by the Development Group. DCP groups will look to have two Third Sector representatives at their meetings.</p> <p>John Cadwallader asked whether or not the housing associations are part of CVS as housing is a major issue and are not represented in the Partnership. Kim explained that they have very strong networks and they do not go to CVS for support. It was agreed that housing needs to be linked into this. Kim is currently working with Derby Homes and will pick this up.</p> <p>Garry Bryant asked how Social Enterprises will be picked up in the framework. Kim said that there are substantial gaps and this is not being captured and there is no clear delivery support. She is working with Paul Smith at Derby Homes on Social Enterprise and trying to bring people together to better co-ordinate this.</p>	<p>Kim Harper</p>

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	<p>Julie Acred asked about communication and whether information will be accessible anywhere. Kim clarified that there is some planning work going on around summarising important issues which will be on the website for partners.</p> <p>Hazel said that the four representatives from the Board will meet regularly with herself at Board agenda setting meetings to discuss issues so that important information is being fed back to the Board.</p> <p>From the mapping exercise Graham Bennett thought it would be a good idea for Kim to bring to the next Board meeting the gaps that have been identified in order to maximize cross cutting work.</p> <p>Hilary informed the group that the second Vice Chair for the Board will come from the Third Sector and will need to be part of the nomination process.</p>	<p>Kim Harper</p> <p>Kim Harper</p>
05/09	Be Inspiring and Transitional Fund	
	<p>Hazel Lymbery asked for agreement to refresh and re-focus Be Inspiring. At the last Aspirations Working Group on 23 March various issues were discussed, including the ongoing significant and successful pledge activity within Derby NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust which has a clear infrastructure. Julie Acred added that there's a well established activity base and a dedicated officer for Be Inspiring in place at the Trust. To manage Be Inspiring Hazel suggested that the DCP Central team create a web based resource for partners to access information and resources. This can be achieved by making use of resources already in place by Derby NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust. Hazel informed the Board Transitional funding is being held by DCP for partnership activity over 2009 and 2010 and requested that this fund be utilised for Be Inspiring activity by way of a small grants scheme.</p> <p>Helen Bishop felt that a brokerage scheme would help more activity in the city and would ensure equal quality. However, it was queried whether another version of brokerage would be sustainable over a two year period. George Mighty added that he knew the community has inspiring ideas but most people do not have the money to put these into action; he felt that the small change grant is missed and to have another small grant scheme in place would be beneficial to the community.</p> <p>John Forkin felt the initial idea at the 2007 Board Away Day was that this would close some gaps in the city but since its launch it has been taken on by partners in different ways with varying amounts of success. A connection between the pledge and activity has to be fully made.</p> <p>Actions: It was agreed that Be Inspiring needed to have ownership and resources to control it. Therefore the board decided that the refresh and re focus of Be Inspiring could go ahead along with the set up of a web based resource for partners to access. However, it was felt that the options around utilising the Transitional Fund need further thought and planning. The Aspirations Working Group was asked to discuss and action this area further.</p>	<p>Hazel Lymbery</p>

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06/09	Management Group report	
	<p>Hazel Lymbery gave a brief update from the management group meeting.</p> <p>Quarter 4 Performance Summary – a detailed report for the quarter four performance report was attached and the following indicators will be discussed at the next Performance Support Group on 21 July:</p> <p>NI 112 – under 18 conception rate NI 141 – number of vulnerable people who have achieved independent living NI 195b – improved street and environment cleanliness (levels of detritus)</p> <p>Funding opportunities - there have been three significant funding opportunities available to the Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migrations Impact Fund • Inspiring Communities • The Future Jobs Fund – Garry Bryant highlighted that there are no one off bids for this fund as it is a continuous bidding process therefore, Derby needs something from it. Janet Holland would like to be included in anything that gets put forward. <p>John Forkin asked what the difference is between this fund and Inspiring Communities. Kim explained that the Inspiring Communities Fund is aimed at 11 – 19 year olds within 15 pilot neighbourhoods, having community champions in schools and peers support.</p> <p>Community Champions - Hazel Lymbery attended the Community Champion Awards where there was a DCP Be Inspiring Award negotiated by Julie Acred on behalf of the Partnership. This was awarded to a 14 year old girl – Annie Mooney – who has been blind since birth but has taught herself to play the piano by listening to the radio.</p> <p>Action: Members noted the report.</p>	
07/09	Director's report	
	<p>Formal thanks were recorded to Ray Cowlshaw for all the support and involvement he has given as the City Council Chief Executive. Now that he has retired a new Chief Executive, Adam Wilkinson, has been appointed.</p> <p>John Forkin asked that a letter be sent to Ray on behalf of the Board thanking him for his leadership and work in the partnership arena.</p> <p>Hazel gave some background to DCP Week and explained that this will be reviewed for 2010 delivery after the 2009 Be Inspiring DCP Week has been held. Hazel continued by emphasising some of the events on the 2009 programme, in particular the Start the Week event on 22 June, the Sustaining the Vision Event on 23 June and the Showcasing Derby Walk and the Celebration on 27 June.</p> <p>Actions: The Board noted the need for a DCP Week review and agreed</p>	HJ

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	to support the highlighted events and promote these.	
08/09	Beating the recession	
	<p>George Cowcher gave an overview on the current recession. He said that compared to the last meeting prospects have improved but not across all sectors. There is a major concern around bank lending and a meeting took place recently looking at the way forward, but there is a lack of confidence in this area.</p> <p>The retail sector is looking ok at the moment but there is concern for September and October when stores will start to stock up for Christmas but may not have the money. John Forkin explained that retail figures are tracked through City Centre Management and the foot fall was up 13% last week.</p> <p>The number of people who stay on at school or go to university will increase during the recession. There has been a 10.5% increase in university applications and an 18% increase in acceptance, but the number of places that can be accepted next year has been cut by just over 100 students. This is linked to the loan package and that the University is required to operate within by Central Government.</p> <p>Helen Bishop said that at Rolls-Royce things are ok at the moment because no one will cancel orders because of the penalty charges but customers may not be placing future orders.</p> <p>Graham Bennett said that he has tried setting up a banking task force but lenders have written back to say that this is not a good idea. George explained that he is looking to set up a banking event. All banks are currently very different but new banks want to get into business loaning but cannot borrow against forward orders.</p>	
09/09	Reports from DCP groups	
	<p>The DCP City reports were noted for information. Graham Bennett put a spotlight on city growth and talked about the recent Lunar 21 event. A debate was held that looked at the links with the change in our pockets with the change in Derby. The first speaker Professor David Smith examined the root cause of the current crisis and what can be done and the second speaker Michael Prest considered how the world's economy might be reshaped following the current crisis. Conclusions reached at this event were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Globalisation and international ownership have created massive peaks and troughs in the huge global economy which cannot be cancelled out by smaller economies. • No one really understands or can control how the economy works • There are two separate conversations going on in terms of common sense and economics. • It is important to take action to improve things for the future when there is an upturn for example by investing in infrastructure and skills development. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a need to minimise encumbrance in future recessions by supporting the economy by investment now but avoiding too much debt. 	
10/09	Any other business	
	George Mighty asked where the new Family Justice Centre is based. Hazel confirmed that this is based on the second floor of St Peter's House and tours have been arranged as part of DCP Week. Garry Bryant said that this is a National Scheme and Derby is taking a leading role.	
11/09	Date, time and venue of next meeting	
	Monday 7 September, 2pm – 4pm, Derby CVS	