

## **Barnet Partnership Board**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 May 2013 AT Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4 4BG**

#### **PRESENT:**

Cllr Richard Cornelius (Chairman)	London Borough of Barnet
Cllr Helena Hart	London Borough of Barnet
Cllr David Longstaff	London Borough of Barnet
Cllr Robert Rams	London Borough of Barnet
Andrew Travers	London Borough of Barnet
Chris Naylor	London Borough of Barnet
Pam Wharfe	London Borough of Barnet
David Byrne	Barnet and Southgate College
John Morton	Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group
Dr Andrew Howe	London Borough of Barnet
Steve Knight	Middlesex University
Jeanne Cantorna	Job Centre Plus
Tom Nathan	Brent Cross Shopping Centre
Julie Pal	Community Barnet

#### **LBB OFFICERS:**

Stephen Evans	Barnet Commissioning Group, LBB
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#### **1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 8 November were agreed as a correct record.

#### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from the following:

Cllr Andrew Harper	Cabinet Member for Education Schools and Families
Cllr Daniel Thomas	Deputy Leader of the Council
Ch Supt Adrian Usher	Barnet Borough Commander, Met Police
Dr Sue Sumners	Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group
Julie Willoughby	District Manager, JobCentre Plus
Michael Morley	Acting District Manager, JobCentre Plus
Kate Kennally	Director for People, LBB

#### **3. UPDATE FROM PARTNERSHIP BOARDS ON STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

##### **Safer Communities Board**

Cllr Longstaff updated the group on the discussions held at the Safer Communities Board meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Longstaff explained that the "Go nowhere twice" model for policing will be used to tackle issues around re-offending incidents of street crime. Cllr Longstaff also highlighted the success of three of the four initiatives that received funding

from the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC). Cllr Longstaff also reported that the business case for CCTV was agreed by Cabinet Resources Committee on the 18th April.

#### Health and Well Being Board

Cllr Hart provided an update on the issues that were discussed at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting (H&WBB) on 25 April. Cllr Hart noted that LINK has been replaced by HealthWatch whose intention is to fully engage with a range of communities. The group were asked to refer to Appendix A of page 11 of the BPB paper, which detailed the proposed revised terms of reference that were agreed by the H&WBB meeting. Cllr Hart advised that the new joint team that will be led by Dr Andrew Howe.

Cllr Hart outlined the plans in June for the Barnet Council Health Workplace month event. Cllr Hart advised of the new service for the elderly and those living with complex needs. Cllr Hart also highlighted that the H&WBB agreed a joint strategic working needs assessment and noted the H&WBB membership was effective in producing improved outcomes.

Cllr Hart also reported on the three proposed local priorities, selected by GP's, namely:

- o Dementia Services
- o End of Life Care
- o Stroke Services

Cllr Hart explained that one of the current priorities is the Early Years Programme to help young people and first time mothers to give them support, help & information.

**ACTION: The Board noted this priority**

#### **Barnet Children's Trust Board - Children and Young People plan**

Mr Travers reported on the welfare reform challenge and the impact this would have on families and young people. He confirmed plans for a multi agency working group with assistance from JCP to mitigate risks.

Mr Travers updated about the Safeguarding Priority Programme for troubled families and the community budget approach. He suggested that other Boards consider where pooled budgets and resources might be introduced in other areas to unlock efficiencies and achieve the best outcome for residents.

Cllr Hart explained that families have been helped by Early Intervention and highlighted that young people are often represented by giving presentations at these meetings.

#### **4. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME OF SUB-BOARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BPB INVOLVEMENT**

The Leader emphasised to Board members the opportunity to bring issues to this group where they can be brought to light.

**5. SPENDING REVIEW 2013: THE SCALE OF THE FISCAL CHALLENGE AND THE IMPACT ON BARNET – PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION**

Mr Evans delivered a presentation on the potential scale of the economic challenge facing the Local Government as a result of continued austerity until the end of the decade, the potential outcome of the Government's Spending Review which would report on 26 June and what this might mean for Barnet.

Mr Evans noted that the council had plans in place to achieve savings of £72m over the period 2011 – 2015 and was likely to be required to make savings of a similar magnitude over the period 2016 – 2020. Mr Evans highlighted that the council was in the process of determining what its budget envelope might be until 2020, in order to allow it to plan for the challenges ahead.

Meeting the challenges of continued austerity and rising demand for services was something that would require a joint effort by the council and its local strategic partners. John Morton from the Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), offered support and commitment from the CCG to break even in 3 years.

It was noted at the meeting, the expenditure increase in the Mental Health Community as well as reducing estates expenditure such as hospitals, how much has been spent and how to procure services effectively.

**6. BARNET BID TO DCLG 'LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSFORMATION NETWORK' – COORDINATING THE LOCAL 'EMPLOYMENT OFFER'**

Mr Travers introduced an item on the Government's proposed Local Public Transformation Network, sponsored by the Department for Communities and Local Government, which seeks to share learning and best practice from the Government's 'Whole Place' and 'Community Budgets' pilots. The council has applied to be part of the network by submitting an Expression of Interest, jointly with DWP, on a programme to support people into employment.

Mr Travers emphasised the importance of partnership working at the local level, to achieve the best outcome for residents and to pool resources to deliver a better service.

Mr Travers explained that in the future, better communications and customer insight would be vital in providing better services. The council's relationship with Capita would provide much richer insight and the council would like to develop a virtual insight function with partners as a priority. Mr Travers also referred to the work introduced by Mr Evans on analysing the council's longer term budget envelope and offered to work with partners to determine what the wider picture would look like across the Borough.

Tom Nathan from the Brent Cross Shopping Centre explained the challenges to growth in retail, which included the restructure of online shopping and how people spend their leisure time and how this impacts on growth.

Cllr Hart suggested crosscutting work with the CCG and Middlesex University and involvement from Estates. Cllr Hart suggested a dialogue between CCG and Middlesex.

**ACTION: Steve Knight & John Morton meet to discuss**

Andrew Travers presented a report, which outlined a focus for supporting people into work through investment in skills and employment, which was one of four key work streams for stimulating growth in the local economy. He explained the proposal to working with the partnership steering groups to be taken forward in a coordinated way.

The Leader also emphasised working together in partnership with a purpose and focus on the other three key work streams namely:

- I) Housing and regeneration
- II) Business and Expertise
- III) Investment in transport infrastructure and community facilities

**7. AOB**

None.

**Date of next meeting**

**7 Nov 2013, 8.30-1030am, Committee Room 2, Hendon Town Hall**

The meeting finished at 9.45 am