

Overview Committee

Partnership Review Group Minutes

Monday 13 September 2010 at 2.00pm

absent

Membership

Councillors

Joyce Bosnjak (Chair) Chris Barnfather Martin Wright Brian Wombwell

Officers

Keith Ford – Senior Governance Officer Matthew Garrard – Senior Scrutiny Officer Ashley Jackson – Research and Information Officer Rachael Johnson – Administrative Officer

1. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2010 were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair expressed sympathy at the recent loss of Councillor Michael Bennett.

Members felt that it would be better not to pursue a replacement Member for the Group at this stage of the review.

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interests were made.

4. Review Progress

Matthew Garrard introduced this item and circulated an Emerging Issues paper and a document detailing the cost to Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) of Members and officers attending Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) meetings (in terms of salary and allowances of the relevant officers and Members).

Following discussions, it was felt that the following issues should be further explored as part of the review:-

- the structures and layers of organisation of the LSPs, particularly the role and value added by the Board meetings (including performance management, decision-making and contribution to outcomes) and other alternatives;
- the level of NCC representation and the role of those representatives;
- ways of improving engagement with elected Members, including through Members' Forums;
- the continuing role and function of partnerships as a delivery mechanism in light of diminishing resources;
- the potential implications of the Localism Bill.

Mr Garrard underlined the issues scheduled to be discussed at future meetings of the group, as set out in the appendix to the report.

The meeting closed at 3.10 pm.

CHAIR

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