



minutes

meeting **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT MEADOW HOUSE, MANSFIELD

date **8 May 2008**

Present: County Councillor Joyce Bosnjak (Chair), Stephen Brown (Bassetlaw District Council), Sue Fenton (NAVO), Sue Gill (Bassetlaw PCT), Sue Griffiths (Rushcliffe Borough Council), Helen Jebb (Nottinghamshire Police), Terry Laws (LSC), Angela Main (Broxtowe Borough Council), Ruth Marlow (Mansfield District Council), Anthony May (Nottinghamshire County Council), Mary McEvoy (Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service), Jean Pardoe (Connexions Nottinghamshire), Heather Rushton (GOEM – critical friend), Wendy Saviour (Nottinghamshire County tPCT), John Slater (Nottinghamshire County Council), Keith Tansley (Gedling Borough Council), Marcie Taylor (Nottinghamshire County Council) and Philip Martin (Nottinghamshire County Council – Minutes)

ACTION

The Board meeting began at 4.00 pm

1(a) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Graham Allen (Rushcliffe Borough Council – represented by Sue Griffiths), Frank Horsley (Ashfield District Council), Louise Newcombe (Bassetlaw PCT – represented by Sue Gill), Afzal Sadiq (REC), Simon Smith (Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust) and Sheila Wright (Probation Service)

1(b) Minutes of the meeting on 27 February 2008

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record, with the exception of apologies for absence, where it was noted that Louise Newcombe had been represented at the meeting by Sue Gill.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

Nothing was raised under this item.

3. Consultation on the statutory guidance for children's trusts on the duty to co-operate

Anthony May, Acting Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services, introduced this item, referring to the report which had been circulated with the agenda.

A discussion followed, during which the following points were raised:

- Concerns were expressed about schools' engagement with children's trust arrangements. It was confirmed that in 2009 the Ofsted inspection framework for schools would change to reflect the wider Every Child Matters agenda. Meanwhile the County Council is seeking to engage schools through developing a new working relationship, emphasising the benefits of collaborative/partnership working to address particular issues, such as pupil behaviour.
- Anthony May has spoken with head teachers about schools' possible representation on the Partnership Board but the current view is that the new relationship with schools arrangements are the best way for schools to participate in the Partnership.
- The co-ordination arrangements for the Joint Access Teams (JATs) needs to be considered by the Partnership to ensure 'buy in' from schools and sustainability.
- The relationship between Local Strategic Partnership children and young people's groups and JATs needs to be clarified.
- The draft statutory guidance from the DCSF is not clear about the relationship between the children's trust and the Local Area Agreement.
- The Children and Young Person's Plan (CYPP) was felt to be the 'golden thread' in relation to the Partnership, with the Board's role being to drive the development of the CYPP, to challenge and scrutinise it, and to approve it.

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- It is proposed to hold an all day Partnership Conference on 3 October 2008 for partners and schools to provide a debrief on the JAR outcomes/ lessons and to consider the development of the next CYPP. It was agreed that work should be carried out to develop the programme for the day.
- It was agreed that the Executive Group should be tasked to suggest a framework of reporting to the Board, to include performance management data for the Board to scrutinise/challenge.
- The Board should consider drawing up its own 10 year development plan.
- A communication strategy for the Partnership is required.

Anthony May

Marcie Taylor

**Anthony May/
Michele
McIntosh**

Anthony May tabled a structure diagram of the Partnership and the groups that feed into it. It was agreed that this should be updated in the short-term to include the Children and Family's Forum (NAVO). Colleagues were asked to advise if any other groups had been omitted. In the longer term, it was agreed that the Partnership arrangements should be simplified, either by developing a thematic approach or by having fewer groups. It was also agreed that there was a need to develop understandings about the relationship between the different groups and their accountabilities.

It was agreed that Anthony May would draft a response to the DCSF consultation document and email this to the Board for comment. Thereafter a second draft would be produced for the Board to agree by email. Meanwhile, Board members to send any immediate comments to Anthony May.

**Anthony May/
Board
members**

4. Building Schools for the Future

John Slater, the County Council's Service Director for Learning and Achievement, introduced this item and provided background information in relation to the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) project. The project runs until 2020 – 2022 and involves an overall capital programme of £750 million for Nottinghamshire. Its aim is to rebuild, or refurbish, all secondary schools, with c. 50% of the Nottinghamshire maintained secondary schools to be rebuilt. The project is linked to the smaller primary school capital programme (c. £18 million).

A discussion then followed, covering the following points:

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- Confirmation of Nottinghamshire's inclusion in the BSF programme is expected at a meeting with external evaluators on 27 May 2008. The 'Strategy for Change' document is required for that meeting – approval for the document is therefore required from the Partnership Board.
- It was agreed that John Slater would email the draft document to the Board members. Meanwhile, John explained that although the County Council is the accountable body for the BSF project it needs the support of its partners to secure funding.
- It was confirmed that at present partners were being asked to give their support in principle to the document – there would be no other commitment at this stage.
- Funding from the government for the project is to be released in tranches – it has already been determined that Newark and Sherwood will be in the first tranche of funding (£150 million) but there will be discussions with partners to determine if there will be any implications for them.
- Appropriate links will need to be made between BSF, integrated working and partners' own developments.
- There is also a need to coordinate the BSF with funding developments in the LSC area.
- It was necessary to involve the district councils in discussions and decision making, including the use of school playing fields and swimming pools etc.
- There would be discussions with neighbouring local authorities (including the City Council) about the project proposals.
- John Slater confirmed that there was nothing especially contentious in the 'Strategy for Change' document – it focuses on broad principles only. The most contentious issues for the County Council were:
 - a) the governance arrangements for schools, with the government's expectation that most schools would consider new models of governance. The County Council has recently agreed to encourage schools to consider the different governance options; and
 - b) the County Council's inclusion policy reflected on page 3 of the document.

John Slater

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- It was agreed that the Partnership should consider the second iteration of 'Strategy for Change' at its next meeting. At this time consideration will be given to the detailed proposals for individual sites and the implications for partner agencies in terms of leisure and other community facilities/provisions.
- In the meantime individual partner comments on 'Strategy for Change 1' to be sent to John Slater by 12 May. It was confirmed that the document would continue to be a draft and that there would be a six week period after 27 May meeting to further refine it. There will also be an opportunity for partners to influence the specific BSF management contracts when they are set up.
- Finally, it was agreed that this item should be included on the agenda for the Board's next meeting.

Partners

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5. Relationship between Nottinghamshire Children and Young People's Partnership and Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Board

Anthony May introduced this item, referring to the report which had been circulated with the agenda.

It was agreed that:

- a regular reporting mechanism should be developed between the two boards so that each is aware of the work of the other
- there should be appropriate cross-representation of membership of the two boards
- a reporting arrangement should be developed to enable each board to undertake appropriate scrutiny of the other
- enquiries should be made of other local authorities to see how they have approached this issue and whether there are any models of good practice from which we can learn.

Anthony May will now commission action on each of these points.

**Anthony May/
Helen Ryan**

ACTION

6. Any other business

It was confirmed that the Board's next meeting would be on 14 July 2008 to focus on:

- further discussion on 'Strategy for Change'
- report back from the Joint Area Review.

**For the
agenda for
the Board's
next meeting**

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