

KETTERING PARTNERSHIP

LSP EXECUTIVE BOARD

Meeting held: 21st April 2017

Present: Councillor Russell Roberts (Chair)
Councillor Lesley Thurland
Councillor Ian Jelley

Also Present: Martin Hammond (Kettering Borough Council)
Shannon Petrossian (Kettering Borough Council)
Trish Dewar (Groundworks)
Debbie Egan (CAB)
Kirsty Woods (Kettering Mind)
Insp Julie Mead (Police)
Sgt Mark Holes (Police)
David Pope (Committee Administrator)

16.LSP.27 APOLOGIES

None

16.LSP.28 MINUTES

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

16.LSP.29 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

16.LSP.30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

16.LSP.31 KETTERING MIND

Kirsty Woods attended from Kettering Mind, a local mental health charity, and provided the meeting with an overview of the services provided by the organisation.

It was noted that the service was based at Russell Street in Kettering, housing various management, community and resource staff and also hosting an Orbit Housing worker to support Orbit residents.

A studio was located upstairs at the premises for performance purposes, with the “Mixing Bowl” community hub available to the public on the ground floor. This was open every weekday between 11am and 1.30pm except Tuesday. In addition to internal spaces, the site had a tranquil and well maintained garden.

The resource centre provided a wide array of services including:-

- Work based Development Opportunities
- Campaigning
- Promotion of Wellbeing
- Music & performance
- Arts & crafts
- Courses to assist with anxiety, assertiveness, anger, wellbeing
- Peer Support
- Training workshops
- Mental Health Awareness
- Volunteer & member led groups
- Telephone Support
- Drop-in crisis support
- Holidays / social trips
- 1-1 casework, counselling, emotional support, short-term goal focused, stress reduction,

Another service provided by the organisation was the Intermediate Support Service which was goal-focussed and helped people to manage their tenancies and finances whilst also providing useful life skills. The route into this service was through adult social care.

It was heard that Kettering Mind also provided supported accommodation to 16 tenants at sites across the town, as well as at Pennels, a former bed and breakfast, which was now a seven-bed supported rehabilitation service set up to help individuals recover from the difficulties of longer-term mental illnesses/mental health problems. The ethos of the project was to promote optimum levels of wellness and recovery, so tenants could be in a position to move on when they felt ready.

A diagram was provided to the meeting which highlighted the step-up model of assistance available to individuals, and whether referral at each level could be on a self-referral, GP or mental health professional basis.

Kirsty was thanked for her attendance and was asked whether there were any issues arising that KBC needed to be aware of and whether KBC could assist the organisation.

It was noted that the complexity and number of cases had increased, which viewed alongside budgetary reductions made service provision increasingly stretched. It was considered that re-engaging with NCC would be a positive step as would services being visible in Kettering town centre on a quarterly basis, possibly in partnership with Kettering Futures Partnership.

16.LSP.32 NEW POLICING MODEL

Insp Julie Mead provided a presentation detailing the changes to the policing model across the county, with emphasis on the local area.

It was noted that the force was constantly required to adapt to change and the revised Service Delivery Model would ensure that the correct resources were in the right place to tackle incidents. The model would also help to deliver a more productive management of demand and improve efficiency. The overall aim was to better protect the public from harm.

There remained a commitment to locally identified PCs and PCSOs, although there would be a small reduction in headcount. However, it was heard that these officers would be ring-fenced in their duties, thereby ensuring no reduction in the total hours allocated to neighbourhood policing. There would be a stronger focus on community engagement with localised problem solving, partnership working and increased accessibility. Touch Down Points across the district would be introduced for officers to undertake administrative duties and there was an intention to improve online services for the public, whilst remaining mindful of those less technologically minded. PCSOs would undertake enhanced responsibilities to neighbourhood issues.

The meeting noted that with limited resources being allocated to the areas of greatest need, police response to incidents would be based on threat, harm and risk. Heat maps of the district highlighted which areas would receive greatest police focus.

A diagram was provided which illustrated the large number of sectors within the police force where officers were deployed. It was

noted that the impact on the number of frontline officers was related to increased concentration on newer crime areas such as Child Sexual Exploitation and Cyber Crime.

The meeting noted that there were now four response hubs in the county, including the newly constructed facility at the edge of Kettering.

16.LSP.33 KETTERING TOWN CENTRE DELIVERY PLAN

The meeting noted that it had considered a refreshed Town Centre Delivery Plan to be required at its meeting in January, and that there should be involvement from local organisations and businesses in its preparation.

It was reported that the council's Executive Committee had approved proposals for the refreshed plan and requested that an engagement and consultation programme be undertaken centred on the following eight themes:-

- Planned and opportunity redevelopment sites – when, where and for what purpose?
- Getting the right mix of uses in the town centre - residential, retail, leisure, commercial, open space
- Road and junction improvements, parking and access
- How the town is marketed and by whom
- Continuing to improve the night time economy
- Supporting and encouraging more events and attractions and making better use of existing assets
- Its contribution to health improvement
- Overall safety, ambience and appearance of the town centre

Views were sought as to how best to engage with stakeholders and the public and what level of information to provide at the start of the process. It was suggested that a conference with stakeholders, a drop-in venue in the town centre and website documentation and online survey be possible options for the consultation.

The meeting noted that a principle question to be considered was regarding marketing of the town, which was not something that any one organisation could do on its own.

The meeting considered that a stakeholder conference could attract local business, whereas a drop-in location within the town centre could capture the public views. It was important that people were engaged with directly and that traders were encouraged to interact to drive the plan forward.

The meeting considered that liaising with local schools could be a possibility, with sixth form students possibly able to use the plan as the basis for an A-level project and primary school children could be encouraged to submit drawings for display in the drop-in centre location, thereby increasing footfall.

It was noted that an internal planning session would be held the following week, with further details of the consultation work surrounding the plan brought to the July meeting of the board.

16.LSP.34 KETTERING FUTURES PARTNERSHIP

It was reported that the partnership board had met in February, focussing on the outcomes from the Partnership Day held in November. This allowed the board to decide its priorities collectively for the following 12 months. Three main priorities had been identified as followed:-

- Engaging with schools
- Engaging with the wider community
- Improving the “warm referral” process

It was noted that engaging with the wider community could include areas such as community safety and crime prevention and supporting individuals on Income Support and Employment Support Allowance back into employment. It was further noted that it would be useful for the partnership to have a hub based in Kettering.

The next board meeting would be held in May and would consider the content of the second Partnership Day which would be held in November to avoid a clash with the LSP Conference in October.

16.LSP.35 VOLUNTARY SECTOR UPDATE

The meeting heard that two Kettering-based initiatives would form part of Tesco’s Bags for Help grants in May. The first was an outdoor gym scheme and the second was the Dementia Garden at Kettering General Hospital.

Kettering and Corby CAB had been shortlisted for potential funding from NatWest Skills and Opportunities Fund, part of the decision making process involved a public vote. It was requested that the voting link be shared as widely as possible.

It was reported that a Strawberries and Cream event would take place at the Green Patch on 8th June.

EquATA, the equine assisted therapy charity would be hosting an event the following week and HRH Princess Royal would be in attendance.

16.LSP.36 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD UPDATE

It was reported that the board had two new members of staff going forward. Diabetes was the main theme for the board, with an estimated 11,000 undiagnosed diabetes patients in the area. There was an aim to deliver a positive public health message in relation to the promotion of healthier lifestyles. The board was working alongside the diabetes clinic at Kettering General Hospital and a development session would be held with First For Wellbeing.

16.LSP.37 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

16.LSP.38 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting would be Friday 14th July 2017.

(The meeting started at 9:00am and ended at 10.38am)

Signed

Chair

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