

Notes from DtS Board Meeting held in The Priory Suite on 26 January 2010**Present**

Peter Davies, Mayor of Doncaster
(Chairman)
Tony Carlin South Yorkshire Fire and
Rescue Service
Mark Shaw South Yorkshire Fire and
Rescue Service
Joyce Foster Doncaster CEN
Ian Hanks JobCentre Plus
Tim Leader DMBC
Annette Laban NHS Doncaster
Bob Sanderson SY Police

In Attendance

Karen Wardman CEN
Jackie Lincoln GOYH
John Welham GOYH.
Peter Dale DMBC (for item 3)
Lee Tillman DMBC (for item 3)
John Whiteley Enterprising Theme Board
(for item 3)
Nick Jarman DMBC (for item 5&8)
Jane Miller Stronger and Sustainable
Theme Board (for item 7)
Mandy Preskey DMBC

Guy Gibson (representing Johanna Tuck
Yorkshire Forward)
Paul Hanks LSC (items1-3)
Norma Wardman Doncaster CVS

Steve Nesbit DtS Director
Howard Monk DMBC
Sandra Ranns DMBC

Action Summary 26 January 2010			
3.	LAA Performance – Enterprising Doncaster	Circulate Enterprising Doncaster full membership details to DtS Board members in due course;	Lee Tillman
		Partners to support the Future Jobs Fund initiative.	All
4.	LAA Performance	Undertake a review of governance arrangements and linkages (in terms of cross cutting work) across theme boards.	Steve Nesbit
		Share the Improvement Plan in relation to NI 130 (Social Care Clients Receiving Self Directed Support) with Steve Nesbit.	Howard Monk
8.	Child Poverty in Doncaster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Use the evidence base of existing strategies and policies to develop a Child Poverty Strategy; b) Raise the potential to take forward this initiative with Chris Pratt; and c) Invite representatives from RIEP to attend the next meeting to advise the DtS Board on its ongoing social marketing project relating to aspiration and attainment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Nick Jarman b) Steve Nesbit c) Howard Monk
9a.	Strategy for Change for Youth Facilities Workshop	Invite DtS Board members to attend this event once the date had been confirmed.	Howard Monk
9b.	I Love Doncaster – South Yorkshire Community Foundation	Circulate information relating to the 'I Love Doncaster' Day on 12 February 2010 to DtS Board members.	Howard Monk

9c.	Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs Meeting 04 March 2010	Prepare a plan for the forthcoming meeting to be attended by Ian Hanks and Steve Nesbit.	Howard Monk
10.	Forward Plan	Produce a DtS Board priorities work plan to support the forward planning process.	Steve Nesbit

Action

1. Apologies

David Brown SYPTE, a representative from the Chamber of Commerce, Jayne Vose LSC, Johanna Tuck Yorkshire Forward and Gary Wells DMBC

2. Notes of the Last Meeting held on 10 November 2009

Agreed.

3. LAA Performance – Enterprising Doncaster (Lee Tillman)

Circulated: Labour Market Bulletin for Doncaster Local Authority Area – December 2009

DtS Board received and noted an update on performance in relation to the Enterprising Doncaster LAA indicators.

Lee reported that:

- a) The Theme Board has recently undergone a review and Enterprising Doncaster full membership details will be circulated to DtS Board members in due course; a) Lee Tillman
- b) Economic targets are being reviewed across England and Wales in light of the impact of the recession. As a result some indicators are being re-negotiated with GOYH and are likely to move from RED to AMBER/GREEN: NI 151 (Employment Rate), NI 152 (Worklessness Benefit Rate), NI 154 (Net Additional Homes) and NI 171 (New Business Registration Rate)
- c) Work was ongoing to identify barriers to economic growth, particularly in relation to Doncaster’s infrastructure (FARRRS/WRW); and
- d) The Inward Investment Team is influencing developments relating to the Hatfield Fuel Development and Robin Hood Airport.

DtS Board also received an update on JSA claimant counts and initiatives aimed at prioritising 18-24 year olds, the outreach delivery of services, developing Business Link and work on the skills agenda. Partners were encouraged to support the Future Jobs Fund initiative.

All

DtS Board agreed that theme leads need to be clear around performance management of outcomes, identifying specifically where improvement will be made and answering a number of questions such as:

All Theme Board Leads

- ***What priorities are we going to deliver in the next twelve months?***
- ***Who is accountable for delivery?***
- ***How will this activity be delivered?***
- ***Does activity tackle the problem?***

4. LAA Performance – Healthier Doncaster (Annette Laban)

DtS Board received and noted an update on performance in relation to the Healthier Doncaster LAA indicators.

Annette reported that:

- a) She had been appointed as the Chair of Healthier Doncaster;
- b) Successful progress made in relation to NI 8 (Adult Participation in Sport and Active Recreation) and NI 122 (Cancer Mortality Rate);
- c) There is some concern regarding NI 120 (All Age, All cause Mortality Rate), NI 130 (Social Care Clients Receiving Self Directed Support) and NI 135 (Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific service or advice and information) but action is being taken to improve these specific areas; and
- d) National teams have been invited to comment on work undertaken in relation to health inequalities and infant mortality, and those indicators causing concern were under discussion with Government Office.

There will be an opportunity to reflect on over-ambitious targets whilst acknowledging a need to ensure a balance against an element of stretch. DtS Board noted that there may be a requirement to review target definitions where specific indicators were being shown at risk nationally.

The new DtS Director is keen to undertake a review of governance arrangements and linkages (in terms of cross cutting work) across all theme boards and will set out his plans in the coming weeks.

Steve Nesbit

The Improvement Plan in relation to NI 130 (Social Care Clients Receiving Self Directed Support) will be shared with Steve Nesbit.

Howard Monk

5. LAA Performance – Children’s Service (Nick Jarman)

DtS Board received and noted an update on performance in relation to Children’s Services LAA indicators and the additional basket of safeguarding indicators.

Nick reported that:

- a) Critical indicators remained NI 59 (Initial Assessments) and NI 60 (Core Assessments) and whilst progress has been made there continues to be further scope for

- improvement;
- b) High levels of domestic violence in Doncaster and the recession has had an impact upon child protection;
- c) Concern remains regarding the stability of placements and the performance of secondary schools; and
- d) The target NI 112 (Under 18 Conception Rate) can be discounted from the reward calculation.

DtS Board expressed concern regarding the image of Doncaster and internal levels of aspiration and noted that extended services and study support indicators were not addressing the needs of Doncaster. DtS Board agreed that all partner organisations need to work together to improve the public perception of Doncaster.

6. LAA Performance – Safer Doncaster (Bob Sanderson)

DtS Board received and noted an update on performance in relation to the Safer Doncaster LAA indicators with a focus on those currently highlighted as at risk, together with plans for improvement.

Bob reported that NI 21 (Dealing with local concerns of ASB and crime issues by LA and Police) has been identified as a difficult target from a Safer Doncaster Partnership perspective. Work was ongoing to address this perception-based target.

7. LAA Performance – Stronger, Sustainable Doncaster (Jane Miller)

DtS Board received and noted an update on performance in relation to the Stronger, Sustainable Doncaster LAA indicators separated into Stronger Communities, Stronger Places and Sustainable Environment Sub-Boards.

Jane reported that:

- a) The broad agenda for this theme board will continue to be monitored;
- b) Further work is required to develop a new strategic approach to impact upon the 'public perception' targets with opportunities to develop consultation, engagement, participation and satisfaction and to influence the indicators in the Place Survey;
- c) Agreement has been given to building a New Performance Venue in the town, part of phase I for the Civic and Cultural Quarter (CCQ). The Arts Council has confirmed that the opening of the new venue will influence the Active People Survey and NI 011 (Engagement in the Arts); and
- d) Areas of concern are in relation to NI 195b (Improved Street and Environmental Cleanliness: Detritus) and NI 188 (Planning to Adapt to Climate Change)

8. Child Poverty in Doncaster

Prior to consideration of this item The Mayor extended thanks to both Nick Jarman and Gareth Williams for the work they have undertaken in Children’s Services over the last 10 months.

DtS Board received a report that examined the scale of the problem of Child Poverty in Doncaster. Consideration was given to the need to raise aspirations, challenge expectations relating to attitudes to work and help children to achieve their potential, linking to targets already in place.

DtS Board agreed that:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The evidence base of existing strategies and policies is used to develop a Child Poverty Strategy; b) This initiative will be raised with Chris Pratt who has been identified as the potential lead for this initiative. GOYH has offered support through its Regional Advisor for Child Poverty (Sharon McIntyre); and c) Representatives from the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (RIEP) are invited to present information on its ongoing social marketing project relating to aspiration and attainment at next meeting of the DtS Board. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Nick Jarman/
Chris Pratt b) Steve Nesbit c) Howard Monk |
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9. Items to Note:

a) Strategy for Change for Youth Facilities Workshop

It was agreed that DtS Board members will be invited to attend this event once the date had been confirmed.

Howard Monk

b) I Love Doncaster – South Yorkshire Community Foundation

DtS Board has given its support to the ‘I Love Doncaster’ Day on 12 February 2010. It was agreed that information relating to this event will be circulated to DtS Board members.

Howard Monk

c) Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs Meeting 04 March 2010

Steve Nesbit and Ian Hanks will attend the next Overview and Scrutiny Chairs meeting scheduled for 04 March 2010. The DtS Board acknowledged that there was a need to plan for this meeting and will expect theme reps to attend.

Howard Monk

10. Forward Plan

Agreed. A DtS Board Priorities Work Plan will be produced to support this agenda item in future.

Steve Nesbit

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 09 March 2010.

