

## Notes from DtS Board Meeting held in The Priory Suite on Tuesday 27 April 2010

### Present

Peter Davies, Mayor of Doncaster  
(Chairman)  
David Brown, SYPTE  
Tony Carlin, South Yorkshire Fire and  
Rescue Service  
Howard Gannaway, Doncaster Chamber of  
Commerce  
Ian Hanks, JobCentre Plus  
Jo Miller, DMBC  
Annette Laban, NHS Doncaster, Healthier  
Board  
Bob Sanderson, SY Police, Safer Board  
John Taylor, Doncaster College  
Guy Gibson (representing Johanna Tuck,  
Yorkshire Forward)  
Norma Wardman, Doncaster CVS  
John Whiteley, Enterprising Board  
Jane Miller, Stronger and Sustainable Board  
Carol Dunkerley (representing Chris Pratt,  
DMBC)

### In Attendance

Karen Wardman, CEN  
John Casey, Audit Commission  
Helen McMullen, GOYH  
  
Steve Nesbit, DtS Partnership Director  
Howard Monk, DMBC  
Sandra Ranns, DMBC  
  
For the Priorities Workshops (Item 6)  
Tim Innes and Neil Thomas, SY Police  
Lee Tillman, Allan Wiltshire, Gary Wells and  
Julie Grant, DMBC

| <b>Action Summary 26 January 2010</b> |   |  |   |
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| 8.                                    | Child Poverty in Doncaster                              | 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.<br>09 March 2010. Arrangements will be put in place for RIEP representatives to attend a future DtS Board.<br><b>27 April 2010. Jo Miller and Howard Monk to progress this issue.</b> | Howard Monk<br><br><b>Howard Monk</b><br><br><b>Howard Monk and Jo Miller</b> |
| <b>Action Summary 09 March 2010</b>   |   |  |   |
| 3b.                                   | Roles and Responsibilities Across the Partnership       | Discuss who, if anyone, should represent the skills agenda at future DtS Board meetings.   | Steve Nesbit/ DtS Board   |
| 6.                                    | Total Place – Why is this Important to DtS?             | Discuss the potential to use the RIEP support available on this concept with John Welham.<br><b>27 April 2010 Continue to take this project forward which is currently in its development stage.</b>   | Steve Nesbit  |
| 9.                                    | Local Development Framework – an outline and next steps | Make sure a report on the preparation and outcome of the public consultation exercise is presented to a future DtS Board.  | Andy Gutherson  |

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| 3.                                  | Director's Report                  |  |   |
| 3c.                                 | Commissioning for the Third Sector | Discuss Commissioning of the 3rd Sector and its recent grant award with Rob Whitemen, IDeA.  | Jo Miller   |
| 3d.                                 | Communications                     | Present report on how communications teams across the partnership will collaborate to support the work of the DtS and make sure messages reach our staff regarding the importance of partnership working.  | Steve Nesbit  |
| 3e.                                 | Re-naming and Branding             | Circulate email to DtS Board regarding preferred options agreed by sub-group to re-name and re-brand the partnership. To be formally agreed by the DtS board by the next board meeting.  | Steve Nesbit  |
| 3f.                                 | Role of Elected Members in DtS     | Circulate DtS Board papers to elected members and present a report on the future role of elected members at later (possibly July) Board  | Steve Nesbit  |
| 3g.                                 | Networking                         | Take forward proposals for a DtS partnership networking event through the DtS Officer's Group.   | DtS Officers Group  |
| 4.                                  | LAA Year-End Performance           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Delegate performance management of those indicators deleted from the NI Set to the appropriate theme board; and</li> <li>b) Re-focus performance information on i) problem indicators and practical actions being taken to improve performance in those areas; and ii) good practice examples relating to successful indicators.</li> <li>c) Progress the Child Poverty Priority in the context of the issues referred to at point a)-c) in the notes of this meeting</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a)&amp;b) Howard Monk</li> <li>c) Chris Pratt</li> </ul> |
| 6.                                  | Forward Look                       | Circulate a note on potential future agenda items for the next DtS Board meeting.  | Steve Nesbit  |

### **Action**

#### **1. Introductions and Apologies**

Apologies - John Welham, GOYH, Johanna Tuck, Yorkshire Forward, Chris Pratt DMBC, Tony Baxter NHS Doncaster

#### **2. Notes of the Last Meeting held on 09 March 2010**

Agreed.

#### **3. Director's Reports**

##### **a. Priorities**

Steve Nesbit extended a plea to partners regarding the ongoing development work in relation to the 5 DtS Priorities for the next 12 months. He asked for full support so as much value as possible is added during the Priorities Workshop discussions to be held later in the meeting. This will help to make sure;

- i. strong plans of action are put in place; and
- ii. the support of all partners is received to take the priorities forward.

**b. Big Lottery**

Jane Miller was thanked for the work she had undertaken in taking forward the request received to identify natural communities within the borough that would benefit from the Big Lottery Community Fund support.

Whilst the board accepted that this project involved direct funding from the Big Lottery, concerns had been expressed regarding the appropriateness of allocating resource in this way.

**c. Commissioning for the Third Sector**

Feedback following a recent IDeA Workshop to take forward commissioning for the 3rd Sector was presented to DtS Board. DtS Board agreed that there was a need to re-evaluate those activities that diverts partners from pursuing our priorities. Partners agreed that the expectations and requirements from funders for this piece of work were disproportionate to the size of grant awarded.

Jo Miller to discuss the proper engagement of the 3rd Sector with Rob Whitemen, IDeA.

Jo Miller

**d. Communications**

A further report on how communications teams across agencies will work together to provide support for the DtS partnership will be presented at the next DtS Board. The communications teams will produce a plan of action based upon i) the 5 DtS Priorities for the next 12 months; ii) the next version of the LAA and Borough Strategy within the context of reputation; and iii) ensuring messages reach our staff regarding the importance of partnership working.

Steve Nesbit/  
Comms  
partners

**e. Re-naming and Branding**

DtS Board received an update on the work ongoing to re-name and re-brand the partnership. The proposals will be considered on 17 May by Steve Nesbit, Jon Whiteley and communications teams from the council and college. Preferred options will then be circulated to the DtS Board with a view of formally agreeing the new name and possible re-brand by the next board meeting.

Steve Nesbit

**f. Role of Elected Members in DtS**

DtS Board agreed that there was a need to be clearer on the role elected members play in the whole partnership.

Steve Nesbit

In terms of improving communications, arrangements have already been made for the DtS Board agendas and papers to be circulated to elected members. DtS Board noted that the CGI Report will have a bearing on the future role of elected members and keeping this in mind, Steve will present a report at the June or July Board.

A report on the partnership's progress will also be presented to OSMC later in the year.

**g. Networking**

DtS Board considered a number of networking event proposals. Partners were in favour of a networking event to be taken forward by the DtS Officer's Group.

DtS Officer's Group

**4. Corporate Governance Inspection**

Jo Miller provided an update on the CGI and the three main issues referred to in the report: the way the Council operates to frustrate what the Mayor and Cabinet seek to do; the lack of effective leadership shown by the Mayor and Cabinet; and the lack of leadership displayed by some chief officers and the way they have all been unable to work effectively together to improve services.

It was now important to consider the best way to move forward as a council organisation and community leader to best serve the people of Doncaster in the future. The next steps will involve identifying what needs to change in terms of national intervention with a service specific focus upon Children's Services and Housing Services together with three other areas:

1. the Council as an organisation delivering value for money and is 'fit for purpose';
2. Creating a 'can do council' where governance and behaviour is effective and responsive; and
3. Making sure we have partnerships that work for our people [the council's community leadership role].

Work in response to the CGI report would be undertaken alongside the Borough Strategy Review, particularly in relation to improving community engagement and customer relations and the creation of a crystallised vision for Doncaster and to re-build the reputation of Doncaster.

**5. LAA Year-End Performance**

DtS Board was advised on the prospects for improvement for:

- The performance indicators in Doncaster's Local Area Agreement (LAA) – with a focus on the indicators where there is a high risk that targets will not be met by the end of the current LAA period (March 2011); and
- The additional basket of Children's Safeguarding indicators.

The report also brought two LAA issues to the Board's attention:

- Deletions from the National Indicator (NI) Set with effect from April 2010 announced by the Government as a part of its 2010/11 budget (NI 33 Arson Incidents, NI 132 Timeliness of social care assessment; and NI 140 Fair treatment by local services; and
- Work still required finalising baselines and targets for a number of LAA indicators.

DtS Board proposed that:

- a) As deletions from the NI Set may link to other pieces of work the performance management of these indicators should be delegated to the appropriate theme board; and

- b) Performance information should be re-focussed on i) problem indicators and practical actions being taken to improve performance in those areas; and ii) good practice examples relating to successful indicators.

DtS board noted that the Child Poverty priority should be progressed in the context of:

- a) The need to produce a Children and Young People's Plan;
- b) Addressing 'safeguarding' before other outcomes ['enjoy' and 'achieve' etc]; and
- c) Ensuring an increased involvement of Tony Baxter in work around teenage pregnancies.

## **6. Priorities – Group Work**

Each partner attended three workshops and provided comments and suggestions to further enhance and take forward the plans of action for the 5 DtS Priorities for the next 12 months [Work and Skills; Child Poverty; Perception, Reputation and Satisfaction; Housing and Alcohol] based upon:

- Does the action plan demonstrate a commitment to improving performance in key areas over the next 12 months?
- Does it demonstrate a partnership approach?
- Are there any key gaps?
- Is it workable?

Following the workshops DtS Board received feedback on the key points made. The plans of action will be finalised and circulated to DtS Board members for final approval in early June. Once completed, delivery of the plans will be incorporated into the new performance management framework currently being developed.

## **7. Forward Look**

Steve Nesbit to circulate a note on potential agenda items for future meetings, including:

Steve Nesbit

- Regional and Sub Regional Working [how we engage formally at City region level];
- Developing a Transport Strategy for South Yorkshire July meeting with a further update in September);
- New Performance Management System (June Meeting);
- Role of Elected Members in DtS;
- Re-naming and Re-branding (June) ;
- Area Based Grant 2011/2012;
- CAA 2010 (June);
- A Total Place approach to partnership working
- CGI (June) and further developing the partnership
- Revising the Borough Strategy (June).
- Role of elected members in DtS

## **8. Next Meeting**

Tuesday 08 June 2010.