At a meeting of the Local Strategic Partnership Board held on 28 January 2010

Present:

Councillor Spencer (Chairman) - St Helens Council
Councillor Evans - St Helens Council
Councillor Sims - St Helens Council
Carole Hudson - St Helens Council
Chris Armitt - Merseyside Police
Andrew Burgess - Halton and St Helens PCT
Kath Boullen - St Helens Chamber
Carol Carroll - Merseytravel
Paul Cassell - St Helens College
Chris Coffey - Community Empowerment Network
Rev. Philip Fell - SHINE
Steve Gange - Pilkington Plc
Bob Hepworth - St Helens Council
Fiona Johnstone - Halton and St Helens PCT
John McCormack - Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service
Jane McCusker - Government Office North West
Joanne Willos-Wolverworth - St Helens Job Centre Plus
Jim Wilson - Halton and St Helens PCT
Sally Yeoman - Community Voluntary Service
Rob Young - Helena Partnerships

Also Present:

Andy Dempsey - St Helens Council
Catherine Fletcher - St Helens Council
Chris Langridge - St Helens Council
Aidan Manley - St Helens Council
Susan Richardson - St Helens Council
Ian Roberts - St Helens Council

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Pat Bacon - St Helens College
John Downes - Langtree Group Plc.
Nicola Scott - Learning and Skills Council
Ann Shacklady-Smith - Community Empowerment Network.

37. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2009 were approved and signed as a true record.
38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Kath Boullen – LEGI
Councillor Spencer – LEGI

39. COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT
Carole Hudson presented the report on the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA).

The LSP Board was informed that the first set of CAA findings had been finalised and published though the ‘One Place’ website.

The ‘One Place’ website aimed to give members of the public an independent overview of their local public services. The site contained independent information on how councils, police, health services and others were tackling major issues in each area of England.

The report highlighted to the LSP Board areas for improvement, where the St Helens Local Strategic Partnership’s current performance was below national average or its own self-set targets.

The St Helens assessment dated 9 December 2009 was attached at Appendix A to the report.

* Resolved that;

(1) the report be noted; and

(2) final CAA Improvement Plans are regularly monitored through the LSP Board

40. RISK MANAGEMENT
Andy Dempsey, Head of Corporate Community and Safety presented the Risk Management report.

At a previous meeting of the LSP Board, held on 24 September 2009, a Risk Management Review of the Local Strategic Partnership, prepared by Risk Source Ltd., was presented.

As part of the review Risk Source Ltd. made five recommendations accepted by the LSP Board, which has been as follows:-

- Develop a general risk management statement and policy at LSP level. This should include strategy for risk identification and management, expectations on lead partner, risk reporting and escalation.

- The lead partners in the Thematic Group, within planning and needs assessment, take responsibility for the identification and management of future risks to delivery. The lead partner would be expected to identify and manage risk through their existing internal risk processes.
• A formal, standing item is incorporated into Thematic and LSP Executive agenda to enable space and time for consideration of risks to delivery. This may be as a stand-alone item or as a sub-item relating to performance reporting.

• Explicit inclusion of a risk management commentary within plan delivery proposals and periodic delivery performance reporting.

• A brief risk commentary should be included within the performance monitoring reports required from ABG funded organisations.

The St Helens Together Local Strategic Partnership Risk Management Strategy and Policy Statement that had been put before the Board was developed in response to the first recommendation and provided the framework for delivering recommendations 2 and 3. Work would continue with thematic groups to develop a consistent approach towards risk identification and reporting.

The ‘St Helens Together Local Strategic Partnership Risk Management Strategy and Policy Statement’ and ‘Risk Management Structure’ were attached at Appendices A and B to the report respectively.

* Resolved that the St Helens LSP Risk Management Strategy and Policy Statement as set out within the Risk Management report be approved.

41. LOCAL ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

Aidan Manley, Head of Regeneration, presented the Local Economic Assessment.

From April 2010, every Upper tier and Unitary Local Authority will have a statutory duty to prepare a Local Economic Assessment for their locality. The main objectives of the Local Economic Assessment were to provide the Local Authority and local, sub-regional and regional partners with a common understanding of local economic conditions, economic geography of a place and of the economic, social and environmental factors which impact upon future growth.

The LSP Board was informed that work was ongoing in the Liverpool City Region and the Borough to ensure a high quality assessment was in place for St Helens. It was hoped that once complete the results of the study would provide a useful resource for all partners.

* Resolved that the report be noted.

42. AREA BASED GRANT (ABG) MID YEAR 09/10 MONITORING REPORT

Ian Roberts presented the Area Based Grant (ABG) Mid Year 2009/10 Monitoring Report. The report updated the LSP Board on the current performance of the 64 Area Based Grant projects which had been granted funding in Autumn 2008.

A summary of all projects and their current performance as at mid year 2009/10 indicated that overall 35 projects (55%) had achieved 100% of their agreed performance targets, 26
projects (40%) had achieved or exceeded 65% of their agreed performance targets and 3 Projects (5%) had achieved less than 65% of their agreed performance targets.

ABG Summary Performance Report Mid Year 09/10 (by Thematic Group) and Declared Budget Savings reports were attached at Appendices A and B to the report respectively.

* Resolved that;

(1) the report be noted; and

(2) the under spend from LEGI programme during 2009-10 and 2010-11 be carried forward to 2011-12 to support the ongoing programme.

43. LSP CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2010/11

The Chairman presented the LSP Calendar of Meetings 2010/11.

The LSP Board was informed that at the meeting of the LSP Executive, held on 12 January 2010, it was resolved that in the interests of efficient governance the Executive would cease to meet and the business of the LSP Executive would be undertaken by the LSP Board.

The LSP Programme of Meetings, Forward Plan and Planning Timetable for 2010-11 were attached at Appendix A to the report.

* Resolved that the report be noted.

44. TEENAGE PREGNANCY

Susan Richardson presented the report on Teenage Pregnancy which gave the LSP Board an overview on St Helens Teenage Pregnancy Strategy Performance and Progress.

The presentation gave LSP Board Members information on:

- 2008 conception rates and projected position in respect of teenage pregnancy strategy;
- Conceptions by age and by month for 2008;
- Progress to date on reduction of conception rates and current position in respect of LAA targets; and
- 2010 Strategy Development.

It was reported that official ONS (Office for National Statistics) data in 2009 indicated an increase in teenage conceptions and that current quarterly projections indicated an increase which could potentially translate into an overall annual percentage rate increase higher than the 1998 baseline.

LSP Board Members discussed the Teenage Pregnancy LAA Performance Indicator and the issues that surrounded the achieving of the target for 2010. The LSP Board noted the difficulty reacting to statistics that reflected the previous years conception rates, discussed
methods for gaining current and immediate raw data and considered the focused efforts
being made with 'Clinic in a Box' Scheme functioning in some of the borough’s secondary
schools and colleges.

The ‘Quarterly Under 18 Conception Data 1998 – 3rd Quarter 2008’, ‘Sexual Health
Update' and 'Teenage Pregnancy Strategy 2009-11’ was attached at Appendix 1-3 to the
report respectively.

* Resolved that;

(a) the report be noted;

(b) regular monitoring of the delivery plan is undertaken via Chief
Officer Group in relation to School 'Clinic in a Box’ Schemes as detailed:

i. the number of schools currently running the ‘Clinic in a
Box’ scheme;

ii. the number of ‘Clinic in a Box’ sessions being held in
each school;

iii. the number of cancelled sessions and the reasons for
any cancellations; and

iv. the number of ‘faith schools’ that currently hold ‘Clinic
in a Box’ sessions; and

(b) a further update be presented to the LSP Board on 11 March
2010 following the confirmation of provisional data and a final
outturn.

45. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 11 March 2010 at 2.00pm Room 10 Town Hall, St Helens.

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