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Derbyshire Partnership Forum

Committee Room 1
County Hall
Matlock

14 March 2014

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising
3. Working Together For A Better Derbyshire – update from the December 2013 workshop
4. Reducing poverty in Derbyshire
5. Housing, Health and Social Care
6. Addressing skills issues in Derbyshire - Workshop
7. Any other business
8. Date of next meeting (s)
 - Friday 27 June 2014
 - Friday 26 September 2014
 - Friday 5 December 2014

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NOTES of the **DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM** held on 13 December 2013 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor A Western
(in the Chair)

Amber Valley Borough Council J Townsend	Derbyshire County Council Councillor B Ridgway Councillor D Greenhalgh Councillor D Allen Councillor C Neill M Ashworth S Eaton S Goodwin D Lowe I Stephenson C Walker L Race F Jones B Ackrill J Wildgoose M Young J Matthews E Michel S Savage
Amber Valley CVS L Allison	Derbyshire Fire Authority Councillor R L Hosker
Chesterfield Borough Council M Evans	Derbyshire OPAG P Frakes
Chesterfield Royal Hospital S Turner-Saint	Derbyshire Police M Creedon B Thacker
Derbyshire Dales CVS N Moulden	North Derbyshire CCG J Pendleton
Derbyshire Dales District Council Councillor G Stevens D Bunton	Bolsover District Council J Clayton
High Peak Borough Council Councillor C Bisknell S Baker	
TUC A Weaver R Johnston	
Derby Hospitals M Hussain	
South Derbyshire CVS J Smith	
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust E Green	

<p>High Peak CVS N Caldwell</p> <p>Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Office M Bosworth</p> <p>Derby City Council Councillor P Bayliss</p> <p>North Derbyshire Voluntary Action J Willis</p> <p>Community Volunteer Partners L Wallace</p> <p>Natural England T Moat</p> <p>Hardwick CCG A Gregory</p> <p>NFU A Critchlow</p>	<p>North East Derbyshire District Council Councillor G Baxter S Lee</p> <p>Rural Action Derbyshire S Green</p> <p>Erewash CVS P Edwards</p> <p>Department for Work and Pensions W Beighton H Govier</p> <p>Derbyshire Probation Trust K Macleod</p> <p>Derbyshire District CAB S Minter</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce G Cowcher</p> <p>South Derbyshire District Council F McArdle</p>
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Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of S Allinson (Tameside and Glossop CCG), J Batty (DCC), F Bharmal (Erewash CCG), G Boyle (Chesterfield Royal Hospital Hospital), Councillor S Bradford (Amber Valley BC), P Brown (Bolsover DC), C Cottam (Health and Safety Executive), Councillor J A Coyle (DCC), S Frayne (Fire and Rescue Service), I Freestone (Derbyshire Sport), Councillor K Gillott (DCC), C Hodgetts (DWP), S James (Derby Hospitals), J Jaroszek (Erewash BC), G Knighton (Police), J Lee (LINKS CVS), H Lever (Derbyshire Sport), Councillor A Lewer (DCC), W Lumley (Bolsover DC) R Marwaha (Erewash CCG), S Quinlan (Environment Agency), Councillor L M Rose (DDDC), M Rowe (Big Lottery Fund), A Slack (Highways Agency), Rev H Southern (Churches Together in Derbyshire), I Thomas (DCC CAYA), C Watson (Tameside and Glossop CCG) and Councillor B Wheeler (SDDC).

10/13 **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2013 were confirmed as a correct record.

11/13 FUTURE OF THE DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM

Given the financial challenges and demand for services facing all partners, working together in partnership was crucial in achieving better outcomes for people in Derbyshire. The Forum should play a vital role in ensuring that public services in Derbyshire are well placed to rise to the challenges that faced us all. The Forum provided a mechanism for collaborative working to enable partners to address challenges that individual organisations could not achieve on their own.

To achieve a renewed sense of purpose, partners had been asked at the meeting in June 2013 to consider the Forum's role moving forward. The following key points emerged from the discussion:-

- There was broad support from partners to continue with the Forum.
- There needed to be a shared understanding of the issues and challenges facing individual partner agencies in order to identify opportunities to work together, prioritise issues and deliver agreed outcomes
- The meetings should be more participatory and encourage more discussion through group working.
- Meetings should be themed as this would lead to better engagement of participants and provide a focus for agreeing activity.
- The Forum should co-ordinate a range of task and finish groups where these are needed to take specific work forward.
- There should be an agenda setting group to develop joint ownership of meetings.
- The Forum should meet more regularly in order to be more effective.

It was proposed that the main purpose of the Forum, which was currently to agree a vision for Derbyshire, discuss concerns and share information, agree common goals and priorities and monitor progress, should be maintained. It was recommended that a virtual agenda setting group be established to help develop shared ownership and to consider the future content of meetings. In order to address some of the pressing issues and to reinvigorate the Forum, it was proposed that the number of meetings be increased to four per year.

Partnership priorities were currently set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for Derbyshire and any new partnership arrangements should support the delivery of priorities beyond the end of March 2014 when the current SCS would end. At the meeting of the Forum in June 2013 it was agreed that addressing issues around poverty and housing, health and social care presented initial opportunities for collaborative working. Updates on both these key areas were the subject of separate reports to this meeting.

In order to identify further opportunities for joint working and to prioritise issues, a participatory workshop would be held as part of today's meeting. The

main aims of the workshop were to develop a shortlist of services and/or issues that could be progressed in partnership and to secure commitment from partners to be involved in moving specific issues forward.

The role of the Forum would continue to evolve over the next twelve months. Whilst the current structures were still fit for purpose, these would need to be reviewed as the future work programme for the Forum developed. The use of time-limited task groups to deal with single issues should continue and should support new priorities as and when they emerge. Updates on progress against key issues would be brought to future meetings.

The proposals in respect of future partnership arrangements and next steps were agreed.

12/13 HOUSING, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE At the last meeting of the Forum a presentation had been made by John Simmons of Care and Repair England. The report made the case for greater integration of Housing, Health and Social Care services in order to improve outcomes for Derbyshire residents, especially in relation to independent living.

Following the discussion at the Forum, it was agreed to arrange a workshop in collaboration with Care and Repair England to explore the relationship between Housing, Health and Social Care services. The seminar took place on 28 October 2013 focused on the Lifetime Homes Standard, and a further session exploring a wider set of issues including the Disabled Facilities Grant and affordable warmth.

Key themes arising from the workshop included

- The need for the DPF and partners to take a strategic approach to tackle the issues outlined, building on a collective/shared responsibility to collaborate more widely;
- The importance of communications/engagement and lobbying in ensuring that joint strategic objectives are met;
- The need to influence planning policy both locally and nationally to ensure that Lifetime Homes Standards are easier to implement;
- The potential to work together to identify new funding approaches, with a recognition that an invest to save/preventative focus can free up funding throughout the system;
- The need to share information more effectively to enable better planning and encourage the private sector investment needed;
- The potential to link into existing good practice and pilot innovative new approaches.

Partners agreed that there was a real opportunity and impetus to move forward on the issues identified at the workshop, and that the most

appropriate way to do this would be to establish a small working group. The primary purpose of this group would be to develop a strategic approach and actions relating to the key issues identified, building upon the discussion sessions and commitments and actions made at the event. This Group would need to make appropriate links to existing groups around the county with a strong link to this agenda including the Housing and Health Group, Accommodation Support Group, Planning Officers Group etc.

The Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board received an update on this work at its meeting on 28 November 2013. The outcomes of the seminar were noted and the Board agreed that a working group should be established. It was agreed that this group would report back to the Health and Wellbeing Board in Spring 2014. The Board were keen to ensure that the group included representation from Elected Members and the District Councils, including planning officers. One particular issue that should be progressed was in respect of the incorporation of sprinklers at the planning application stage.

It was agreed that the Forum note the outcome of the Housing, Health and Social Care workshop and receive further updates on the progress made by the working group at regular intervals.

13/13 REDUCING POVERTY IN DERBYSHIRE At the last meeting of the Forum a range of issues relating to the rising cost of everyday goods and services, the growing number of food banks in Derbyshire and the impact of welfare benefit reforms on local communities were discussed by partners. Actions to support the reduction of poverty across the county emerged as a possible key priority for the partnership moving forward.

The county council was in the process of developing a new corporate plan for 2014 onwards. A key priority was to develop a strategic response to the growing levels of poverty affecting communities in Derbyshire. The authority had been working on the development of an anti-poverty strategy to better co-ordinate the authority's response and to ensure that actions were in place to fill identified gaps. In developing the strategy, the authority had identified a number of key themes which could focus effort and resource as follows:

- Financial inclusion
- Child poverty
- Health inequality
- Fuel poverty and affordable warmth
- Employment and skills.

The council was keen to ensure that any strategy developed was dynamic and action focussed with progress monitored on a regular basis. Initial discussions within the county council had focussed on the need to ensure that the strategy

linked into, and did not duplicate, work that was already taking place across the county.

Any strategy developed by the county council would need to link into existing groups, partnerships and strategies where these already existed. Given the discussions at the Forum in June, partners were asked to consider whether there was merit in extending the development of the county council's anti-poverty strategy across the broader partnership to provide an overarching framework for joint working. This would provide opportunities to co-ordinate effort and resource across the county whilst supporting the identification of key issues and gaps in provision.

Given the current momentum on this area of work it was recommended that a small, time-limited task and finish group reporting to the Forum be established to support the development of a draft anti-poverty strategy for Derbyshire. The county council already had a small working group and the membership of this group could be widened to include representatives of the key partners. Given the extensive work that was already taking place across the county, it was recommended that a draft strategy be brought back to the Forum for consideration at its next meeting in March 2014.

The Forum approved the proposals to extend the development of the county council's anti-poverty strategy across the broader partnership to provide an overarching framework for joint working; to establish a small, time-limited task and finish group to take work on the development of the anti-poverty strategy forward and agreed to receive a report on progress and a draft strategy for consideration at the next meeting of the Forum in March 2014.

14/13 INFORMATION SHARING The continuing drive for integrated services to provide the best outcomes for the people of Derbyshire required increased cross-organisational working and the sharing of personal data and sensitive information between partner organisations. The Information Sharing Protocol, created by the Derbyshire Partnership Forum in 2005 set out the principles for good practice and information governance to be adopted by member organisations.

The Protocol was a strategic document, providing the legal framework, general principles and organisational responsibilities to be considered when sharing personal and sensitive information. The Protocol also contained a template for an Information Sharing Agreement which was a requirement to be put in place before information could be accessed by or distributed to partner organisations. Each separate Information Sharing Agreement was managed by the partners named therein and was required in order to establish specific instances of data sharing, detailing: purpose, methods of data exchange, data quality, access and security, retention and disposal. These Agreements typically covered an organisations requirement to share client information

between partners, and employees would only be able to share information within the parameters of the Agreement.

A separate Information Sharing Protocol was adopted by the Health and Wellbeing Board in May 2013, after the members of the Derbyshire Chief Executives Forum for Health and Social Care signed up to the Protocol. The two versions of the Protocol were almost identical but the signatories were limited. In order to share information effectively across organisations, it was important that there was a shared understanding of the requirements and responsibilities and a commitment to work together to promote and use one Protocol across the Partnership.

Employees sharing and using information must be made aware of the Protocol and any individual agreement(s). It was therefore recommended that Chief Executives from the Forum adopt the Information Sharing Agreement template as the basis for future individual sharing agreements with partner organisations and cascade the Protocol throughout their organisation, ensuring adherence in order that representatives from their organisation will abide by the legal framework and relevant information governance requirements.

It was agreed to endorse and sign the Derbyshire Partnership Forum Information Sharing Protocol 2013; note that the Forum's Information Sharing Protocol 2013 would be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board to replace the version previously adopted; to cascade the Protocol throughout the various organisations; and to adopt the Information Sharing Agreement template as the basis for future individual sharing agreements with partner organisations

15/13 WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER DERBYSHIRE

The Forum entered a workshop session looking at the ways in which we could all work together to ensure a better Derbyshire.

David Evans of The Campaign Company made a presentation on work undertaken for the County Council on a poll of Derbyshire residents. The findings of the poll were outlined and these would assist in future decision making. A summary of the presentation and the poll findings would be circulated.

The Forum split into small groups to discuss particular issues focussing on what is driving Derbyshire, what were the issues and challenges that we were facing and how could we best work together.

A presentation was made by A Gregory of the Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on the Virtual Ward. This development offered

integrated care in the area and was an example of the close working between the CCG, the County Council and others.

16/13 **DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS** The dates for meetings in 2014 were to be:-

Friday 14 March 2014.

Friday 27 June 2014.

Friday 26 September 2014.

Friday 5 December 2014.

DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM

14 March 2014

DRAFT DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM WORK PROGRAMME**1. Purpose of the report**

To provide an update on the outcome of the Working Together for a Better Derbyshire workshop which took place on Friday 13 December 2013 and to propose a partnership work programme for the forthcoming year.

2. Information and analysis

On 13 December 2013, members of the Derbyshire Partnership Forum (DPF) participated in a workshop session which sought to identify:

- Issues and challenges facing partner organisations;
- Issues or themes that would benefit from a different and/or joined up approach;
- Practical ideas as to how these could be taken forward jointly in the future.

Analysis of the table discussions has since been undertaken. A range of issues and challenges were identified and are set out below:

- The effect of **changing demographics**, particularly an ageing population and the ability of organisations to respond to the knock-on effect on demand. Linked to this is increased demand placed on services due to poor lifestyle choices;
- **Budget reductions** and the need to explore different ways of delivering services. These need to be based on sound evidence, but innovative approaches should be developed and tested. There is also a need to identify what **system changes** are needed to fundamentally re-shape the delivery of services;
- There is a need to ensure all **communication** with the public is effective as it plays a key role in challenging perceptions and managing expectations;
- **Workforce issues** present significant challenges as in many organisations there is very little spare capacity to do anything beyond delivery of the highest priority services. Motivation of staff has become more of an issue recently, as has the capacity of partners to support appropriate training and development;
- A recognition that there is an increasing **reliance** of some organisations on **volunteers** to deliver services, and for a number of organisations this was not felt to be sustainable in the long term;

- **Sustainability** of services as resources diminish, particularly effecting Voluntary and Community Sector organisations already reliant on external funding whilst demand grows;
- **Transport** is often a barrier accessing work and leisure opportunities, particularly in rural areas;
- The need to support a **strong and thriving economy** which is necessary to ensure better jobs and minimise the effect of welfare changes on families across Derbyshire. This is underpinned by the availability of a **skilled workforce** able to meet the needs of local businesses.

An over-arching theme which emerged related to the role of the DPF in providing leadership to do things differently and work across organisational boundaries for the benefit of communities. Underpinning this is the need to add value to existing work.

Partners highlighted the need to ensure that the DPF provides a forum for organisations to gain a better understanding of what others are doing, ensuring joined up working whenever possible. It was recognised that there are many examples of where this is happening but that there are always opportunities to do more. This may be through the development of more joint business cases promoting the sharing of services more widely (outside of local authorities), and also exploring the opportunity for a joint workforce approach, particularly in relation to health and social care.

Other key themes emerging as priorities that would benefit from a different and/or joined-up approach, and could be taken forward in partnership include:

- **Anti-poverty and social exclusion** – Partners felt that this was an area where the potential for a joined-up approach could bring significant benefits to individuals and communities. At the last DPF meeting in December 2013, it was agreed to set up a small time limited task and finish Group to take forward work on the development of an Anti-Poverty Strategy. This Group has now met on a number of occasions and its progress is the subject of a separate report to the Forum.
- **Enhancing community resilience** – Partners recognised the importance of ensuring that individuals, families and communities have the right tools available to them to become more resilient. The DPF could focus on understanding the impact of preventative services (including the collective impact of preventative spend), building social capital and regeneration within communities. The need to ensure evidence from the Thriving Families project is fed back to the Forum when available was recognised as this will underpin the transformation of services at an operational and systems level.

- **Health** – Partners identified a long list of the health issues where it was felt there was potential to work better across organisational boundaries. In conjunction with the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), further work could be undertaken to prioritise the long list, ensuring that any proposals avoid duplicating elements of the HWB work programme.
- **Tackling worklessness and skills** – Partners identified the need to tackle worklessness across Derbyshire, recognising that whilst a significant amount of work is already undertaken there is potential to do more. The need for greater partnership working with the private sector was important to this, as was the need to co-ordinate services better to ensure maximum impact. Skills issues were also identified as a potential priority where a more joined up approach would bring greater collective benefits.

Following the meeting, the DPF workshop will develop a shared understanding of the skills agenda and this will provide an opportunity for partners to identify challenges, gaps and opportunities in relation to the delivery of skills across Derbyshire.

Attached at Appendix 1 is a draft summary of the key points made during the table discussions. This includes a number of commitments from partners who would be willing to be involved in moving specific issues forward in the future.

3. Next Steps

Partners had previously agreed that a small agenda setting Group should be convened to ensure that the work programme for forthcoming DPF meetings be focused and relevant. Representatives were sought from across partner organisations, and this Group has recently met. The Group was keen to ensure that the Forum:

- Identifies and shares best practice from other areas, including exploring commercial best practice;
- Champions innovation in public service delivery;
- Sets partners a challenge and is clear about what partners can contribute to and effect;
- Looks for the potential to deliver in a different way;
- Takes a critical friend approach;
- Is flexible in its approach to projects to ensure the best use of resources. For example on some topics a smaller, more focused meeting may be appropriate, the outcome of which would be made available to all partners.

Alongside this, feedback from the workshop has been analysed and a draft work programme for the DPF developed. Partners are asked to endorse the draft themes for future meetings outlined below.

Date	Potential Theme
June 2014	Innovation in public service delivery
September 2014	Community resilience
December 2014	Worklessness
March 2015	Health

4. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Derbyshire Partnership Forum:

1. Notes the outcome of the Working Together for a Better Derbyshire workshop which took place on 13 December 2013.
2. Endorses the draft work programme outlined within the report.

**Ian Stephenson
Chief Executive
Derbyshire County Council**

Derbyshire Partnership Forum Workshop – 13 December 2014

Services, issues or themes that would benefit from a different and/or joined up approach and practical ideas as to how these may be jointly taken forward in the future

Theme	Issues and ideas identified at the workshop	Commitments made by partners
Anti-poverty / Social Exclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel Poverty / Affordable Warmth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work taking place in Amber Valley to identify households who are at risk and who could benefit from advice – this could be extended into other areas of the county with housing being involved in identifying households at risk ○ There is a role for planning departments to drive forward innovation ○ There is a recognition that private landlords are harder to engage with • Welfare benefits/rights/financial inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to ensure fair access to welfare assessments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to focus on affordable warmth within housing function. • Rural Action Derbyshire, Citizens Advice Bureau and Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group committed to be involved in taking forward this agenda and developing the strategy • Discuss a Derbyshire wide approach to welfare benefits
Enhancing Community Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the resilience of individuals, families and communities • Feed in the evidence from the Thriving Families project to inform this and understand what families need • Strengthening the Multi Agency Teams approach with young people in the wider community – working with and around schools and other local services • Ownership of services, how they are identified as important, how they are designed and who has been involved • Befriending services • Volunteer workforce – can be a lack of understanding of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback experience from ethnography project • Discussions on-going at Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group about putting funding into befriending • Contribute to the identification of volunteers' roles in integration of health and social care • Seek to ensure that Erewash tops the league for volunteering. • Support and develop VCS capacity to

	<p>where authorities can use volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can VCS be more involved in supporting patients following discharge from hospital • Understand what we mean by resilient communities – what do we want them to look like 	<p>deliver services.</p>
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term conditions (particularly young people) • Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Young People ○ Dementia • Healthy lifestyles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-shaping food and exercise offer ○ Healthy walks ○ Heart of Derbyshire • Healthy relationships • Falls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As this is increasing there is a need to understand where the people falling are coming from and what time of day this is happening ○ Need to look at how many people are admitted to hospitals that actually need medical attention and how many could remain at home? • Frail elderly and isolated – vulnerable people need a co-ordinated approach but there are barriers around service delivery and the priorities of different organisations • Preventative services are essential, there is a need to make people more aware and empower volunteers to raise any concerns they may have • Integration of local health and social care budgets. • Multi-disciplinary team approach beyond children’s services to use skills and expertise to the best effect, this will enable services to be built around the person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse the falls prevention work taking place in Amber Valley • Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and the County Council to work in partnership to analyse falls at home with the aim of preventing hospital admissions • Contribute to discussions on the future of the VCS in providing preventative services. • Demonstrate progress and continual engagement of DPF on health and social care integration • Joined up approaches to the workforce e.g. generic care workers. Need to define the outcomes required and ensure the workforce fits this with the right skills, training and development • Provide more information to partner organisations about services that are already available • The County Council and CCGs to link more closely on non-urgent patient transport.

<p>Tackling worklessness and Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What works best to enable people to get into work and stay in a sustainable job and what are the gaps? • Map what is already out there - Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), district/borough councils • Need to do something differently as the same areas have had the same problems for many years with no change seen so far • Concentrate on small areas to raise the lowest common denominator as currently there is often duplication. • Both DWP and the County Council are talking to employers. This needs to be co-ordinated to remove any duplication. • It is vital that people have as a minimum work experience on their CV's to improve potential or have undertaken volunteering which is a longer term commitment. • Young people in schools need to understand what opportunities are available to them and the skills they will need to access these • There is a need to raise the aspirations of young people • Apprenticeships which are focussed on future skills requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWP to work with partners to understand worklessness and employment issues
<p>Derbyshire Partnership Forum – Working differently and better</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the DPF to drive forward joint working • Sharing services and working differently - Derbyshire Chief Executives is taking this forward for the County Council and District Councils and this approach could be widened to include other partners. • Multi agency systems are being piloted to strengthen partnership work and improve support for clients – if successful these will be rolled out to other areas • Ideas/pilot projects to take forward • Use the Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group video on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot better joint working which builds on existing partnerships. • Pursue opportunities for shared working and reduced duplication • Committed to working with front line professionals of all partner organisations • Work with others to help utilise scarce resources – Derbyshire Dales District Council housing team is doing a lot of

	<p>the virtual ward as a basis for young people's services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve information sharing as this currently does not extend to GP's 	<p>work with individual households and is very keen to integrate different agencies across health/welfare/police etc. who may all be in contact with the household</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work within their own organisation to ensure officers engaging in multiagency projects and look at different ways of working. • Willingness to consider alternative ways of working. • Actively engage with service delivery planning and strategy development. • Look for opportunities to run local pilots which could then be widened out. • Provide a senior officer for DPF agenda setting group. • Build partnership work and collaboration within VCS and across sectors in Bolsover district to tackle local issues both strategically and operationally. • Signpost and disseminate information about partnership working, joint service delivery and strategic partnerships. • Commitment to work openly with partners at a local level to support people in communities.
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DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM**14 March 2014****REDUCING POVERTY IN DERBYSHIRE****1. Purpose of the report**

To update partners on the development of an anti-poverty strategy for Derbyshire.

2. Information and analysis**Background**

The rising cost of everyday goods and services, the growing number of food banks in Derbyshire and the impact of welfare benefit reforms on local communities is a growing area of concern for partners. As a result, actions to support the reduction of poverty across the county have emerged as a key priority for the Forum.

At the last meeting of the Forum in December 2013, partners approved proposals to extend the development of the County Council's anti-poverty strategy across the broader partnership to provide an overarching framework for joint working. Given partner interest and the momentum building on this area of work, it was also agreed that a small time limited Task and Finish Group, reporting to the DPF, be established to support the development of the draft strategy and implementation of associated action plans.

Progress

Since the last meeting in December, the Task and Finish Group has met twice to take forward work on strategy development. All partner agencies were invited to nominate individuals from their own organisations to be represented on the Group. There has been significant interest from partner agencies and the first meeting of the Group was held on 4 February 2014. As a result of initial discussions, draft terms of reference have been developed alongside a brief for work on strategy development.

Initial work on the development of the anti-poverty strategy by the Group has confirmed a number of key themes to focus effort and resource as follows:

- Financial inclusion and capability
- Child poverty
- Health inequality
- Fuel poverty and affordable warmth
- Employment and skills

These will form the basis of strategy development for the partnership moving forward. In addition to the identified key themes, a number of cross cutting issues are starting to emerge. These include:

- Sustainability – the need to ensure that actions agreed provide sustainable solutions, particularly important in a climate of reducing public sector resources;
- Challenge – the need to challenge negative perceptions about those affected by poverty;
- Good practice/innovation – the need to look beyond our own geographical boundaries to those who may be further ahead on reducing poverty and inequality.

The Group have agreed that the strategy should be both dynamic and action focussed with progress monitored on a regular basis. A range of organisations and partnerships such as the Derbyshire Financial Partnership and the Local Authority Energy Partnership have been leading work on a number of the key themes identified above and as such they will support the development of the relevant chapters within the anti-poverty strategy moving forward.

Whilst the strategy will need to link into, and not duplicate, work that is already taking place across the county, there is concern amongst partners that the current partnership response is fragmented. There is a lack of understanding about the totality of activity taking place across the county and a worry that potential opportunities could be missed.

Given these concerns, the Group agreed that a good understanding of existing work taking place across the county would be crucial in identifying priority actions for the DPF to lead and take forward. An electronic survey has been developed and this was recently circulated to all partner organisations and other relevant agencies working on this agenda. The survey, which to date has received 64 responses, has gathered information on current activity, potential gaps in services and barriers and issues that exist. Partners were also asked to provide examples of success stories to ensure that where possible good practice can be identified and shared.

The Task and Finish Group met for the second time on 27 February 2014 to consider and analyse the results of the survey. Whilst it is recognised that the results are not fully comprehensive or representative of the totality of activity taking place, they do provide an emerging baseline of evidence which will be used alongside key information gathered on indicators relating to poverty across the county. This work will provide the foundation for the identification of priority actions moving forward. Those organisations who are known to be providing support to reduce anti-poverty, but who to date have not yet completed the survey will be contacted to ensure that the results reflect the range of activity being undertaken across the county. The results will be circulated to partner organisations shortly.

3. Moving Forward

It was hoped that a draft strategy for consultation would be available for partners to consider at this meeting of the Forum. Whilst a significant push has been made to achieve this deadline, ensuring that the strategy reflects existing activity was felt to be important by the Group in developing an invaluable baseline for partners moving forward. Individual Group members have been tasked with developing relevant sections of the strategy based on evidence and information gathered and a draft will be considered at the next meeting of the Task Group which will take place at the end of March 2014.

To ensure that momentum and progress continues on the development of the strategy, work may need to be conducted outside of scheduled DPF meetings. It is recommended that a draft of the strategy be circulated to partners for consideration at the earliest opportunity, and that a final draft with relevant action plans be brought back to the next meeting of Forum for approval in June 2014.

4. Recommendations

It is recommended that the DPF:

1. Note the progress made on the development of an anti-poverty strategy for Derbyshire.
2. Approve proposals to circulate an early draft of the strategy in advance of the next meeting of the Forum.
3. Receive a report on progress and a final draft strategy for approval at the next meeting of the Forum in June 2014.

**Ian Stephenson
Chief Executive
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DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM

14 March 2014

HOUSING, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

1. Purpose of the report

To provide an update on progress relating to Housing, Health and Social Care integration.

2. Information and analysis

Following the Derbyshire Partnership Forum sponsored Housing, Health and Social Care seminar in October 2013, the Health and Wellbeing Board agreed that a time limited Working Group to provide strategic direction and support for the actions identified at the seminar be established and it was agreed that this Group would report back to the Health and Wellbeing Board in Spring/Summer 2014.

The Group, chaired by Cllr Allen, met for the first time on the 27 February 2014 and included representation from Derbyshire County Council, including Adult Care and Planning, District Councils and Care and Repair England. The aim of the first meeting was to agree the terms of reference for the Group and the areas of work where it could add value. It was agreed that the Group should focus on those areas where it could help in coordinating activity, addressing barriers or providing new insight and ideas.

There was a lively discussion at the meeting, with a focus on the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) and the role of planning in delivering the Lifetime Homes Standard (LHS). There was no representation from a housing developer at the meeting but it was agreed that their representation was crucial in making progress on the Lifetime Homes Standard and that further work would be undertaken to engage them in future developments

Key actions agreed at the meeting include:

- Exploring the potential to take a pledge/commitment through the DPF for sign up by Districts/Boroughs to improve the DFG process and to achieve better outcomes for residents.
- Sharing best practice from the Districts on the delivery of the DFG. This should take place through the DFG Strategy Group.
- Exploring the use of personal budgets for the DFG.

- Scoping out potential guidance for planners in relation to the Lifetime Homes Standard.
- The Accommodation Support Group (led by DCC Adult Care) to explore potential for better integration of housing options service with the DFG process.
- Encouraging all District Councils to respond to the current consultation on Housing Related Support.
- District Councils to explore the implications of changing the process of receiving a request for a DFG and how this fits with the housing advice model within each area.

The Group felt that there were existing mechanisms to take forward these actions, for example the DFG Strategy Group. However it was agreed that at least one further meeting of the Group would take place to take stock of progress in relation to these areas of work and in particular provide a steer for the development of the planning guidance.

3. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Derbyshire Partnership Forum:

1. Notes the update from the Housing, Health and Social Care Working Group.

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