

10.00am - Thursday 20 January 2010

Green Lane Centre, Whitby.

Minutes

Present: Tom Fox (Chair), Richard Weightman, David Billing, Lindy Rowley, Chris Parsons, Jim Dillon, Andrew Harper, Andy Sharp, Elizabeth McPherson, Steve Oldridge, Craig Gaskell, Simon Cox, Tony Turner, Ken Taylor, Steve Smith, Jo Ireland

David Kelly (for item 4), Andrew Rowe (for item 5), Tim Godson (GOYH for item 2)

Richard Ineson (member of the public)

1. Introductions/welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

2. Climate Change Adaptation

Tim Godson (GOYH) gave a presentation updating on work to develop climate change risk assessments for LA's within the County. The aim being for organisations to consider how to best adapt to the impacts of a changing climate at a local level, in particular the impact on supply chains, assets, operations and markets.

Key impacts for Scarborough Borough include:

- Coastal erosion and sea level rise. This will become worse if sea levels continue to rise together with increasing frequency and power of storms. A shore line management plan has been developed which builds into account the Climate Change Projections going forward. Funding is provided by Defra/Environment Agency to deliver this plan.
- Flood impacts have been seen in the Borough, both from high winter rainfall and intense summer rainfall, as in Filey in 2007. Flood alleviation work is already under way but the frequency and extent of such events will increase as the climate changes. Measures to protect properties can be put in place but as the risk grows there will need to be consideration of major engineering works to increase the capacity of drains.
- The natural environment. The changing conditions need to be considered for the intensively managed areas so that suitable species are planted in the future, particularly for long term species, such as trees which are vulnerable to a number of changing conditions, including storms.
- Decreasing summer rainfall and hotter conditions. These may put water availability at risk and adequate supplies need to be maintained.
- Key habitats are at risk from changing coastal and other conditions. Important sites in the Vale of Pickering, both from a natural and heritage point of view could be at risk from drought. There are pressures on water supplies in these areas from irrigation water needed for farmers and new housing

developments. Hotter drier summers and milder winters could bring benefits to tourism in the District, particularly more outdoor events.

It is suggested that specific sector based workshops are provided in order for other stakeholders to consider their risks and actions needed. These could be at a Borough/town level for businesses and possibly other bodies and at the North Yorkshire level for major public bodies.

AS asked whether consideration had been given to the health impacts, in particular an ageing population is vulnerable to heat stress. This is compounded by new development with lots of hard surfaces. Can planners specify requirements about this? Tim advised that new development will be subject to advice from the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water.

Tim clarified that in terms of taking the work forwards, there was money from RIEP this year and the aim was for partners to use the information to develop their own actions.

KT raised the wider issue of how the LSP raises the priority of this work and of climate change. Action: Emissions Working group to consider – may be a need to involve other partners in this?

Tim advised that workshops would be scheduled in March and April, details of these would be circulated to the LSP. Further feedback was requested about specific work in Scarborough Borough and the outcomes from the workshops.

3. Funding Settlement Issues

SBC

The funding settlement was worse than expected (28-30% over 4 years). 50 posts to go this year, although not all are redundancies. Significant efficiency savings have/are being made. Work ongoing to look at shared services/back office costs. Working with a performance partner to maximise efficiencies. E.g. benefit processing. Consultation undertaken with communities about prioritisation and this has informed spending decisions.

NYCC

Front loading of the settlement is an issue and NYCC are using reserves. The priority is front line services but efficiencies have already been made and scope is limited, there will be an impact in service areas such as transport and libraries. (see paper attached)

PCT

2.2% increase for NY&Y (compared to over 5% this year). With increases in costs this is very challenging. Still significant work to achieve financial balance and will be an impact next year.

Across NY £50-60 million savings programme (£10-12m for Scarborough and Ryedale). Overall some people are likely to wait longer and some services may not be provided or provided in different ways. Maximising opportunities for partnership working especially in back office functions.

University of Hull

There is commitment to the Scarborough campus and this is positive. However, HE institutions face a difficult transition period. Some courses e.g. foundation degrees, and part time studies may be vulnerable.

Voluntary Sector

CMVA identified that the sector was facing cuts, including from organisations such as NYCC and NHS, although the precise impact of this is still unclear. Supplementary and enhanced services particularly at risk.

Elizabeth highlighted the loss of mainstream funding is significant for many organisations. Concerns about the impact on the most vulnerable e.g. older people.

Groundwork UK

Groundwork NY has just downsized by two thirds from 60 to 20 staff. Still awaiting impact from LA programmes.

It was agreed that this should be a standing agenda item and that the Board should consider collectively how it could help to navigate and adapt to the changes.

It was agreed that the role of the Board and the ways it would need to change should be a substantive discussion at the next meeting or possibly an Away Day.

Potash Mine

JD updated about a very positive investment opportunity. A Potash mine is proposed between Scarborough and Whitby. 50 year lifespan. Estimates of 1000 direct jobs, 4000 indirect jobs and 1500 construction jobs. The challenge is to ensure the people from the local area benefit from this. Work is starting to engage with local businesses and ensure positive impact on the local economy.

4. New Partnership Arrangements and Local Enterprise Partnerships

Locality Arrangements

Jl updated on progress. The southern area locality pilot (focused on the southern area parish cluster and Eastfield Parish Council) has been agreed and there is much enthusiasm for the pilot from the Town and Parish Councils, who are keen to explore more opportunities for more local decision making, service delivery and enhanced community engagement arrangements. This will now replace the Borough Council's Southern Area Committee and the Southern Area Forum.

The Urban Area Forum will continue unchanged. Across the Borough there will be emphasis on working more directly with communities and encouraging local community/action planning for example Town and Parish planning and masterplanning approach (as in Barrowcliff), rather than public meetings. The challenge for the PSE and the LSP in particular will be to ensure that local priorities can feed into and influence service delivery and commissioning decisions.

Staffing changes have been made to the Forum Support Team. Gemma Ryan has taken voluntary redundancy. Two new posts (Neighbourhood Support Officers) will replace the Area Forum Support Officer posts within the Community Partnerships team. One post will be filled by Matthew Joseph, the other post will be filled via a transfer from the economic development team. The posts will be funded by the Borough Council and will continue to support area forums and other locality arrangements as well as supporting community planning and community development activity across the Borough.

Local Enterprise Partnerships

David Kelly updated on progress re. the development of the LEPs. Scarborough Borough will have an interest in two LEPs (North Yorkshire and York and a coastal LEP covering East Riding and the Hull/Humber). LEPs will be business led and focused on economic issues.
Presentation attached.

5. My Barrowcliff Update

KT updated on progress. Draft plan is in the advanced stages of development. The LSP action group are meeting regularly. Consultation has been undertaken and funding has been secured for the Gallows Close improvement work, with additional funding opportunities being explored. Discussions were taking place with key partners about action plan commitments.

Draft plan for consultation to be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.

6. Impact of Housing/Housing benefit Changes

Andrew Rowe (SBC) highlighted key impacts for the Borough as a result of the CSA Proposals for Housing/Housing benefit. (copy attached)

Particular concerns were raised about the implications of Affordable Rent, unlikely to generate additional funding for new homes because the difference between 80% market rent and social housing rent is small. Concerns about increased churn through fixed term tenancies and increased homelessness?

Housing benefit Reforms are similarly challenging for the Borough and will reduce pool of private rented stock to help discharge homelessness duties, as well as increasing demand for social rented housing.

The likely impacts have been assessed and actions identified. There will be a need for greater innovation to achieve objectives and less reliance on public subsidy.

During the discussions concerns were raised about inward migration and the likely increase in Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) which could create problems and put pressure on services.

7. Apologies

Were received from Janet Jefferson, Wendy Clews, Angela Atkinson, Javad Ali, Richard Grunwell, Stephanie Sturrock.

8. Minutes of the last meeting (2 December 2011) and matters arising

Minutes were agreed as a true record.

Jl advised that the Community Fund bids (Gallows Close and East Meets East) had been approved by Coast and Moors Area Committee.

10 Agenda Planning

Items for future meetings were agreed as:

- discussion about shape/structure of the partnership Board and refocusing of priorities
- Approval of draft My Barrowcliff Action Plan.
- update on outcomes/progress from older people's pilot

11. Any other business

None

12 Date of next meetings

All to commence at 12.30 for networking/lunch. Business to start at 1pm.

Thursday 17 March 2011 – Falsgrave Community Resource Centre

Wednesday 25 May 2011 – University of Hull, Filey Road, Scarborough (TBC)

Thursday 21 July 2011 - Falsgrave Community Resource Centre **(from 1pm)**

Thursday 22 September 2011 – Green Lane Centre, Whitby

Thursday 17 November 2011 - University of Hull, Filey Road, Scarborough (TBC)