

Healthier and Stronger Communities Partnership

Action notes from meeting on **Thursday 12th March 2009** in the Otter Room County Hall Exeter

Attendees: Members

Name	Organisation
Dr Virginia Pearson (Chair)	Devon Primary Care Trust / Devon County Council
Kate Brookes	Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
Diana Crump	Devon Consortium/ Living Options Devon
David Johnstone	Devon County Council
Jenny McNeil	Devon Primary Care Trust
Karen Nolan	Devon Consortium / WDCVS
Jennie Stephens	Devon Primary Care Trust
Mark Williams	East Devon District Council

Attendees: Officers

Lorraine Allen	Government Office South West
Brendan Yates	DH/ Government Office South West
Sue Craythorne	Devon County Council
Ian Tearle	Devon Primary care Trust

Apologies

Philip Bostock	Exeter City Council
Jayne Carroll	Devon Primary Care Trust
Anne Whiteley	Devon County Council

Action Notes

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Lead
1	<p>Welcome and Introduction Dr Pearson welcomed members to the meeting and set the context for the Partnership. Key points are the wide ranging breadth of the work, the emphasis on the Stronger Communities element underpinning health and wellbeing and the need to ensure robust performance management procedures.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies Members were informed of those colleagues who were unable to attend.</p>	

<p>3</p>	<p>Vision, Terms of Reference and Membership It was acknowledged that the vision should be amended to include the main principles for sustainable communities and also make reference to closer the gap in health inequalities. Action: vision to be redrafted</p> <p>Consideration of the terms of reference identified the need for revisions to strengthen the quality assurance function of the group in relation to performance management procedures. Action: terms of reference to be redrafted</p> <p>Following discussion of the membership it was agreed that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the Chair would serve for 12 months ▪ performance leads for the Strategy Implementation Groups (SIGs) would be identified but would not sit on the Partnership ▪ representation would be sought from the Probation Service ▪ Acute Trusts and Prison Services be linked in through the supporting infrastructure groups ▪ Voluntary sector representatives are drawn from the Devon consortium <p>Action: SIG leads to be identified</p> <p>Action: the Probation Service to be invited to join the partnership</p> <p>The discussion identified that a single spider diagram setting out the nature and extent of groups across strategic and operational level that the Partnership related to would be helpful. Action: diagram to be produced for consideration at the next meeting</p>	<p>Ian Tearle</p> <p>Ian Tearle</p> <p>David Johnstone</p> <p>Dr Virginia Pearson</p> <p>Ian Tearle</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Overview of current policies that underpin the work Covered in discussion during item 3.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Healthier Communities and Stronger Communities Group (SCHIG) Ian Tearle spoke to the paper emphasising the performance management links across the various tiers to deliver the health and wellbeing agenda. Subject to the following amendments the group endorsed the establishment of the group;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ reinforcement of the principles for sustainable communities ▪ minor changes to the terms of reference ▪ representation from the voluntary sector to be from the Devon Consortium <p>Action: paper and terms of reference to be amended</p> <p>It was also felt that the Strategic Implementation Groups should work to the same terms of reference as the Stronger</p>	<p>Ian Tearle</p>

	Communities and Health Improvement Group.	
6	<p>Discussion of the Tackling Health Inequalities Plan 2008-2011</p> <p>Ian Tearle set the context for the plan. Subsequent discussion covered the need to have locality focused plans linking to District level Local Strategic Partnerships and the alignment of the Strategic Implementation Groups action to this plan to avoid duplication.</p>	
7	<p>The Way Ahead</p> <p>It was agreed this was covered in the discussion of the terms of reference.</p>	
8	<p>Strong and Inclusive Communities Delivery Plan</p> <p>Sue Craythorne updated members as to the current position of this work. It was agreed a development paper should go to the Stronger Communities and Health Improvement Group.</p> <p>Action: development paper to be produced</p>	Sue Craythorne
	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Wanless; Ian Tearle spoke briefly to a paper outlining the links between the role of the Healthier and Stronger Communities Partnership and the ‘Fully Engaged’ scenario Tackling Health Inequalities (Audit Commission 2009) Dr Pearson brought this report on the work in Devon to the attention of members highlighting the recommendations within it to strengthening the performance management framework across County/District level perspective.</p>	
9	<p>Future Agenda Setting</p> <p>The following topics were proposed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – refresh and transition issues ▪ Performance Monitoring – feedback on key issues and frameworks ▪ Terms of reference and membership for SIGS and other groups ▪ “Place” survey results ▪ Performance review of year 1 for the Local Area Agreement 2008 – 11 	
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that the next meeting should precede the Devon Strategic Partnership Delivery Board meeting in July. Friday morning was identified a suitable day.</p> <p>Next meeting: Friday 26th June 2009 at County Hall from 10.00am to 12.00pm</p>	