



minutes

meeting **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT COUNTY HALL

date **14 July 2008**

Present: County Councillor Joyce Bosnjak (Chair), Ali Ajman (Mansfield District Council), Sue Fenton (NAVO), Danny Fox (Children and Young People's Board), Sue Griffiths (Rushcliffe Borough Council), Frank Horsley (Ashfield District Council), Brenda Howard (Nottinghamshire County tPCT), Ruth Hyde (Broxtowe Borough Council), Helen Jebb (Nottinghamshire Police), Terry Laws (LSC), Anthony May (Nottinghamshire County Council), Mary McEvoy (Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service), Andrew Muter (Newark and Sherwood District Council), Louise Newcombe (Bassetlaw PCT), Jean Pardoe (Nottinghamshire Connexions), Lyndsey Radford (Youth Worker – accompanying Danny Fox and Almas Shah), Heather Rushton (GOEM – critical friend), Almas Shah (Children and Young People's Board), Simon Smith (Nottinghamshire Healthcare), Keith Tansley (Gedling Borough Council), Sheila Wright (Nottinghamshire Probation Service) and Philip Martin (Nottinghamshire County Council – minutes)

ACTION

The Board meeting began at 4.00 pm

1 Welcome and introductions

A welcome was extended to Danny Fox and Almas Shah (accompanied by Lyndsey Radford) who were attending their first meeting of the Board in their capacity as representatives of the Children and Young People's Board.

Colleagues introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Allen Graham (Rushcliffe Borough Council – represented by Sue Griffiths), Mike Cooke (Nottinghamshire Healthcare), Wendy Saviour (Nottinghamshire County tPCT – represented by Brenda Howard), Ruth Marlow (Mansfield District Council – represented by Ali

Ajman), Afzal Sadiq (Nottinghamshire Race Equality Council) and Marcie Taylor (Nottinghamshire County Council).

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2008 and matters arising from the minutes

It was confirmed that under Apologies for Absence the minutes should have referred to Allen Graham, not Graham Allen.

Other than that, nothing was raised under this item.

4. Joint Area Review update

Anthony May provided a presentation, updating colleagues on the provisional outcomes of the recent JAR inspection.

Anthony confirmed that the final report would be issued by Ofsted on 9 September 2008.

Key points were:

- if confirmed, the grading would rank Nottinghamshire as 'good' and would put us in the top quartile nationally in terms of inspection outcomes
- our ambition is to be outstanding, therefore our focus will be on addressing the 'important weaknesses' identified in the JAR report
- key initial priorities will be
 - developing the new CYPP, which the Board will need to approve
 - ensuring performance across the Partnership receives scrutiny by the Board
 - determining how the £70 million to transfer to the County Council from the LSC from 2010 will be allocated – the Board will need to develop a view on this.

It was confirmed that there would be a JAR improvement plan and that a draft of that would be brought to the Board.

**Anthony May/
Marcie Taylor**

5. Building Schools for the Future (Strategy for Change)

John Slater (service director for learning and achievement at Nottinghamshire County Council) presented on this item. John True, the BSF project director, also attended.

ACTION

Documents were tabled detailing the accommodation position for secondary schools in each district.

It was explained that BSF is a long term development which will run to beyond 2020.

Nottinghamshire has entered the BSF programme at Wave 6.

The first tranche of developments has been determined by reference to central government criteria based on levels of deprivation and schools' academic outcomes (GCSE or equivalents).

Subsequent tranches have been agreed provisionally, but are open to change.

Bassetlaw district, with the exception of Serlby Park School, is largely outside the BSF programme as it has previously benefited from Private Finance Initiative (PFI) investment.

Comments from Board members included:

- there is a need to make more post-16 vocational learning opportunities available, particularly in the light of the introduction of the new diplomas and the increase in apprenticeships
- appropriate links need to be made with FE college rebuilds
- the need for planning to be flexible and respond to housing growth points, resulting demographic changes and parental preferences
- Ashfield School was felt to provide a good vocational model, albeit there could be difficulties in replicating the level of resourcing that underpinned it
- the police would wish to be involved in locally based discussions about the implementation of Strategy for Change 2
- the need for there to be a facility for significant, urgent building issues at individual schools to be addressed outside the BSF tranches
- BSF needs to link appropriately with the targets for improvement in the CYPP and LAA

ACTION

- the concept of BSF is to transform educational provision, not just replace buildings
- the link between investment in buildings and educational attainment outcomes needs monitoring.

It was agreed that:

- a stakeholder group for Tranche 1 should be established to enable detailed, site by site discussions to take place
- the principle of stakeholder groups focusing on specific tranches should be taken forward for each successive tranche of the programme as it comes on stream
- an overarching strategic stakeholder group should be established, as a sub-group of the Partnership Board, but recognising that executive powers are vested in the BSF Project Board
- John True should draw up the terms of reference for the strategic stakeholder group, with clear lines of communication to the BSF Project Board, and support this with a structure chart, along with a flow chart showing how decisions will be made.

John True

Finally, Anthony May stressed that some of the information on individual schools that had been tabled was of a sensitive nature and colleagues were asked to exercise discretion on using the information so that reputation damage is not caused to the schools concerned.

All Board members

John Slater and John True left the meeting at this point.

6. Pathways to Integrated Services

Anthony May presented on this item, referring colleagues to the diagram which had been tabled prior to the meeting.

It was confirmed that the multi-agency Joint Access Teams, based on geographic areas of families of schools, were being progressively rolled out, with the whole county to be covered by 2010.

It was explained the model can be adapted to local circumstances in each area. At present a 'virtual team' approach is being promoted but this may change depending on the experience gained from the test beds which are to operate in two areas.

ACTION

It was agreed that a fuller discussion was required and that consequently this would be a major item on the agenda for the Board's next meeting.

**For the
agenda for
the Board
meeting on 3
October 2008**

7. Joint development day with the Children's Services Executive Group (CSEG)

It was agreed that there should be a half-day joint development event involving the Board, CSEG and the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board.

It was agreed that the event should take place after the Partnership conference scheduled for 3 October 2008 and that ideas for the event (including its objective) would be brought to the Board's next meeting. Possible items for consideration included the CYPP review, the integration of services and performance management reporting.

Anthony May

8. Any other business

a) **Heather Rushton** – congratulations were extended to Heather who will be leaving GOEM on 1 October 2008 to take up post as the Director of Operations at the new National Centre for Excellence in Outcomes. Heather was thanked for her contribution to the Board's work.

9. Date of the next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Board would be from 4.00-6.00pm on Monday, 13 October 2008, in Mansfield (venue to be arranged).

Consideration will be given to the start time for future meetings to enable Danny Fox and Almas Shah to attend without detriment to their educational courses.