



LICHFIELD DISTRICT BOARD

Held at 4 pm on 28 March 2019 at Lichfield District Council House

Present:

Cllr Ashely Yeates, Lichfield District Council
 Marilyn Castree, Chamber of Commerce
 Sandra Payne, Support Staffordshire
 Claire Boliver, South Staffordshire College
 Mark Smith, Staffordshire Police
 Suzanne Shead, Bromford Housing

In attendance:

Richard King, Gareth Davies and Susan Bamford of Lichfield District Council
 Wayne Mortiboys, District Commissioning Lead, Staffordshire County Council
 Marisha Place, Staffordshire Police
 Emma Dyer, HMP and YOI Swinfin Hall
 Garry Jones, Support Staffordshire

Agenda Item	Minutes	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Ashley Yeates opened the meeting and agreed to chair in the absence of Cllr Wilcox. Cllr Yeates welcomed Claire Boliver to the meeting as the new representative for South Staffordshire College and Emma Dyer who is attending on behalf of HMP and YOI Swinfin Hall.</p> <p>Apologies have been received from Cllr Mike Wilcox and Eleanor Wood.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the Meeting 27 November 2018</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>College representative has been secured and Claire Boliver in attendance today. The library had been considered as a venue for this meeting but this room wasn't suitable and the presentation equipment not yet available.</p>	
4	<p>Social prescribing</p> <p>Garry Jones provided a brief presentation on social prescribing and supportive communities.</p> <p>A social prescribing advisory group has been convened within the 'prevention' strand of the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP). The Advisory Group's role is to take an overview of social prescribing initiatives in the area; to coordinate and share good practice locally; to reduce duplication or overlap,</p>	

	<p>and where possible to encourage and support improved alignment. The group is co-chaired by Support Staffordshire and VAST.</p> <p>Social prescribing means the offer which is provided by groups other than statutory services to support people with care and support needs. This support can include help with employment, befriending services, leisure activities, gardening groups or informal self-help groups.</p> <p>It can be difficult for people to know the full range of services which are available so a link worker can help direct people and empower people to take responsibility for their own wellbeing.</p> <p>Successful social prescribing systems include the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A universal offer – to diver as much low-level demand as possible as quickly as possible • An enhanced offer – to provide more targeted support over an extended period of time. • Locality based community VCSE services <p>Can also identify gaps in services.</p> <p>Studies show this model results in a reduction in attendance at a&e and gp services.</p> <p>The current provision across the County is being mapped. There are lots of gaps and in some areas the offer is disjointed or complex. No one district has a universal and enhanced offer in place.</p> <p>The new GP contract will include funding for 1 link worker per Primary Care Network by the end of 2019 if GP's form a Primary Care Network of at least 30,000 patients.</p> <p>GP's can chose to employ a worker themselves but Support Staffordshire hope they engage with the community and voluntary sector.</p> <p>SB – do link workers act as a 'buddy'? We sometimes have issues with getting people to attend projects. GJ – yes some schemes include that element in their link worker.</p> <p>Lichfield and Burntwood is one area. GJ to find out about Fazeley.</p> <p>Decisions:</p> <p>a) Partners noted the contents of the report</p>	GJ
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5	<p>VCSE Pledge</p> <p>Garry Jones presented the proposed, updated VCSE pledge. Historically there has been a Compact agreement which sets principles for how the Council will work with the community and voluntary sector. Lichfield District Council supported the Compact for quite some time but looking to re-start the formal agreement with a shorter set of principles.</p> <p>Support Staffordshire wanted to bring it to the District Board so that other partners could consider signing up to the principles.</p> <p>GD – it is good to work together and make a public statement about how we do this. The papers from the Board will go to the Cabinet meeting and can consider a press release after the election.</p> <p>Decisions:</p> <p>a) Partners agreed to the VCSE pledge</p> <p><i>Garry Jones left the meeting at this point.</i></p>	
6	<p>Rehabilitation programme – HM YOI Swinfin Hall</p> <p>Emma Dyer gave a verbal update on her role at HM YOI Swinfin Hall and ways in which the partnership could support her work.</p> <p>Her role is around rehabilitation and reducing re-offending. Looking for opportunities for people in the prison to be released on temporary licence to take part in volunteering and skill development activities. There are 600 prisoners but only around 400 activity places so there are a large number of prisoners without opportunities in the prison.</p> <p>The prison can pay and organise everything except transport, although if this is the only barrier for an opportunity there may be an option to provide transport.</p> <p>There is a carpentry and upholstery workshop in the prison and prisoners have engaged in litter picking, gardening and decorating schemes.</p> <p>CB – what about introduction to engineering and/or construction? The college could offer these opportunities. CB and ED to meet outside the meeting to discuss.</p> <p>MC – could there be an event where businesses come in? ED – we are holding a business challenge day in May 2019 but welcome all links with businesses.</p> <p>SP – Voluntary organisations may be able to offer opportunities through lives released. Team volunteering days are also an option.</p> <p>GD – how do you manage risk with these schemes? In the past we have had prisoners and they are supervised at first and then come out on their own. Would this be similar? ED - yes, we start slowly with people working within the prison grounds then progress to going out on licence. Those that are going out have been fully risk assessed and are coming to the end of their sentence.</p>	<p>CB and ED</p>

	<p>GD – what are the gaps in terms of employability? If we are offered training opportunities they should be linked to a realistic prospect of work. At the District council there is shortage of HGV drivers. Could look at prisoners getting training and linking with LDC.</p> <p>WM – Staffordshire County Council offer a work placement scheme called ‘Open Door’. The contact is Vicky Perry.</p> <p>Any District Board members should contact Emma Dyer directly if they would like to visit the prison to see what is on offer.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>a) Board members noted the information and agreed to contact Emma Dyer directly to take forward any suggestions.</p> <p><i>Emma Dyer left the meeting at this point.</i></p>	
7	<p>Community Safety Partnership Delivery Plan 2019-2022</p> <p>Susan Bamford presented the refreshed Community Safety Delivery Pan for 2019-2022. The priorities are based on the strategic assessment and so remain the same:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Social Behaviour • Domestic Abuse • Child Sexual Exploitation <p>With cross cutting themes of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol and mental health • Public re-assurance <p>The two new groups within the CSP, formed following the re-structure, are working well and are well attended. There is a proposal by the OPFCC to move to a county-wide community safety partnership.</p> <p>In many cases, the CSP delivery plan looks to continue projects which have proved successful in the past. There are plans to continue the mediation project, which was piloted last year.</p> <p>On the domestic abuse theme, we are waiting for some information back from New Era. Need to make sure we understand what the local offer is and what is happening in the District, not just at a county level.</p> <p>We have included some funding to run awareness raising campaigns particularly around CSE, homelessness and begging and modern slavery. A modern slavery event is being planned for July.</p> <p>CB – we offer tutorials on some of these areas and we would be happy to have partners in to the college.</p>	

	<p>WM – the target areas link well with the Place Based Approach. It is mentioned in the delivery plan, so can confirm that Support Staffordshire will take on the management of the community facility at Cherry Close from 4 April 2019. SP – there has been a great deal of enthusiasm and commitment to the venue from the local community and we want to develop it as a wider community resource not just for young people.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>a) Board members approved the Community Safety Delivery Plan 2019/2022</p>	
8	<p>Locality Deal Fund Allocation 2019/2020</p> <p>The funding for 2019/2020 has been reduced by 25% to £53,913.75. The 25% which has been cut from all the districts is to be used to fund county wide projects directly by the OPFCC. The OPFCC is also taking over the co-ordination of the Safer Neighbourhood Panels in each area to ensure consistency. This role is currently undertaken by Support Staffordshire in Lichfield.</p> <p>The funding has been allocated largely to previously successful projects. The funding will also be used to supply a publicity and awareness raising budget and a revised project around mental health as the alcohol project is not being continued.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>a) Board members approved the allocation of the LDF for 2019/2020</p>	
9	<p>Partner update</p> <p>Lichfield District Council</p> <p>We are currently in the period of purdah for the parish and district elections. A high number of members are not re-standing so we are expecting a lot of change.</p> <p>Birmingham road site – two public consultation events have been held. They were well attended and lots of positive comments made.</p> <p>A planning application has been submitted for the demolition of the old police station, toilet block and former café. Putting in short term plans to refurbish the area whilst waiting for the long term masterplan.</p> <p><i>RK left the meeting at this point.</i></p> <p>Staffordshire County Council</p> <p>The new library is now open and for Jan/Feb 2019 visits were up 114% and new members were up 139% and number of books borrowed was also up 20%. February's number were higher than January's so upward trend is continuing.</p> <p>GD- can you share the figures the library collects as these could contribute to wider work being done around calculating footfall in the city centre? Wm agreed.</p> <p>Work on Lichfield by-pass has commenced and the new bridge will be installed over the Christmas period. Should be completed by Summer 2020 and should</p>	

	<p>reduce the volume of traffic through the city centre. Work is ongoing to link the traffic lights at Kennings, green hill Tesco's and the pedestrian crossings to improve traffic flow and make it safer for pedestrians.</p> <p>Earned autonomy money update – A project is being supported to provide emotional wellbeing support to children in year 6 and 7. Focussed around priority wards and supporting children in the transition to secondary school or around family breakdowns etc.</p> <p>Staffordshire Police Crime figures for 2018/2019 compared to 2017/2018 show an increase of 3% in overall crime. This is largely due to an increase in car crime. There are also increases in cross border crime where offenders are coming in from West Midlands. Crime is now going down. From 1 April 2019 there will not be police presence in the Lichfield District Council. 24 hour access to a front office is now only available at Burton, Cannock and Hanley. A drop in service could be facilitated if there was a room available at the Council House. Also going to hold monthly visibility meetings in priority wards.</p> <p>MP – County lines training has been given to partners and this was well received by Bromford, particularly raising awareness of 'cuckoo-ing' where vulnerable residents can have their homes 'taken over' by criminals who undertaken criminal activity such as drug dealing from the premises.</p> <p>Strategic Housing Partnership The group hasn't met since the last board meeting so will update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce Employers in the district are recruiting and continue to grow their businesses. The Chamber are working with the college on apprenticeships.</p>	
9	<p>Any other business SP – Garry Jones has sent a message that Fazeley is in with Tamworth in terms of GP networks in relation to the question raised earlier in the meeting. WM – could we invite Toby Wilson as representative of Staffs Fire and Rescue? WM to share his contact details with SB. MC – do we need a representative for Tourism or the Cathedral? GD – we already engage well with them in other forums so we do gather their input.</p>	
10	<p>Items for next meeting Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018/2019 progress report</p>	
10	<p>Future meeting dates To be confirmed.</p>	