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**MEETING OF THE GREAT YARMOUTH LSP EXECUTIVE**

**14 December 2007 – 10.00 am**

**PRESENT:**

J Ratcliffe (GYB) (in the Chair), T Aydin (GYB), L Blizzard (GY and WPCT), P Cheeseman (GYP), C Congreve (Norfolk Constabulary), J Cook (NCC), E Dewsnap (NCC), T Gonzalez (Learning Forum), R Gregory (Neighbourhood Management Board), J Holt (Job Centre Plus), R Leake (NCC), C Reilly (Great Yarmouth Community Trust) and L Rogers (NUS).

T Chaplin, R Darnell, N Darwish, D Glason, S Goodrum, J Jackson, M Smith, P Wright and R Hodds (GYBC Officials), T Leonard and D Stannard (LSP Officers).

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from A Cousins, H Foale, M Hartley, B Horner and D Martin.

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2007 were confirmed, subject to an amendment to item 5 to delete resolution (ii) and to include this within resolution (vi).

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **(a) The Future of Community Safety Team in Great Yarmouth**

Carol Congreve reported on the details of the restructuring currently taking place in respect of the Community Safety Team. The Executive was informed that there will be one Norfolk-wide operational unit to be sub-divided into seven districts. Each district would be led by a Superintendent. The units would support the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

#### **(b) Neighbourhood Management**

The Neighbourhood Manager reported that further EEDA funding provision for 2008/09 had been agreed. Reference was also made to the LEGI funding which would be paid direct to Great Yarmouth Borough Council.

### **4. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY (SCS) AND THE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION PROCESS**

The LSP Executive considered a presentation from the LSP Officer which gave an update in relation to the Sustainable Community Strategy and also on guidelines for the Local Area Agreement (LAA) negotiation process. The Executive was also asked to give detailed consideration to Great Yarmouth's response to the Norfolk County Strategic Partnership's request to identify priority indicators. Members were reminded that the LAA negotiation process calls for the selection of a range of national and local indicators which will act as a performance framework to be agreed, on a County basis, with the Government Office by June 2008. The LSP Officer reported that the indicators would comprise:-

- Up to 35 Norfolk-wide indicators selected from the 198 national indicators as defined by DCLG in their recent consultation process
- An agreed set of local indicators, on a County-wide basis, reflecting local needs

As a first step in this process LSPs across Norfolk are required to prepare a "story of place" intended to define the socio-economic needs

of the local community. On a County-wide basis this will be provided by Norfolk Ambition, and for Great Yarmouth by the emergent Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS).

Accordingly the LSP Executive gave detailed consideration to the proposed Indicator Set with a view to identifying priorities for Great Yarmouth to go forward in the LAA negotiation process.

The LSP Executive was informed that the County Strategic Partnership will moderate on the indicators to be included in the Norfolk LAA.

**RESOLVED:**

(i) That, subject to partners informing the LSP Officer by 24 December 2007 if they endorsed the indicators proposed for inclusion in the LAA negotiation process, the identified indicators be recommended to the LSP Board at its meeting on 7 January 2008.

(ii) That the LSP Officer be asked to forward a finalised copy of Great Yarmouth's agreed indicators to all Members of the Executive.

**5. SECOND HOMES COUNCIL TAX**

The LSP Executive considered the report of the Principal Advisor (Housing Options) with regard to Second Homes Council Tax which asked the Executive to agree that the time limit for spending the grant of £57,000 to be extended beyond 31 October 2007. Members were advised that the request for the extension had been made following the long term sickness of the Council's Housing Needs Service Manager who was the Lead Officer on this matter.

**RESOLVED:**

That approval be given to the extension of the time limit for spending the grant of £57,000 beyond 31 October 2007.

**6. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING**

The LSP Executive was reminded that at its last meeting Peter Wright had reported on a proposal for a new NRF project entitled an "Opportunities Week" career information event. The Executive had agreed the proposal and a spend of up to £50,000 in principle subject to

the full NRF Bid being submitted to the LSP Executive for approval. Accordingly, the Executive now considered the NRF application for this event.

**RESOLVED:**

That the NRF application in respect of the NRF project "Opportunities Week" be approved.

**7. WORKING NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND**

The LSP Officer reported that funding of £7.1m over three years had been confirmed in respect of the Working Neighbourhood Fund. The LSP Executive was advised that the funding was for the whole of the Borough and must be spent on areas of worklessness, skills and enterprise. The Executive was asked to consider the arrangements for the administration of this fund.

**RESOLVED:**

That a further detailed report in respect of the implications for the administration of the Working Neighbourhood Fund be made to the next meeting of the LSP Executive and that, in the meantime, the LSP Officer in conjunction with partners from the Employment and Skills Sub-Group including a co-opted representative from the Partnership for Health be asked to work up the arrangements to manage this Fund.

**8. GREAT YARMOUTH RUNHAM VAUXHALL FAIR SHARE AREA**

The LSP Executive considered a proposal to extend the boundary of the Great Yarmouth Runham Vauxhall Fair Share Area. Members were advised that the Local Panel had considered that it was unlikely that projects in the existing Runham Vauxhall area will meet the needs of the programme and have therefore considered expanding the area. David Glason reported on the Residents Association's concern with regard to the possible loss of funding for the Runham Vauxhall area and asked whether Runham Vauxhall could be given prioritisation.

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to the extension of the boundary of the Great Yarmouth Runham Vauxhall Fair Share Area to enable the proposal to be submitted to CFN, subject to the Runham Vauxhall Area being given prioritisation for funding.

**9. GYP/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ITEMS**

Trish Aydin presented a report to inform and assist the LSP Executive in considering and making decisions pertinent to projects relating to:-

- (a) Great Yarmouth People (formerly Community Empowerment Network)
- (b) Newtown Community Centre
- (c) Transport Project
- (d) Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement.

Trish Aydin asked the LSP Executive to look favourably on the allocation of funding to Community Connections. The Chairman stated that, whilst it would not be possible to earmark any specific funding at this stage, it was possible that there would be funding available for the type of work undertaken by Community Connections in the future.

Trish Aydin in presenting the report also expressed her concerns with regard to communication and liaison issues with Community Connections by the partners of the LSP. The point was made that there needed to be more feedback from LSP partners and Trish Aydin stated that she would individually wish to meet with all individual partners.

RESOLVED:

That the request for ongoing funding and the value of the work undertaken by Community Connections be noted

**10. STREET SCENE ASSESSMENT**

Mark Smith presented for information the first year report on the Street Scene Assessment.

**11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Friday, 18 January 2008 at 10.00 am.

**12. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting ended at 12.45 pm.