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**GREAT YARMOUTH SOCIAL FORUM**

**1 September 2005 – 1.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**

Representing Norfolk Constabulary:  
Inspector Carol Congreve (Chairman)

Representing Citizens Advice Bureau:  
Claire Blamey

Representing NNREC:  
Julia Dyson

Representing Magdalen Community Partnership:  
Alan Ellison

Representing Great Yarmouth Community Trust:  
John Holmes

Representing Disability Forum:  
Lindsay Seward

Representing Great Yarmouth Learning Community:  
Rachel Edwards

Representing Great Yarmouth Voluntary Sector Partnership:  
Claire Collen

Representing Borough Wide Churches Forum:  
Adrian Barnes

Representing GO-East:  
Claire Milton and Nicholas De Long

Representing GY LSP:  
Tim Leonard

Representing Community Connections:  
Chris Warner

Representing GY SP:  
Jim West

Representing Norfolk Drug & Alcohol Action Team (DAAT):  
Daniel Harry

Representing GY Primary Care Trust:  
Geoff Empsom

Representing Social Services:  
Diane Hill

Representing First Move Furnishaid:  
Tony Rattlidge

Representing Norfolk County Council:  
Michael Carttiss

Representing CDRP:  
Naji Darwish

Representing GFS Platform:  
Sue Battersby

Representing Great Yarmouth Borough Council:  
Councillors Joy Cosaitis and Patricia Page and Officers Mark Burns and Julie Gulliver.

Apologies for absence were received from Roy Beiley, Brendan Bergin, Lesley Burdett, Amanda Cousins, Charles Denn, Denis Gilbert, Councillor Sue Lawley, Jeff Leak, Councillor Bernard Williamson, Pippa Windham.

## 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2005 were confirmed.

## 2. MATTERS ARISING

Page 2 item 1 – Job Descriptions for Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Carol Congreve provided members with a draft copy of the duties and responsibilities of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Social Forum. She requested that members take the information away and feedback their comments to the chairman over the following two weeks.

Page 3 item 7 – Parks Strategy (children's play equipment)

It was reported that the above issue had been discussed at the LSP Board meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> July. The point was made that children's play equipment was a high priority for the Council and they would be working closely with the Parish Councils to progress the issue. It was also reiterated that the Council were currently reviewing the use of open spaces within the borough under the strategy but that although the budget was tight, funding options would be looked into.

A request was made that future minutes state the full name of Members who participate in the forum discussion. It was agreed that this matter be taken back to the Member Services Team for consideration.

RESOLVED:

That the above be noted.

## 3. NORFOLK DRUG AND ALCOHOL ACTION TEAM (DAAT)

Members were provided with a presentation from Daniel Harry of DAAT (Norfolk Drug & Alcohol Action Team) on the role DAAT plays in tackling drug use within the Norfolk area. The presentation covered the following areas:-

- A brief overview of the DAAT Team
- The aims of the National Drugs Strategy 2002
- Funding and budget allocation

- Commissioning groups and processes
- DAAT targets – in respect of treatment and young people
- DAAT team introduction
- DAAT Structure Plan 2005/6

A discussion ensued in respect of the voluntary sector's involvement in the DAAT framework. Daniel Harry stated that the main role of the voluntary sector was participating and contributing at meetings and he welcomed this involvement. He also suggested that representatives could be sent to DAAT planning meetings. On the Social Forum Members' behalf, Carol Congreve (Chairman) thanked Daniel Harry for the informative and interesting report.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

#### **4. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENTS AND SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND**

Tim Leonard representing LSP (Local Strategic Partnership) provided members with the following two reports:-

(a) Safer & Stronger Communities Funding (SSCF) & Neighbourhood Renewal Funding (NRF)

It was confirmed that three SSCF strands would be coming to Great Yarmouth and included:-

- SSCF – Crime & Community Funding Strand
- SSCF – Neighbourhood Element
- SSCF – Cleaner, Safer Greener Element

In relation to NRF funding, it was confirmed that this would be allocated by Great Yarmouth LSP.

Questions raised included concerns over how the LSP's 29 identified outcomes sat within the Norfolk Wide Plan. Tim Leonard stated that the outcomes had been submitted to County for inclusion in the Norfolk Wide Plan.

(b) Introduction to Local Area Agreements

Key areas covered:-

- What is a Local Area Agreement?
- What can be included?
- How do they work
- Funding streams
- Neighbourhood Renewal Fund – NRF to be built into agreements
- Safer, stronger communities
- Funding
- Roles and responsibilities
- Go –East
- Link with LPSA2 (Local Public Service Agreements)
- What's in it for Norfolk?
- Pilot LAAs
- Timetable

A request was made that future presentations be provided in larger text format, as some members expressed concern over the quality of the diagrams.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

## 5. **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK REVIEW**

Tim Leonard provided a further written report on the Great Yarmouth Local Strategic Partnership Improvement Plan (May 2005). The report covered the following key areas:-

Improvement Plan for Delivery

- Crime
- Health
- LSP Specific Themes
- Action Focused
- Learning

The LSP officer confirmed that overall Great Yarmouth was making reasonable progress. He continued by stating that two areas had been identified as failing; health and educational attainment and ways forward were now being looked into.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

## 6. **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT NETWORK UPDATE**

Chris Warner provided an in depth report on the work and achievements of the above group. The presentation ended with three proposed resolutions that the CEN would like the Social Forum to assist with:

1. The Social Forum assists the CEN in the development of its Communication and Information Strategy by allocating time on the December agenda to its discussion.
2. The Social Forum affirms to value of the CEN and the Community Empowerment Framework to assist all LSP Partners in meeting their need for voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Involvement in achieving LSP targets.
3. The Social Forum asks the LSP Board to remain committed to the CEN and the Community

A discussion followed in respect of the above proposed resolutions and the point was made that the Social Forum remained committed to CEN, however in terms of funding issues could only encourage the LSP Board to commission services from the CEN.

RESOLVED:

The Forum agreed resolutions one and two as stated and agreed to resolution three, with the amendment from 'adequately resource their work' to encourage the LSP Board to commission services from the CEN.

## 7. SUB-GROUPS PROGRESS REPORT AND FEEDBACK

Lead Members of the following Sub-Groups provided progress reports for member's information.

- CEN  
see item 6

- Crime  
Naji Darwish, Crime Reduction Manager, provided an update in respect of Great Yarmouth's position within the CDRP family. Overall the report was positive.

- Housing  
Mark Burns, the Head of Housing Needs and Welfare Services at Great Yarmouth Borough Council provided a verbal update on the following key issues:-

The delivery of the Housing Strategy Action Plan

Housing Stock Retention

Tenant Aspirations

Homelessness – Reported to be a large problem for area

Safe at Home

Mediation Service

Floating Support

Affordable Housing Working Group - It was confirmed that a Working Group had been set up to look at social problems and issues, use of land, planning improvements and section 106 monies.

- Health  
Lynn Blizzard provided a written report at the meeting. Any questions relating to the report would be taken at the next forum meeting.

- Financial Wellbeing  
Minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2005 were made available at the Forum. Any questions relating to the minutes would be taken at the next forum meeting.

- Learning  
It was confirmed that future reports would be going to the Learning Forum and subsequently passed on to the Social Forum for information purposes.

- Sports Partnership

Jim West provided a brief update for members and confirmed that the terms of reference were now being reviewed.

RESOLVED:

That the reports be noted.

## 8. **DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Members noted that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, 8 December 2005, 1.30 pm at Christchurch, King Street, Great Yarmouth.

## 9. **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting ended at 3.45 pm.