

At a meeting of the ADULT SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on TUESDAY, 22 APRIL, 2008 at 2.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P Watson in the Chair

Councillor P Smith

Also Present:-

Neil Revely	-	Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services
John Fisher	-	Health, Housing and Adult Services
Graham King	-	Health, Housing and Adult Services
Martin Barry	-	City Solicitors'
Julie Gray	-	Community and Cultural Services
Dave Leonard	-	Chief Executives
Debbie Burnicle	-	Sunderland TPCT
Gillian Gibson	-	Sunderland TPCT
Alan Patchett	-	Age Concern
Carol Harris	-	City Hospitals
Lesley Lane	-	ESPA
Russell Patton	-	Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland Mental Health NHS Trust
Gill Charman	-	Physical Disability Alliance

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Timmins and Leadbitter along with Ms. S. Lowes, Mr. G. Burt, Ms. A. Martin and Mr. D. Hambleton.

Minutes

34. RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 4th March, 2008 (circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Age Friendly Cities

Mr. D. Leonard, Area Regeneration and Health Level (is Level the correct word) and WHO Co-ordinator, provided the Board with a presentation on the Age Friendly Cities project.

The Board were advised that an Age Friendly City was one where policies, services and structures relating to the physical and social environment were designed to support and enable older people to age actively, to live in security, enjoy good health and continue to participate fully in society. He advised that work was already ongoing on the background of Healthy Ageing with the Age Friendly City Guide providing the basis of how to do this. Mr. Leonard advised that these guidelines could be implemented to suit the city, and use the strong partnerships already in place.

Following the presentation, Ms. G. Charman queried if existing groups would be used in any consultation processes. Mr. Leonard replied that it was important to work with all existing groups to use the skills and the historical work already carried out. He stated that creating a structure that was more strategic and structural would give more opportunities to influence plans that were already in place.

Mr. Revely advised that he welcomed this as a checklist stating that it fitted with the 15 year plan and was a banner for a lot of things he intended for the City. He stated this was something that would not only benefit the older community but would provide benefits Citywide. It was important therefore for the whole city to get behind the project. Mr. Revely proposed that the representatives from the Health, Housing and Adult Services Directorate meet with Mr. Leonard to put forward a structural approach to driving the project forward. Ms. J. Gray advised that CCS would also be happy to participate in the discussions advising that this project would fit in well with the City image and brand.

The Chairman, in summing up, stated that it was important to get the people of the City positive and engaged in the project as they were the City's biggest resource. He advised that it was necessary for people to continue to make a contribution to their community throughout their lives and this project would go some distance in achieving this. He stated that he was happy to put this project forward and champion it.

Consideration having been given to the matter, it was:-

35. RESOLVED that the position be noted.

PDA Involvement in Health, Learning and Action Site

The Chairperson of the Physical Disability Alliance submitted a report (circulated) outlining the results of the recent 'Improving the Life Chances of Disabled People' which recommended that by 2010, each local authority area should have a user-led organisation.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Charman proceeded to outline the report to the Board, stating that following the recommendation from Health, Housing and Adult Services that the PDA should submit an application; Vision Sense in Jarrow had been awarded the contract as the mentor agency enabling the PDA to carry out this work using two thirds of the £100,000 obtained. She advised that this was an exciting time for the PDA, who could share more widely the knowledge gained ensuring every locality had the chance to develop and have access to a user-led organisation. She stated that further updates would be given to the Board on the Learning and Action Site in the future.

Having given consideration to the matter, it was:-

36. RESOLVED that the report be received for information.

Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) – Peer Review

Mr. Revely provided a verbal update on the ongoing peer review and reported that representations had been made to the review to ensure stronger links were forged between this Board, the LSP and the Sunderland Strategy. He advised that this would be a positive step forward for the Board and as such would be beneficial to incorporate partners from other areas of expertise onto the Board.

The Chairman commented that this Board was an ideal platform to feed into the LSP. He expressed the importance of ensuring that the Board's grip was strengthened by getting more people on the Board and widening the areas of expertise.

Consideration having been given, it was:-

37. RESOLVED that the position be noted.

Self Directed Support and Individual Budgets

The Head of Performance Commissioning and Change submitted a report (circulated) detailing the National policy direction on self directed support and individual budgets.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr. G. King advised the Board that the policy for Sunderland was still being looked at and would not be ready till at least the end of June, at which point the model would be brought to the Board as part of the consultation process.

The Chairman commented that Sunderland was one of only two Authorities in the country who provided care across all four bands and he paid tribute to the Directorate for continuing to do this.

Having given consideration to the report, it was:-

38. RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 10 June, 2008 at 2.30 p.m.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance.

(Signed) P. WATSON,
Chairman.