

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD HELD ON 3 MARCH 2010

Present:

Members of the Group:

Councillors: John Appleton (Chair)
Les Caborn
Michael Doody
John Ross
Jerry Roodhouse
Dave Shilton
June Tandy

Martin Davis (North Warwickshire Borough Council)
Bill Gifford (Warwick District Council)
Valerie Hobbs (Stratford-on-Avon District Council)
Chris Holman (Rugby Borough Council)
Clive Parsons (Warwickshire Police Authority)

Also present: Councillor Bob Stevens

Officers: Bill Basra, Partnership Delivery Manager
David Carter, Strategic Director Customers, Workforce and
Governance
Monica Fogarty, Assistant Chief Executive
Jim Graham, Chief Executive
Jean Hardwick, Principal Committee Administrator
Tricia Morrison, Head of Performance
Jane Pollard, Democratic Services Manager
Michelle McHugh, Overview and Scrutiny Manager

1. General

(1) Apologies

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Jeff Clarke (Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council).

(2) Members' Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Declaration of interests were noted as follows –

- (1) Councillor Valerie Hobbs declared a personal interest because her husband was the County Council's Portfolio Holder for Community Safety;
- (2) Councillor Jerry Roodhouse declared a personal interest as the County Council's representative on Local Involvement Networks and Overview and Scrutiny (LINK), in connection with agenda item

(3) Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 4 November 2009 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. LAA Quarter 3 Performance Report 09/10

The Board considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive setting out an analysis of the LAA performance as at Quarter 3 for 09/10.

Members were informed that in quarter 2, as the LAA was mid point in its project cycle, all blocks were asked to provide forecasts for the end of the project period (March 2011), in addition to providing the quarter 2 performance forecasts. Of these forecasts nearly 80% of indicators were set to hit target, 11% to miss target and the remaining 9% to exceed target.

In response to concerns expressed about the increase in teenage pregnancies Members were informed that the only data available (national) was 2 years out of date. Data collection was being examined and it was hoped to create a local indicator to ascertain what was happening in Warwickshire. Janet Smith added that the PCT was also concerned about the need for more up to date information and was utilising the services of the Warwickshire Observatory to assist in this respect.

Concern was also expressed about the absence of completion dates for some indicators and the need for more current information on economic development. Members were informed that this information would be available for reporting to the next meeting.

In reply to a request for clarification about the amount of waste going into landfill Bill Basra said he would circulate a briefing note to Members after the meeting.

The Board –

- (1) Noted the overall performance for LAA indicators for Quarter 3;
- (2) Expressed concern about the lack of local and up to date information on the number of teenage pregnancies and the need for more up to date information on economic development;
- (3) Noted that a briefing note to be circulated on NI 191 - waste going to landfill.

3. Comprehensive Area Assessment - findings of Year 1 CAA and next steps

The Board considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive that brought together the CAA findings for Warwickshire, an overview of CAA findings at the national level and details of activity underway in Warwickshire to address areas for improvement.

Resolved that the Board -

- (1) Notes the outcomes of the first CAA Area Assessment for Warwickshire and the area where improved joint working practices are needed between health agencies and other public bodies (which have been awarded a red flag).
- (2) Note the national allocation of green flags for possible sources of best practice.

4. Scrutiny In-depth Review Work Programme

The Board considered the report of the Strategic Director for Customers, Workforce and Governance outlining the Scrutiny In-depth Review Work Programme for the Board to review and amend as appropriate.

Michelle McHugh highlighted two additional joint reviews as follows –

- (1) Joint Review between Health OSC and Children, Young People and Families OSC in relation to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services that have been scheduled for February to April 2010;
- (2) Joint Review between the County Council and Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council in relation to antenatal and Post-Natal support for Teenage Parents scheduled to take place between February and November 2010. This review was supported by a successful bid to the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS), securing a £5,000 grant. The other district and borough councils were being approached to participate in the review.

The Board:

- i) Agreed the Scrutiny In-depth Review Work Programme;
- ii) Agreed to the proposal to establish a Joint Task and Finish Group to scrutinise the performance of the Public Service Board on a twice-yearly basis as outlined in paragraph 3.2.
- iii) Nominates Councillors Les Caborn, Valerie Hobbs, Jerry Roodhouse and June Tandy to work with the Overview and Scrutiny Manager to develop detailed proposals for a Joint Task and Finish Group and for these proposals to be discussed at the June meeting of the Board.

5. Protocols - Local Involvement Networks and Overview & Scrutiny Working Together

The Board considered the report of the Strategic Director of Customers, Workforce and Governance, which set out suggested protocol arrangements to promote good, effective working arrangements and to avoid duplication of work between OSCs and LINKs.

The Board agreed the draft protocols in Appendix 1 for consultation with the Warwickshire LINK.

6. Overview and Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2009/10

The Board considered the work programme for the forthcoming year and the following proposals were added as follows –

- (1) Joint scrutiny by the County Council and district and borough councils to investigate how cycling provision can be improved (Councillor Chris Holman);
- (2) In-dept scrutiny on sickness absence (Councillor Dave Shilton);
- (3) Subject to the outcome of the IdeA Team review – the need to improve Partnership working (the area awarded a red flag by the CAA).

7. Any Other Items

None

8. Date of Next Meeting

The Board noted that their next meeting would be held on 2 June 2010 at 2.00 p.m.

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Chair

The Board rose at 3.0 p.m.