

Report to the Warwickshire Public Service Board

25 September 2007

County Themed Partnership – Membership Update

Recommendation

The Public Service Board is asked to endorse the proposed membership changes to the following county level themed partnerships as outlined in this report;

- (i) The Warwickshire Safer Communities Partnership
- (ii) The Warwickshire Stronger Communities Partnership

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At its meetings on 23rd April and 10th July, the Public Service Board approved the membership arrangements for the six LAA county themed blocks.
- 1.2 Since the last meetings of the PSB, the majority of the county themed partnerships have held meetings. This has resulted in proposals for additions to membership being made in respect of two of the county level themed partnerships;
 - (i) The Warwickshire Safer Communities Partnership
 - (ii) The Warwickshire Stronger Communities Partnership
- 1.3 This report seeks endorsement of the PSB to the membership changes in respect of those two county themed partnerships. The current membership of both partnership boards as already approved by the Public Service Board is set out in Appendix 1.

2 Safer Communities County Themed Partnership

- 2.1 Prior to the first meeting of the Warwickshire Safer Communities Partnership, representations were received from the Director of Mental Health and Substance Misuse Services of the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust asking whether the Partnership Board would consider having the Partnership Trust as a representative in attendance, if not as a member of the Warwickshire Safer Community Partnership. The Trust feel that they play a significant role within Mentally Disordered Offender Services, Drug and Alcohol Services and Mental Health Services and as such would have a significant contribution to the issues being considered as part of the Safer block. The Partnership Trust also made the point that they have representatives on similar groups in Coventry where the Services the Partnership Trust provides are well represented.

2.2 This request was considered at the first meeting of the Warwickshire Safer Communities Partnership held on 8th August 2007. Members of the partnership were supportive of the request and recommended that the board be expanded to include the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust as a formal member of the partnership board.

3. Stronger Communities County Themed Partnership

3.1 The Stronger Communities Partnership met for the first time on 23rd July 2007. At the meeting it was proposed that the membership be expanded to include;

- Warwickshire Primary Care Trust ('NHS Warwickshire')
- Warwickshire Police

3.2 Members of the Stronger partnership were supportive of the proposal and recommended that the board be expanded to include these two additional bodies as formal members of the partnership board.

4. Conclusion

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Safer Communities Themed Block

Nominating Body/ Organisation	Representative(s)
Warwickshire Police Authority	1 representative
The Councils	6 representatives (one from each Council)
Probation	1 representative
Warwickshire Primary Care Trust	1 representative
Voluntary and Community Sector	1 representative
Warwickshire Police Service	1 representative
Youth Justice	1 representative
The Courts Service	1 representative
The Crown Prosecution Service	1 representative
Total Membership	14

Stronger Communities Themed Block

Nominating Body / Organisation	Representative(s)
The Councils	6 x representatives (one from each Council)
Voluntary and Community Sector	2 x representatives
Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership	1 x representative
Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils	1 x representative
The interests of disabled people	1 x representative
Citizens Advice Bureau representative (poverty / anti-poverty agenda)	1 x representative
West Midlands Multi-Faith Forum	1 x representative
Warwickshire Rural Community Council	1 x representative
Cross Cutting Culture Group	1x representative
Total Membership	15