

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Partnership Performance Board held on 9 December 2008**

### **Present:**

Vicky Rosin	Assistant Chief Executive MCC, Neighbourhood Services (in the Chair)
Councillor Paul Andrews	Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, MCC
Sara Todd	Head of Regeneration, MCC
Maria Boylan	Team Leader, Area Co-ordination, MCC
Caroline Downey	CN4M/MERCi

### **Also in attendance:**

Su Goldthorpe	SNP Policy Officer, MCC
Rachel Christie	MCC
Joanne Drew	MCC
Peter Jones	MPSL

### **Apologies:**

Councillor Richard Cowell, Executive Member for Environment, MCC  
Fiona Worrall, Head of Business Support, MCC  
Tim McMahon, CN4M

### **1. SNP Board Meeting held on 6 October 2008**

#### **Resolved/-**

that the minutes of the meeting of the SNP Board held on 8 July 2008 be noted.

### **2. Matters Arising**

#### **(a) Growth Points (minute 4)**

Sara Todd informed the meeting that an announcement was expected shortly from the Department for Communities and Local Government on the funding of the Programme for Development.

### **3. Forum held on 25 November 2008 - Credit Crunch**

Su Goldthorpe gave a verbal report on the Forum held on 25 November 2008 on the Credit Crunch. There had been a good attendance for a series of presentations and workshops on the economy, housing the environment and climate change.

Caroline Downey said that CN4M/MERCi were carrying out a project on promoting behavioural change in the context of climate change.

The Chair added that MCC Executive would consider a report at its meeting in January 2009 on an action plan on climate change etc. She added that the next meeting of the Board should discuss priorities for the future in this area.

## **Resolved/-**

- (i) that the report on the Forum be noted.
- (ii) that the next Forum be held at the end of February 2009, topic to be confirmed.
- (iii) that the next meeting of the Board discuss future priorities.

## **4. LAA Quarter 2 Performance Progress**

Su Goldthorpe introduced the Performance Progress Report for Quarter 2 of the Local Area Agreement (LAA). An amended list of SNP LAA indicators will be sent out with the minutes. She drew attention to the amber and red indicators. She said as regards the electoral turn-out a new register had now been published for Manchester and this showed an increase in numbers. The Ministry of Justice had also provided funds to encourage people to register and to date 5,000 had done so in Manchester.

Rachel Christie informed the meeting that as regards NI192 recycling of household waste work had been carried out to ensure that accurate data was collected and it was now collected across the whole of Greater Manchester. There had also been a lot of work carried out to introduce more unified recycling schemes and there would be further trials before an agreed scheme was rolled out. It was hoped, therefore, that the target of 24% for this year would be achieved. She added that further negotiation with Government Office North West would be likely to take place as part of the LAA refresh concerning meeting the target of 33 % over the three years of the LAA. Su added that other indicators relevant to the Board included in the refresh were "Access to Affordable Housing" and "Thriving Environment and the Third Sector".

Joanne Drew briefed the meeting on various housing targets. NI 154, Net Additional Homes was an issue that needed to be tackled at a national level. As regards the number of blighted/empty properties brought back into use, this was mainly a private sector issue. It was possible that the year end figure of 130 would be met, but the overall economic situation did create a problem.

The Chair noted that Level 4 indicators relate to specific services and work was being carried out on how to work was being carried out to propose the best Level 4's. SNP members are being invited to attend a facilitated workshop and the Level 4's proposed will be reported to the next meeting of the Board.

The Board also noted that a number of indicators were reported on annually and therefore only at year end would a clear picture emerge.

## **Resolved/-**

- (i) that the report be noted.
- (ii) that a further progress report be made to the next meeting of the Board on the points raised in discussion.

## **5. Review of Area Based Grant**

Sara Todd spoke to a tabled report setting out the current position concerning the Review of the Area Based Grant. She informed the meeting that the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Partnership needed to find savings of £555,746 to meet its target of a 7.2% reduction. It was proposed to find these savings at theme level rather than pro rata for all projects as this allowed a more strategic approach. The key issue was the funding of front line services in neighbourhoods. So themes such as Clean and Green were being looked at. Discussions were taking place with other relevant Boards, including Crime and Disorder. It was intended to submit proposals on agreed savings to elected Members by the end of 2008.

Sara informed the meeting that with regard to the Structure for Engagement several options were being considered at City and management levels, including reducing the number of newsletters and local grants. There was some flexibility in carry forward for this year that could help fund savings next year.

Sara said that as regards Area Regeneration some of this activity was funded by external partners, who would be likely to reduce their future contribution if the City reduced theirs. On North and South Regeneration, savings of £35,000 had been identified without any impact on posts. It was unlikely that mainstream funding would be available to fund regeneration teams. The possibility of external grants was, therefore, being investigated.

### **Resolved/-**

That the progress report be noted and a further report be made to the next meeting of the Board.

## **6. Working Neighbourhoods Fund and European Regional Development Fund Progress Report**

Su Goldthorpe introduced a report on expenditure for the Working Neighbourhoods Fund to 31 October 2008 and the European Regional Development Fund to 30 September 2008. The spend to date on WNF amounted to 43% of the total budget. Su said that a report on outputs would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

In reply to a number of questions, Su confirmed that she would write to inform members of the detailed position concerning solar panels, Green Roofs and the newly appointed Buildings At Risk Officer.

### **Resolved/-**

That the progress report be noted.

## **7. Work Programme**

Su Goldthorpe introduced the Work Programme for the Board and the Forum for the rest of 2008-2009. Some amendments were suggested, including Climate Change (February 2009) the LAA refresh and the outcome of the budget discussions.

### **Resolved/-**

(i) that the Work Programme be approved, subject to the points raised in discussion.

## **8. Any other business**

There was no other business.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the date for the next meeting would be circulated as soon as possible.

**ACTION NOTE FROM MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2008**

**1. Minutes of Meeting held on 6 October 2008**

**Noted. No Action.**

**2. Note of Forum held on 25 November 2008.**

***Action***

**A. Next Board meeting to discuss future priorities.**

**3. LAA 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Performance Report**

***Action***

**An ammended list of SNP indicators to be sent out with the SNP minutes**

**4. Review of Area Based Grant**

***Action***

**A. Further report to next meeting of the Board. (Sara Todd)**

**5. WNF and ERDF**

***Action***

**A. Report on outputs to next meeting of the Board. (Su Goldthorpe)**

**B. Confirmation of points raised in discussion to be sent to Members. (Su Goldthorpe)**

**6. Work Programme**

**Approved subject to minor amendment.**

**7. Date of next meeting**

**To be confirmed.**

**Annex 1**

<b>Local Area Agreement Indicators - Sustainable Neighbourhood Partnership</b>				
<b>Ref</b>	<b>Indicator Description</b>	<b>07/08 Baseline</b>	<b>08/09 Target</b>	<b>Measure</b>
<b>Level I</b>				
<b>Priority Area: Stability and Cohesion</b>				
Local Level 1	Increase Home ownership 50% home ownership by 2010/11, 60% by 2015	45% (2006)	46%	Annual
NI 1 Level 1	% People who believe that people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area	77% (06/07)	77%	Annual
<b>NEIGHBOURHOODS OF CHOICE</b>				
<b>Priority Area : Quality Sustainable Physical Environment</b>				
NI 5 Level 2	Residents' satisfaction with their neighbourhood as a place to live	64% (2006/07)	68%	Place Survey- annually conducted in Manchester
NI 186 Level 2	Per capita CO2 emissions in the local area	6.7 (revised) (2005)	6.5. Reduction target 3.7%	Annual indicator
Local Level 3	Rate of improvement in ward environment scores	73 (2007)	7.5	Monthly.SEO's record, by ward. Recorded for a several years .
NI 191 Level 3	Residual household waste per household	758kg (2006/07)	726kg (60.5 kg per month)	Street Management
NI 192 Level 3	Household waste recycled or composted	21.6% (2006/07)	24%	Quarterly
<b>Priority Area : Quality and Choice of Housing</b>				

Local Level 1	Home ownership. 50% home ownership by 2010/11, 60% by 2015	45% (2006)	46%	Annual Indicator - results not available till year end
Increase housing supply				
NI 154 Level 3	Net additional homes	3,422 (baseline based on average of 2004-07)	3500	Annual figure
NI 155 Level 3	Number of affordable homes delivered	271(2006/7)	361	Annual figure
Local Level 4	Number of socially rented homes delivered	271	361	Quarterly
Local Level 4	Number of units of intermediate housing delivered			Quarterly
Local Level 4	Number of units provided without public subsidy			Quarterly
Optimising use of existing stock				
Local Level 4	Number of vacant and blighted properties brought back into use	122	130	Quarterly
Local Level 4	Level 4 Number of long term empty properties	5893	6800	Quarterly
Meeting Decency targets				
Level 3	% social homes made decent	63.7% (2007/8)	67.60%	Annual figure - results not available till year end
Level 4	Number of private homes where decency was addressed	150	160	Quarterly
Level 4	Number of private homes made decent	138	400(target reviewed Sept 08)	Quarterly
Level 4	% of private homes occupied by vulnerable households where decency was addressed	50%	50%	Quarterly
Increase housing opportunities				
NI 156 Level 3	Number of households in temporary accommodation	802(07/08)	415 (08/09)	Quarterly

Local Level 4	Numbers of households accessing rented accommodation through rent deposit schemes	256	289	Quarterly
Local Level 4	% Households presenting as homeless within 2 years	6.03%	5.50%	Quarterly
Local Level 4	Households prevented from becoming homeless per 1,000	7.03	7.5	Quarterly
<b>Individual and Collective Self Esteem and Mutual Respect</b>				
<b>Priority Area : Aspiration well-being and happiness</b>				
NI 2 Level 3	Belong in neighbourhood	66% (2007)	67%	Place Survey - annual
NI 4 Level 3	% People who believe they can influence decisions in their locality	39% (06/07)	41%	Place Survey - annual
NI 6 Level 3	Participation in regular volunteering	8%(06/07)	9%	Place Survey - annual
Local Level 3	Electoral turnout	28.35% (2007-local)	28.40%	Annual
<b>In Development- For LAA refresh</b>				
<b>Private properties benefitting from investment and enforcement activity</b>				
Local Level 4	Number of properties licensed and accredited	1350	1440	Quarterly
Local Level 4	Number of properties improved following notices on nuisance private rented properties	1850	2000	Quarterly
Local Level 4	Number of inspections, advice and requests for service	3300	3592	Quarterly
Local Level 4	Number of households benefitting from assistance to improve or repair owner occupied homes	877	950	Quarterly

Local	Access to affordable homes
Local	Services and facilities available at district centres
	Access by public transport, walking, cycling
NI 7	Environment for a thriving Third Sector

NOTE: The level 4's currently identified in Annex 1 are those which are integral to Housing outcomes, and there is a process in train to identify and agree the Level 4's across the partnership.