

Partnership Executive Group Meeting Agenda

Date: 4th May 2011
Time: 12:00 to 14:30
Venue: Crownhill Police Station

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Item	Subject	Who	Purpose	Time
1.	Welcome / Introductions / Apologies	Chair	For Information	12:00
2.*	Minutes of previous meeting o Action Update & Matters Arising	Chair	For Information	12:05
3.	Culture and Regeneration: Opportunities for Plymouth	James Coulton / David Coslett	For information	12:10
	PowerPoint presentation		Receive an update from the Culture Board on new scoping paper re: economic and social impact of culture.	
4.**	Civic Leadership Plymouth 2020 Governance Workshop	Giles Perritt	For discussion	12:25
			An active workshop to agree design and principles for a high performing partnership structure	
5.	Performance Reward Grant	Ian Gallin	Verbal update	13:10
6.*	Integrated Planning	Giles Perritt	Update	13:20
			Review of Year One process and request for commitment for Year Two	
7.**	Integrated Planning - Evidence	Patrick Hartop	For information	13:30
			Forward plan for key intelligence outputs including JSNA, Plymouth Report etc. Verbal update re: Census	
8.*	Cross Cutting Enabler – Domestic Abuse	Pete Aley	For discussion	13:40
			First in two part discussion focussing on current provision and local pressures	
9.	Any other Business			14:25

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, 15th June 2011
12:00 to 14:30**

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	Agenda Item	2
Meeting	Partnership Executive Group Meeting	
Visionary Goal		
Priority Objective		
Executive Member Lead		
Report Author	Viv Stuart, Partnership Administrator	
Report Title	Minutes of previous Executive Group Meeting: 30th March 2011	
Purpose of Report	To inform the Executive of the agreed actions	
Recommendations	To sign off the minutes once agreed	
Meeting Date	4 th May 2011	

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PLYMOUTH 2020 PARTNERSHIP




Executive Group Meeting

30th March 2011
12:00 to 14:30

<p>Present:</p> <p>Andy Bickley (AB) - Chair George Plenderleith (GP) Viv Gillespie (VG) Steve West (SW) Doug Fletcher (DF) Giles Perritt (GPt) Clive Turner (CT) Claire Oatway (CO) John Richards (JR) Peter McNamara (PM) Teresa Lakeman (TL) Bronwen Lacey (BL) Viv Stuart (VS) Pete Aley (PA) <i>for Carole Burgoyne</i> Mark Looker (ML) Tean Mitchell (TM) Stuart Palmer (SP) <i>for David Draffan</i></p>	<p>Chair of Safe & Strong Theme Group Chief Executive, Plymouth Guild Chair of Wise Theme Group Area Manager, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Chair of Plymouth Growth Board Head of Policy Performance & Partnerships, PCC Chief Executive, Plymouth Community Homes Plymouth 2020 Programme Manager Chair of Healthy Theme Group Executive Director, DRCP Head of Programmes, DRCP Director of Children's Services, PCC Partnership Administrator Assistant Director for Safer Communities, PCC Worklessness Co-ordinator, PCC Project Manager, Better Together Assistant Director for Development and Regeneration, PCC</p>
<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Ian Gallin (IG) Carol Burgoyne (CB) Viv Stevens (VSt) Adrian Vinken (AV) David Draffan (DD)</p>	<p>Assistant Chief Executive, PCC Director of Community Services, PCC Locality Manager, Government Office South West Chair of Plymouth Culture Board Assistant Director for Economic Development</p>

Agenda Item	SUBJECT	ACTION
1.	Welcome / Introductions / Apologies	
	<p>The chair welcomed all those present and passed on apologies received.</p> <p>PM informed the Chair that this is his last attendance at Partnership Board Meetings, as the Devonport New Deal for Communities Programme completes on 31st March. After this date Teresa Lakeman and John Bygrave will be joining the Council's finance team for six months and during that period TL will replace PM in his capacity as 2020 Partnership Executive Group Member.</p> <p>AB thanked PM for his contribution to the Partnership and wished him well for the future.</p>	
2.	Minutes and Matters Arising	
	<p>Item 4 – Commissioning population projections for medium term planning.</p> <p>Item 5 – Performance Reward Grant update.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 26th January were agreed as a true and accurate copy of the meeting.</p>  <p>Draft Minutes 26th January 201...</p>	<p>Carried forward to next Executive Group meeting on 4th May 2011.</p> <p>IG still to discuss with JR. Update at next meeting.</p> <p>All agreed</p>
3.	Policy Updates	
	<p>GPt introduced a summary of the changes affecting P2020, including the new Growth Board, Health & Wellbeing Board and the Crime Panel.</p> <p>These new arrangements will impact on the Partnership's governance arrangements and the roles and responsibilities of the theme groups and scrutiny panels.</p>  <p>Health & Wellbeing Boards Cabi...</p>	<p>Bring proposals for governance arrangements / theme group roles, responsibilities, accountabilities to next Executive Group meeting (4th May)</p>

Agenda Item	SUBJECT	ACTION
4.	Level 1 & 2 Indicators Update	
	<p>GpT introduced an overview of the indicator targets, which will inform the delivery arrangements for the next year.</p> <p>AB queried why the issue of Alcohol is not a Level 1 Indicator.</p>	AB and DF to discuss outside of this meeting.
	<p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note progress towards developing indicators and targets. 2. Delegate to the Integrated Planning Group the task of a final challenge of indicators and targets. 3. Agree Executive member accountabilities. 4. Note follow up paper to Executive in May, which will detail performance management arrangements. 	Noted
5.	Integrated Planning	
		This item was deferred until the next meeting on 4 th May.
6.	Localities	
	<p>PA gave an update on Locality Working and asked for the Executive's views particularly in respect of issues and concerns surrounding neighbourhood boundaries and Locality Teams.</p> <p>The Council will formally scrutinise Locality Working in June or July 2011 against agreed criteria. In advance of this possible changes are being considered and the Executive are invited to contribute to this.</p> <p>It was suggested that Locality Working be communicated to a wider public audience.</p>  <p>Localities.doc (2 MB)</p>	<p>PA to keep Executive informed of any possible risks.</p> <p>Executive members to contact PA with any suggestions.</p> <p>"The Communication of Locality Working" to appear as agenda item at next meeting.</p>
	<p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note progress 	Noted

Agenda Item	SUBJECT	ACTION
7.	Better Together	
	<p>Dr Tean Mitchell gave a presentation on the benefits of participating in the Better Together programme.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  BT_LSPBoard_TM30 0311.ppt </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  BT :_reLSPfunds240111 </div> </div>	<p>TM to meet with both BL and GP to discuss further.</p> <p>BL & GP to report back to the Executive after meetings have taken place.</p>
8.	Cross Cutting Enabler – Alcohol Action Plan	
	<p>AB presented an update on the Alcohol Action Plan.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  Alcohol Action Plan.doc (356 K... </div>	
	<p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partnership Executive to identify named senior champions from each Agency to support this agenda and to break down any barriers as needed. 2. Partnership Executive to agree to the setting up of an interim working group whose activity will feed into the proposed Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, and with the purpose of taking agreed Partnership and Department of Health National Support Team actions / recommendations forward. 3. Partnership Executive to agree and designate a co-ordinator with the capacity and resources to drive and support the activity of the Working Group. 4. Each Partnership agency to identify dedicated key workers with the necessary mandate to contribute to this work. 5. Research “story of place” surrounding alcohol in Plymouth. 	<p>Partners to consider possible individuals and discuss further at a future meeting.</p> <p>Partners to discuss further outside of this meeting.</p> <p>Partners to discuss further outside of this meeting.</p> <p>Partners to consider possible individuals and discuss further at a future meeting.</p> <p>GPt is already working on this.</p>

Agenda Item	SUBJECT	ACTION
9.	Worklessness	
	<p>Mark Looker, the new Worklessness Co-ordinator, gave an overview of the current situation.</p> <p>On 8th April there will be a meeting of the Worklessness Planning Group.</p> <p>At present they are focussing on working internally with the City Council to encourage the employment of people from a worklessness background. After July it is anticipated that the focus and remit of the work will be on a broader partnership basis. This work will inform the Worklessness Action Plan for the city.</p>	<p>ML to contact DF to discuss the possibility of the Chamber of Commerce getting involved in formulating the plan.</p> <p>ML to contact PA to discuss assistance for people trying to get back into the workplace.</p>
	<p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That any actions arising from the Executive discussion be passed to the Worklessness Co-ordinator. 2. That the Worklessness Action Plan, drafted by the Co-ordinator, be brought to a future meeting of the Executive. 	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>
10.	Any other Business:	
	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Date: Wednesday, 4th May 2011</p> <p>Time: 12:00 to 14:30</p> <p>Venue: To be confirmed</p>	

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	Agenda Item	3
Meeting	Plymouth 2020 Executive Group	
Visionary Goal		
Priority Objective	To integrate, advocate and drive cultural development across the city	
Responsible Officer	Adrian Vinken, Chair of Plymouth Culture Board	
Title	Culture and Regeneration: Opportunities for Plymouth	
Purpose of Item	To provide an update on new scoping paper concerning the economic and social impact of culture.	
Recommendations	This will be a PowerPoint presentation.	
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	Agenda Item	4
Meeting	Plymouth 2020 Executive Group	
Visionary Goal	All	
Priority Objective	All	
Responsible Officer	Giles Perritt	
Title	Civic Leadership Plymouth 2020 Governance Workshop	
Purpose of Item	An active workshop to agree design and principles for a high performing partnership structure.	
Recommendations	<i>This paper will be tabled at the meeting.</i>	
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	Agenda Item	5
Meeting	Plymouth 2020 Executive Group	
Visionary Goal	All	
Priority Objective	All	
Responsible Officer	Ian Gallin	
Title	Performance Reward Grant	
Purpose of Item	Verbal update	
Recommendations		
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	Agenda Item	6
Meeting	Executive Group Meeting	
Visionary Goal	All	
Priority Objective	All	
Responsible Officer	Giles Perritt, Head of Policy, Performance and Partnerships, Plymouth City Council	
Title	Integrated Planning: Lessons learnt from year 1 and next steps	
Purpose of Item	To reaffirm the Partnership's commitment to Integrated Planning and to identify the key lessons learnt from year 1 to inform future planning and budget setting cycles.	
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To reaffirm the Partnership's commitment to Integrated Planning and to agree to continue into a second year incorporating lessons learnt from year 1. 2. To note the changes to partnership and agency governance arrangements as they evolve and commend Integrated Planning to emerging new partners. 3. To monitor changes to the geographic boundaries within which agencies are operating and commend Integrated Planning to partners across wider boundaries. 4. To agree that a joint approach to Equality Impact Assessments is built into the Integrated Planning Process for next year with nominated leads from each agency. 5. To agree that subject to continuing prioritisation funding for the service areas identified in 3.2 is mainstreamed within agency budgets and agree the leads responsible for taking this forward. 6. To task the lead with ensuring that future joint commissioning arrangements are in place to deliver the service. 7. To agree the proposals for year 2 and next steps as set out in 4. 	
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Integrated Planning: Lessons learnt from year 1 and next steps

1. Introduction

1.1 At the 02 June 2010 Executive Group meeting members agreed to undertake an Integrated Planning Process across the four statutory public sector partners. The first year of this process has now been completed and Integrated Planning can be seen as even more vital in the face of reduced budgets and challenges around service modernisation while continuing to deliver improved efficiencies and better outcomes for local people.

1.2 The goals of this work have been to make the best use of our available resources through improved alignment around key resource and service planning milestones to maximise joint efforts to deliver against shared priorities. Ultimately to enable the best deployment of 'front line' resources, by facilitating the sharing of intelligence leading to shared prioritisation and delivery of joint plans.

1.3 This paper sets out the following:-

- A summary of the achievements made in year 1.
- Lessons learnt from year 1 and areas that require further work in future years.
- A proposed approach for year 2 and next steps.

2. Partnership achievements from year 1

2.1 In this climate of change and increasing austerity the temptation is to retrench into silo working. In Plymouth we have continued to work together to overcome the challenges we face as a city in partnership. Integrated Planning has been a major driver in strengthening partnership working and we have achieved a number of key milestones in our first year of which we should be proud. Our achievements can be summarised as follows:-

- a) The Partnership has recommitted to the vision for the city: - Plymouth will be recognised as 'one of Europe's finest, most vibrant waterfront cities, where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone.'
- b) The Plymouth Report has gathered together all the needs analysis and capacity data available within the city so that we have an improved and shared understanding of where we are and the challenges we face. This work has informed city wide planning.
- c) We have four shared priorities across the city; Growth, Aspiration, Inequalities and Value for Communities with a number of shared outcome measures.
- d) A new performance management framework for the city is now in place designed to improve alignment of activities between partners to deliver on the city's priorities.
- e) We now have a high level integrated business planning timetable that aligns key business planning and budget setting milestones across the four key statutory public sector partners enabling decisions to be made on resource allocation in a more coordinated way.
- f) There has been increased transparency and improved engagement and consultation with partners and the public on budgets and agency plans.
- g) There is improved consistency around communicating partnership messages through agency plans, however further work is still required in this area.

- h) A Partnership Engagement and Consultation Group has been established to lead on and provide a coordinated approach to joint engagement and consultation activity across the partnership.
- i) We have undertaken a more coordinated approach to reviewing and solving the unintended impacts on communities and service users of budget setting decisions and service redesign across the partnership.
- j) We have started to amalgamate the findings from our Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) to reduce the impacts of our budget setting decisions on specific equality strands. We will be looking to reduce any impact through our business planning.

2.2 The Executive Group is therefore asked to reaffirm its commitment to the Integrated Planning Process and agree to continue into a second year taking on board the lessons learnt from year 1 detailed in 3 below.

3. Lessons learnt from year 1

3.1 Improving the process

3.1.1 Although we have achieved much in our first year there is still a lot of work to do to ensure that the Partnership maximises the benefits that Integrated Planning can bring. These can be summarised as follows:-

- a) Research and intelligence needs stronger alignment with a central partnership data depository and joint analysis function.
- b) The activities to deliver on the priorities and outcome measures for the city need to be embedded in delivery plans across the agencies.
- c) Robust governance arrangements for the management and delivery of the outcome measures and targets need to be finalised.
- d) Improved alignment of resource and business planning milestones is required.
- e) Improved communication of the city priorities in high level agency plans and stronger communication of what integrated planning is trying to achieve is also required.

3.2 Reducing the impact of budget setting decisions and service redesign on communities

3.2.1 More specifically the work undertaken to assess the risk and the unintended consequences of budget setting decisions and service changes on communities was critical this year given the budget pressures faced in particular by the four public sector partners. High level findings from Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) were considered along with services historically funded through external grants and / or a variety of sources rather than through mainstream provision.

3.2.2 The service areas considered were as follows:

- Domestic Abuse Services
- Anti-social behaviour (ASB) and the Family Intervention Service (FIS)
- Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)
- Support for enhancing the capacity of the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Youth Offending Service
- Locality working

3.2.3 This joint work has enabled the partnership to reduce any unforeseen impact on communities resulting from our combined budget setting decisions and service redesign. This work however was not part of the original planning and budget setting process and it is critical that this is embedded in future years planning.

3.2.4 The Executive Group is therefore asked to agree the following recommendations:-

- a) To agree that a joint approach to Equality Impact Assessments is built into the Integrated Planning Process for next year with nominated leads from each agency. There will be officer support from the Council to coordinate this work on behalf of the partnership.
- b) To agree that the service areas identified are mainstreamed within agency budgets and agree the agency and partnership lead named in the table below as responsible for taking this forward.
- c) To task the responsible lead with ensuring future funding commitment from partners is mainstreamed within revenue budgets and that joint commissioning arrangements are in place to deliver the service.

Service area	Responsible agency	Responsible lead
Domestic Abuse Services	Plymouth City Council	Carole Burgoyne, Director for Community Services, Plymouth City Council
Anti-social behaviour (ASB) and the Family Intervention Service (FIS)	Plymouth City Council	Mairead MacNeil, Assistant Director of Children's Social Care, Plymouth City Council
Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)	NHS Plymouth	Paul O'Sullivan, Director of Health Services for Children & Families / Director of Joint Commissioning, NHS Plymouth
Support for enhancing the capacity of the Voluntary and Community Sector	Plymouth City Council	Ian Gallin, Assistant Chief Executive, Plymouth City Council
Youth Offending Service	Plymouth City Council	Bronwen Lacey, Director for Services for Children & Young People, Plymouth City Council
Locality working	Plymouth City Council	Carole Burgoyne, Director for Community Services, Plymouth City Council

Identified services and proposed accountability

3.3 Responding to changing government policy and emerging governance structures

3.3.1 The context within which the partnership is working is rapidly changing with government proposals laid out in three principle bills:-

- Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill
- Decentralisation and Localism Bill
- Health and Social Care Bill

These have major consequences for partners on their governance structures, lines of accountability and how we deliver services. These changes also affect the look of the regional and sub-regional landscape.

For example:-

- The abolition of Primary Care Trusts and the Strategic Health Authority
- The establishment of a Health & Wellbeing Board by 2013 with a new joint health and wellbeing strategy
- GP Commissioning for secondary care and urgent care services
- The function of public health moving over to the Local Authority
- An increasing role for the Community and Voluntary Sector to deliver services on behalf of the city and the introduction of community budgets
- The development of Local Enterprise Partnerships at a regional level
- The abolition of Police Authorities and introduction of directly elected police and crime commissioners from May 2012
- The establishment of police and crime panels for advising and scrutinising the work of the police and crime commissioner
- The rationalisation of partnership governance and scrutiny functions where appropriate to reduce duplication.

3.3.2 The Executive Group is therefore asked the following:

- a) To note the changes to partnership and agency governance arrangements as they evolve and commend Integrated Planning to emerging partners.
- b) To monitor changes to the geographic boundaries within which agencies operate and commend Integrated Planning to partners across the wider boundaries.

4. Proposed approach for year 2 and next steps

4.1 The Executive Group is asked to agree the following next steps proposed for year 2.

- a) To review and take account of the lessons learnt from year 1 outlined in this paper.
- b) To finalise the governance arrangements for the management and delivery of the city priorities, outcome measures and targets.
- c) To embed the activities to deliver on the priorities and outcome measures within delivery plans across the agencies.
- d) To incorporate joint EIAs and the work undertaken on the unintended impacts of our budget setting decisions in future years.

- e) To further align the research, intelligence and analysis function to meet the requirements of the partnership.
- f) To improve communications on Integrated Planning and communicate the new priorities more strongly throughout agencies and emerging governance structures.

Lucy Davis
Partnership Coordinator
21st March 2011

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	Agenda Item	7
Meeting	Plymouth 2020 Executive Group	
Visionary Goal	All	
Priority Objective	All	
Responsible Officer	Giles Perritt	
Title	Integrated Planning – Evidence	
Purpose of Item	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward Plan for key intelligence outputs including JSNA, Plymouth Report, etc. 2. Verbal update on the Census. 	
Recommendations	This paper will be tabled at the meeting.	
Date	4 th May 2011	

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	Agenda Item	8
Meeting	Plymouth 2020 Executive Group	
Visionary Goal	All	
Priority Objective	All	
Responsible Officer	Andy Bickley	
Title	Cross Cutting Enabler – Domestic Abuse	
Purpose of Item	To provide information for an informed discussion around domestic abuse issues and to update Exec members on current issues and challenges.	
Recommendations	<p>That the Executive note the pressures and issues along with the new responsibility for CSPs with regards Domestic Homicide Reviews and consider and discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for peninsular working/ commissioning and the associated efficiencies beyond 2011/12. • Options for further closing the domestic abuse funding gap – in particular the Domestic Abuse Advocacy Project. • Clarifying the relationship between LSP Safe and Strong Theme Group and Health & Wellbeing Board with regards governance for domestic abuse and commissioning. 	
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1. Current Domestic Abuse Provision

1.1 Domestic abuse and its wider impact on society continues to pose a major threat in terms of serious violent crime. It remains hugely under-reported with long term negative effects on survivors and their children and remains a key national and local priority (Additional background information and local statistics is available upon request).

1.2 Beyond those services which statutory agencies are responsible for providing are those which are specialist, not sustainably funded by any one agency, but are critical to address domestic abuse.

1.3 The move taken several years ago to a single multi agency commissioned service has represented a significant positive milestone in the development of specialist services for the city resulting in the ability to more effectively support victims of and their families through a single service provider and the integrated support model has enabled statutory public services to develop new ways of working together, facilitated by a single contract and a period of stable three year funding up until March 2011.

1.4 For 2011/12 the Supporting People Board were successful in seeking special dispensation from full competitive tendering to extend the current contract for specialist domestic abuse service for one further year, until March 2012, and essentially maintaining a 'status quo' on the 2010/11 contract. This is a jointly commissioned arrangement with Supporting People, Plymouth City Council funding (Community Safety Partnership), a contribution from the Police and a successful bid to the Home Office for Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) funding to a total contract value of £424,490.63.

1.5 Domestic Abuse remains a priority for Supporting People and is recognized in the Draft Supporting People Commissioning Plan 2011 -2014.

1.6 The package of elements (including the commissioned service above) that currently make up the existing Plymouth integrated service delivery model are comprised as follows:-

- Outreach
- IDVA services supporting high risk cases through MARAC
- Refuge and housing related support including safe houses
- Children and young people's specialist support
- Training; multi and single agency
- Survivor engagement
- A limited amount of coordination and performance monitoring
- A limited amount of awareness raising and marketing

1.7 To meet the recognised 'peninsular' standard for a fully integrated model, ideally we should have introduced additional elements including; BME/Diversity to improve statutory agencies approach to diverse communities, a Community Perpetrator Programme and a Pattern-Changing Programme for Victims, however, funding has yet to be found to support them.

1.8 The current economic climate has inevitably presented a real challenge in terms of sustaining and prioritising frontline services, with domestic abuse being no exception.

As a result considerable partnership working has taken place to look at alternative service delivery options, and resulted in steps being taken which, whilst not ideal or popular, to reduce provision around training, coordination, awareness raising and marketing, but it was felt these could be managed or absorbed to a large extent.

2. Current Pressures and Issues

2.1 Despite economic pressures both nationally and locally Plymouth has fared well in working towards closing the remaining gap (£170K) in funding certainly for 2011/12 of essentially frontline services for domestic abuse, namely:

a) Children's Specialist Domestic Abuse Service - £60K

The gap in providing the Children's Specialist Domestic Abuse Service (£60K) has been fully met for 2011/12 through funding secured from Children's Services through Early Intervention Grant.

b) Domestic Abuse Training - £30K

The gap in training provision (approx £30K) is almost fully met by Probation offering up considerable staff time for 2011/12 and a financial contribution from the Fire Service, leaving a minimal gap of approx £3K for covering admin/support costs.

c) Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor (IDVA) - £20K

Carr Gomm's bid to the Home Office for Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) Grant (£20K pa for 4 years) was successful. This is a crucial element of the contract for the Domestic Abuse Service (PDAS) run by Carr Gomm. However,

2.2 The challenge remains around commissioning services from April 2012 onwards, with even greater financial pressures and uncertainty.

2.3 Unfortunately, the main gap which remains unresolved for 2011/12 is the Domestic Abuse Advocacy Project (DAAP) which provided not-for-profit free legal advice to victims ineligible for legal aid or had no recourse to public funds or other financial means, in order to secure a civil court order (a non-molestation and/or Occupation Order) from their abusive partner. This could cost a victim anything between £2,000-£6,000 through the normal private practice route.

2.4 The arrangement was that a lawyer was funded through Performance Reward Grant funding at a cost of £60K per year and was hosted in the Council's Legal Department who provided professional governance and supervision.

2.5 Due to a lack of certainty with regards future funding, the DAAP had to be wound down in December 2010 allowing for any remaining clients to be supported to the conclusion of their legal outcome by March 2011.

2.6 Further changes to the Legal Aid system means there are proposals afoot to restrict funding to anyone unless the have;

- Reported and secured a criminal conviction for a domestic abuse related incident; or

- Have reported and are applying for a Non-Molestation Order and are successful in achieving it and then they can have legal aid to help with children and financial issues.

These changes would clearly create a further need for such a service.

2.7 Bids have been made to Ministry of Justice Victim and Witness Fund and the Tudor Trust but have not been successful.

2.8 The funding required has been included in recommendations for the allocation of Performance Reward Grant for 2011/12-13/14.

3. Peninsular Working

3.1 There have been attempts in the last couple of years to work with other local authorities, health and police colleagues at a peninsular level on domestic violence with a view to exploring opportunities to commission services as a peninsular and drive out efficiencies. Whilst a better understanding was gained in terms of each local authority's investment in domestic abuse services, and where joint working and commissioning could potentially be taken forward, the work 'withered on the vine'.

3.2 The Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) Peninsular Group is currently considering taking on responsibility for Domestic Abuse at a peninsular level, and ultimately becoming a Violence Against Women and Girls Peninsular Group. With the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners who will hold a considerable 'community safety' budget, this group is also starting to consider implications and opportunities for developing and influencing a commissioning relationship with the elected individual from May 2012.

3.3 There are other options that could be considered for overseeing joint commissioning eg via a peninsular-wide Community Safety Partnership.

3.4 Whatever the way forward, there is a real opportunity to review the strategic approach and commissioning around domestic abuse services, and there have been proposals since to recommence peninsular working on domestic abuse, but it is absolutely crucial that if we agree, everyone involved will need to really 'mean it' and the work will need to lead to proper investment and joint commissioning and will also be time-critical linked to the ending of current contracts, certainly for Plymouth, but also for other services across the peninsular.

4. Governance arrangements

4.1 Currently the LSP Safe and Strong Theme Group, which also has the Community Safety Partnership statutory function, governs the work of a range of crime delivery groups including Domestic Abuse. As early implementers of Health and Wellbeing Boards, some thought needs to be given to the relationship between in particular the Safe and Strong Theme Group and the Health and Wellbeing Board, who will need to take account of the many wider determinants of health such as alcohol, environment, sexual health, drugs and crime (including domestic abuse) and these will be covered in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

4.2 It will also need to be decided who will govern the work of the Domestic Abuse Delivery Group and commissioning of services going forward. These would ideally need to be discussions held sooner rather than later with many of the domestic abuse

services contracts ending in the next year and the opportunities for joint commissioning and efficiencies across the peninsular seeming ever more sensible.

5. Domestic Homicide Reviews

5.1 As part of Government's *Call to End Violence Against Women and Girls* (published on 25th November 2010) and the supporting Action Plan (published on 8th March 2011), they have committed to the action to implement section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004), putting in place statutory domestic violence homicide reviews. Domestic Homicide Reviews¹ (DHRs) were established on a statutory basis under section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004). This provision came into force on 13th April 2011 and establish multi-agency domestic homicide reviews on a statutory basis to ensure all agencies involved identify lessons that can be learned from domestic violence homicides, with a view to improving policies and practices.

5.2 It is now a requirement that when a domestic homicide occurs, the relevant police force should inform the relevant Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in writing of the incident and overall responsibility for establishing a review should rest with the local CSP as it is the view that CSPs are ideally placed to initiate a DHR and Review Panel due to their multi-agency design and location. A paper providing more detailed information about what the guidance advises and making recommendations for what needs to be put in place locally is being presented to the LSP Safe and Strong Meeting at its next meeting in May. Thankfully these incidents are very rare but CSPs need to ensure the right elements are in place should such an incident ever happen in Plymouth.

6. Recommendations

6.1 LSP Exec Note the pressures and issues along with the new responsibility for CSPs with regards Domestic Homicide Reviews and consider and discuss the following:

- Opportunities for peninsular working and the associated efficiencies beyond 2011/12.
- Options for further closing domestic abuse funding gap – in particular the Domestic Abuse Advocacy Project
- Consider relationship between LSP Safe and Strong Theme Group and Health & Wellbeing Board with regards governance for domestic abuse and commissioning.

¹ “domestic homicide review” means a review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by— (a) a person to whom he was related or with whom he was or had been in an intimate personal relationship, or (b) a member of the same household as himself, held with a view to identifying the lessons to be learnt from the death.