

AGENDA

MALDON DISTRICT LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

EMERGENCY STEERING GROUP MEETING

9:30 am – 11:30 am on 23rd June 2010

The Council Chamber, Maldon District Council Offices

- 1. Welcome and introductions**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. The Performance Reward Grant position (see Appendix 1)**
- 4. How big is 50% or 75% of our original allocation? (see Appendix 2)**
- 5. Current LSP budget position (Appendix 3)**
- 6. Questions for the LSP (Appendix 4)**
- 7. Meeting of the Steering Group required for the w/c 12th July**

Appendix 1: The Performance Reward Grant position

Email sent 13:55 21-06-10 From Essex Partnership

To all Thematic Partnership and LSP Chairs

On 10th June the Government announced that LAA performance reward grant funding (PRG) would be cut by 50%. For Essex this means that the total PRG available to the Partnership has been reduced from £26m to £13m.

On 17th June Essex Management Board (EMB) met to discuss the difficult options for reducing allocations of Performance Reward Grant. A copy of the paper considered by EMB is available [here](#). The Board decided that spending relating to apprenticeships, domestic violence and the voluntary sector endowment fund were priorities for the county and should receive a measure of additional protection compared to other projects. It also agreed that, wherever possible, partners will not be asked to pay back funding that has already been spent.

Partnerships should model the impact of funding reductions of both 50% and 75% of their original allocation. Essex Management Board has requested this information by 5th July. This will be supported by information on actual and committed spend that partnerships have been submitting over the past week, so that a fair decision can be taken.

In the meantime, partners are reminded not to commit to any new activity funded by PRG. I would be grateful if this information and any queries could be directed to info@essexpartnership.org.

Kind regards

Peter Martin

Councillor Peter Martin
Chairman, Essex Management Board

Appendix 2: How big is 50% or 75% of Maldon District Local Strategic Partnership's original allocation?

Original PRG Allocation

PRG funding for projects	£227,100
(includes £75,000 transferred to ECC to manage Marine Apprenticeship scheme)	
PRG capacity funding –	£180,000
4 years at £45,000 per annum (forms the Maldon District LSP core budget. Currently in year 4).	
Total original allocation	£407,100

50% of Original Allocation £203,550

75% of Original Allocation £305,325

Item	ECC LSP CONTRIBUTION FUND/ CORE BUDGET	Allocated Budget	Committed	Expenditure	Unspent Balance	UPDATE
1	Salaries	35,400	35400	8376	27024	0
2	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
3	Equipment Maintenance	4,600	4100	0	4600	Renewal of Licenses for TEN – 3 rd and final year's payment due in August to cover Sept. 2010 – Aug. 2011.
4	Administration	200	0	0	200	0
5	Mileage	300	0	46	254	0
6	Special Events	7,500	3326	61	7439	£61.01 Food for 27/11/09; £322.50 In the Red event venue hire and refreshments; £25:00 survey voucher; £1823:00 SCS survey in Courier; £8:55 survey distribution via CVS; £440.00 5th July Wickham Bishops Hall; £400.00 Food for 5th July; £30.00tea/coffee etc for 5th July; £144.00 Parish Plans event at Town Hall 14th September.
7	LSP Projects	10,800	10800	0	10800	£2,000 Support for M&DCVS UNSPENT; £4800 HHWBPB project for older people (agreed last year) PROJECT STARTED - PAYMENT in Process; £4000 to CAB outreach services from HHWBPB carried over from last year PAID.
8	Recruitment & other costs	100	0	0	100	0
9	Learning and Skills Council	0	0	0	0	0
10	Overtime	100	0	0	100	0
	Total ECC LSP Budget	59,000	53,626	8,483	50,517	

Item	PCT Project Grant	Allocated Budget	Committed	Expenditure	Unspent Balance	UPDATE
1	Unallocated	5000	0	0	5000	0
	Youth Participation and Development Officer	5000	5000	0	5000	0
		0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0
	PCT Project total	10000	5000	0	10000	0
Item	ECC NI4 money	Allocated	Committed	Expenditure	Unspent	UPDATE

		Budget			Balance	
1	Take Part campaign	4000	4000	0	4000	0
	Courier feedback pages	3500	3500	0	3500	0
	Freebies/promotional material	1000	1000	925	75	0
	Promotion of One Place on Wheels	1500	1500	1500	0	0
	Total PRG Budget	10000	10000	2425	7575	0

Item	PRG Money	Allocated Budget	Committed	Expenditure	Unspent Balance	UPDATE
1	Mobile CCTV (CSP)	7000	7000	7000	0	Completed in 09/10
	Covert recording equipment (CSP)	20000	20000	19538.57	461.43	Spend complete - £461 UNSPENT
	Mediation Service for neighbourhood disputes (CSP)	19900	19900	3050	16850	Immediate cessation possible as service commissioned on an individual case basis - £16,850 UNSPENT
	Firebreak Courses (CSP)	10200	10200	10200	0	Completed in 09/10
	Hospital Link worker (HHWB)	30000	30000	13333.28	16666.72	£10,000 in first year, £20,000 in second year as no match funding. Funding paid monthly. Project closure costs in the region of £7,000. But possibly c. £9,000 to recoup.
	IT project for older people (HHWB)	30000	30000	15000	15000	Some abortive costs involved in ending the project. Possibly £5 - 10,000 to recoup.
	Voluntary Sector Building scoping exercise (HHWB)	15000	15000	11250	3750	£12,662.90 spent - £2,337.10 UNSPENT
	Maritime Centre (Place shaping)	0	0	0	0	Transferred to ECC
	Mediation Service for Voluntary young people	20000	20000	9442.81	10557.19	2 year contract with provider may be difficult to break and will not bring appreciable financial benefits.
0	Unspent Balance	152100	152100	88814.66	63285.34	0

* Shows position from March 2009 start of projects

Appendix 4: Questions for the LSP

PRG projects

- Should the LSP continue to pass money to the hospital link worker project which receives monthly payments until a firm decision is made as to regarding the funding for the project?
- Should the LSP confirm the advice given to the mediation for neighbourhood disputes project that there will be an immediate cessation of funding and that no further mediation cases can be taken on until further notice?
- Should the LSP confirm that the IT for Older people project should receive no further payments until the funding position is clear and that the financial costs of withdrawing from the contracts should be explored?
- Should the LSP confirm that the LSP will pay the outstanding expenses for the Voluntary sector building but that no further payments will be made after that?
- The LSP should find out more as regards the £75,000 transferred to ECC for the marine apprenticeship scheme?
- Should the LSP confirm that no further payments will be made to the mediation for vulnerable young people (at risk of homelessness) project until the funding position is clearer and that the financial costs of withdrawing from the contract should be explored?
- Should the LSP draw-up a priority list of the remaining PRG projects i.e. which ones to protect first?

Support for the LSP

- How should the LSP continue to be supported (budget and paid officer) in the short – term while the Sustainable Community Strategy is being renewed?
- How should the LSP continue to be supported in the longer term?
- Is this partnership worth saving?
- Could partnership work be encouraged and supported in the District in other ways?

Continued spending and future plans

- Is the LSP happy for the Parish Plans event planned for the 14th September to go ahead? Some costs would be incurred in cancelling the venue.
- Should the LSP go ahead and book a venue for its October/November Reporting Back event?

Liability

- Who pays any possible redundancy costs?
- Who has the ultimate liability for any PRG to be paid back to ECC if the amount exceeds the amount the LSP is able to raise?

NHS Mid Essex Funding

- Should the £5,000 which is unallocated be awarded to Rustic's Home from Hospital project (Funding ends at the end of June 2010 but is hoped that funding can be secured from January 2011 onwards. They have requested £10,000 to bridge their funding gap and keep the scheme going.)? Or to one of the PRG projects which is likely to suffer from the cuts?

- Should the LSP formally seek the PCT's view on whether the £5,000 could be used to support the LSP rather than being directed into health and wellbeing projects?