

Minutes

HARLOW 2020 PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Friday 18th December 2009, Council Chamber, Civic Centre,
The Water Gardens, Harlow

PRESENT:

Andrew Bramidge (AB)	Harlow Renaissance Ltd
Bill Rammell MP (BR)	MP for Harlow
Jonathan Clarke	Harlow & District Chamber of Commerce
Lynn Seward	Harlow Council/Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership
Darren Leech (DL)	Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust
Jackie Sully (JS)	(Chair) Rainbow Services
John Wright (JW)	Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust
Supt. Simon Williams	Essex Police
Jan Dalrymple (JD)	Harlow & Broxbourne Women's Aid

IN ATTENDANCE:

Becci Court (BC)	(minutes)	Harlow 2020 Partnership
Marina Sherriff (MS)		Harlow 2020 Partnership
Claire Greenhill (CG)		Rainbow Services
Tess Wisbey (TW)		Essex Police

APOLOGIES:

Chris Fluskey (CF)		Harlow Education Consortium
Cllr Eddie Johnson	(Vice Chair)	Essex County Council (ECC)
Cllr Edna Stevens		Harlow Council (HC)
Malcolm Morley		Harlow Council
Sue Young		Harlow College
Keith Hughes		Business Link East
Yvette Wetton		Essex County Council
Alison Cowie		NHS West Essex
Jenny Minihane		NHS West Essex
Ian Davidson		Audit Commission
Sarah Arnold		GO East
Paul Taylor (PT)		Learning & Skills Council
Rachael Jackson		BAA
Cllr John Strachan		Harlow Council
Cath Shaw		Harlow Council

ABSENT:

Paul Wood	East of England Development Agency
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JS welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received and noted.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

JS declared an interest in item 7 of the agenda, the Compact research being commissioned by Rainbow Services.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2009 were agreed as an accurate record.

3. COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT update

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Faith and BME representation on Harlow 2020 (3.4)

JS met Rev Mark Bennett who is involved with the Faith Forum. As there is a new industrial chaplain for Harlow, he might well be the best representation for 2020. JS to approach.

JS to action

4.2 Police Authority – 2020 membership (11.2)

MS to chase response to letter with regards to representation on the Board. It was noted that the Police Authority have a strategic responsibility with no operational remit.

MS to action

5. LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL

It was noted that PT would no longer attend meetings as a representative of the Learning and Skills Council. BC to forward card of thanks.

BC to action

6. BAA update

Rachael Jackson will represent BAA at future meetings. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

7. COMPACT AND LSP SIGN UP

CG presented information on the Compact pilot project for West Essex. The Compact is an agreement that voluntary and statutory organisations enter into by choice which sets out the terms of the relationship between the voluntary sector and statutory bodies. Rainbow Services have undertaken a six month project to look at strengthening and raising awareness of the Compact, to increase sign up by organisations, and how the Compact principles can be implemented locally. As there were not enough voting members in attendance, it was agreed that this would be raised at the next meeting for a recommendation that Harlow 2020 supports and endorses the Compact and that the implementation group feed into the 2020 Steering Group.

8. HARLOW RENAISSANCE LTD (HRL)/TOWN CENTRE/INWARD INVESTMENT PLAN

AB provided an update on the Town Centre regeneration following the consultation on the draft master plan, of which the process will conclude in January. Discussions are going well with potential tenants in the retail field including department stores. A cinema is currently being included into the scheme.

For the current GAF schemes, it is hoped that building will commence on site in March 2010. The Prentice Place playground will be completed by Easter of this year. The Staple Tye health centre project is now under the management of the Health Centres Trust, who own the Lister House site. It is envisaged that the Anglia Ruskin University building will commence in April 2010 for completion in summer 2011.

HRL are currently designing promotional literature to promote Harlow as a business location. Barratts and New Hall have agreed to use the 'See Something Different' branding.

HRL are sponsoring the Harlow Business Awards in the category for a business who has successfully promoted the town.

AB referred to the previous minutes (item 6 – Harlow Design Guide) and requested that a possible workshop with stakeholders could be discussed at the next meeting. MS to include on agenda.

MS to action

JW requested further information on inward investment opportunities. AB to contact JW with further details.

AB to action

9. HARLOW 2020 STEERING GROUP

A risk register was circulated which included the Performance Reward Grant project updates. MS to contact target leads to discuss any medium risk status projects.

MS to action

JS added that during the previous Steering Group meeting, an exercise was undertaken to scope issues which are not included in the LAA targets. It was agreed to look at the whole

impact of health inequalities. It was agreed that the group needs to be aware of current issues in order to access funding for these or any emerging issues that arise.

A further meeting dedicated to gap analysis of the LAA will be arranged, to identify further priorities and consider targets in more depth.

10. HARLOW 2020 FINANCE

A balance sheet was circulated for noting. JS added that plans for refreshing the Vision hadn't quite gone according to plan and that an internal consultant currently working for HC will now provide a first draft of the refreshed sustainable community strategy.

11. UPDATE FROM PARTNERS

11.1 Harlow & Broxbourne Women's Aid

Women's Aid has won a contract to work with Welfare Rights to support separated parents by providing advice and information on services. The £400k funding was received following a successful bid pertaining to both educational attainment and emotional wellbeing in children and the economic status of families. The service commences on 6th January 2010 and clients will access through self referral or being referred through partner agencies. Clients will also be targeted by geographical areas of need which will hopefully encourage people to come forward. This will provide referral pathways and identify gaps. JD to forward information to MS for forwarding to partners. *JD/MS to action*

11.2 Migration Fund

BR asked that more care be taken with future presentation of schemes such as the Migration Fund in order to avoid any possible conflict. BR added that following recent published inaccuracies, real efforts are taking place to move Harlow Town Football Club forward.

11.3 Princess Alexandra Hospital

DL advised that contrary to local reporting, the hospital is exceeding waiting times and is ahead of its cancer screening targets. From league tables, the hospital is also one of the cleanest in the East of England. There is a new MRI scanner and the main building is being fitted with double glazed replacement windows. Investment through bed stock capacity is underway and three new service clinics have opened. Brief discussion took place regarding future budgets.

11.4 Business Awards

JC advised that the Harlow Business Awards are funded largely through Archant but it is imperative that the identity of the Chamber of Commerce is maintained throughout the whole awards process.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 JS advised she will be signing the HC's Regeneration Plan on behalf of 2020 and a copy will be sent out to the board. *MS to action*

12.2 It was confirmed that the Community Awards (again in partnership with Archant) have ten categories and the event will be held in February 2010.

12.3 It was advised that Harlow Education Consortium are developing a bid for an education trust. MS to contact CF for information for the 2020 Board. *MS to action*

13. DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday 26 March 2010 10.00am., CR2A/B Civic Centre, Harlow.

The meeting closed at 11.40am.