

LAA Performance Management Group
Monday 20 July 2009, 2.00 – 4.30pm

Attendees:

Peter Lowton - Essex Police (Chair)
Loretta Sollars – Community Wellbeing and Older People (CWOP) Lead
Wendi Ogle-Welbourn – Children & Young People’s Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) Lead
Fiona Bodle - Essex Economic Board Lead
Dominique Phelan – Essex Economic Board representative
Miriam Stead – 2012 Olympics/Paralympic Games (2012) Lead
Alan Dawkes – Safer Essex Lead
Gwyn Owen – Sustainable Essex Lead
Sarah Arnold – GO East representative
Marina Sherriff – Harlow LSP Lead
Dan Gascoyne – Essex Partnership Secretariat
Paul Abraham – Head of Performance, ECC
Gill Butterworth - Essex Partnership Secretariat
Louise Crew - Essex Partnership Secretariat (Minutes)

Apologies:

John Houston – Epping Forest LSP Lead

1. Welcome and Introductions

Peter Lowton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of 22 June meeting and matters arising

Minutes of the June meeting were approved. Matters arising from the last meeting not already covered on the agenda were outlined as below:

Some updated workplans have been received and can be uploaded onto the Essex Partnership Portal – a link to the Portal will be sent once live.

Loretta to send updated Terms of Reference for CWOP to Gill for distribution (below).



CWOP ToR June 09



CWOP Membership
July 09

The Safer Essex Board approved the decision for the Essex Police and LAA performance target to be changed to the national APACS indicator 14.1. An update on performance against this target will be discussed at the next Safer Essex meeting.

The GO Place Team information is attached (below).



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3. Recovery Plans

NI 117 - NEETs

Wendi gave a short overview of the current situation with regard to NEETs and asked all Thematic Partnerships to consider what they can do to raise awareness and provide more opportunities for young people in the economic downturn, including twenty five children looked after who do not currently have a positive destination. Clacton/Tendring has been highlighted as a focus area.

Gwyn commented that there is a synergy between most Thematic Partnerships and NEETs, for example NI 6 (participation in regular volunteering) and NI 197 (sites under Positive Conservation Management). John Hall could possibly provide volunteering opportunities to help deliver on NI 197.

Miriam suggested using the Future Jobs Fund to identify a career path for a specific number or group of children. Loretta advised that there may be transferable learning from the successes in helping people with mental health problems back into education or employment (LI 3.1). Pauline Stratford is the target lead for this.

Dan also commented that the Total Place project is proposing to focus on two 'wicked issues', one of which is likely to be NEETs, in discrete localities. Dan and Wendi will discuss this further. There was discussion about the importance of dealing with the 'here and now', but also the need to raise aspiration and consider potential longer term impacts, e.g., crime and disorder, and the need to treat families as a whole.

PMG members were asked to let Wendi know of any resources they are aware of that contribute to this issue in Tendring by 1 September.

Sarah added that Essex was already doing a lot to deal with this issue, including the investment in apprenticeships. Peter asked Sarah for any examples from the GO of best practice in reducing NEETs, particularly in areas with demographics similar to our 'hotspots'.

Actions:

Dan and Wendi to meet to discuss NEETs & Total Place.

Wendi to explore Future Jobs Fund possibilities, any learning from the LI 3.1 approach and other ideas discussed.

PMG members to let Wendi know of any resources they are aware of in Tendring by 1 September.

Sarah to send best practice examples on reducing NEETs to Wendi for consideration.

4. Draft 2008/09 Outturn Summary (including Place Survey)

Lead Officers were asked to give a brief summary of their indicators, highlighting any concerns and positive areas.

CWOP

Loretta confirmed the Partnership is generally on track with all targets. NI 135 (carers receiving assessment/service) and NI 120 (mortality rate per 100,000 population) were not hit, but only by a small margin. NI 135 is subject to further review but the direction of travel is positive, and there is further work ongoing with PCTs regarding NI 120. LI 3.1 (people with

mental health problems into employment/education) is a success, and Loretta will get more information on the approaches being taken and what works.

Wendi commented that there were many common areas of interest and asked whether it was possible to roughly map indicators and contributions across the Partnership.

Actions:

GB, PL and DG to consider how to map involvement in specific areas, and ways of bringing related activity and resources together.

Sustainable Essex

NI 4 (% people who feel they can influence decisions in their area) was highlighted as a concern, with the Place Survey results lower than anticipated. There is ongoing work and action to address this with links to LSPs delivering public engagement.

Gwyn confirmed that under LI 2.2 (affordable housing) the Housing Co-ordinators are now in post. Actions are also being taken under NI 186 (per capita CO2 emissions) with the introduction of thermo imaging pilots and the Smart Driving scheme, which will also help homeowners during the economic downturn. Some partners are concerned that they do not have the resource to pay for surveys to be done in respect of NI 197 (sites under positive conservation management).

Marina questioned why data is not available by district for NI 198 (proportion of children travelling to school) – Gwyn to investigate this.

Peter stressed that it was important to work to thematic agendas and availability of new information in terms of performance review; NI 197 could be revisited at the October PMG and NI 4 in January 2010.

Actions:

Gwyn to investigate why district data is unavailable for NI 198.

Essex Economic Board

Fiona confirmed they are still awaiting data for NI 163 (adults with Level 2 qualifications), NI 164 (adults with Level 3 qualifications) and NI 165 (adults with Level 4 qualifications). The figures are expected to be available in August.

NI 151 (employment rate) is on track, with the focus changed from district to Essex-wide.

It was agreed the PMG will revisit NI 163, NI 164 and NI 165 in September.

Safer Essex

Alan said that there are concerns that NI 18 (adult re-offending rates for those under probation supervision) is not moving forward, and may worsen in the economic situation. The next quarter's data will help assess the position.

NI 17 (perception of anti-social behaviour), NI 20 (assaults causing injury), LI 47 (people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents), and LI 7.2 (residents who feel safe outside after dark) are all positive and on track.

Recording practice in hospitals is being reviewed to ensure good quality data for NI 39 (hospital admissions for alcohol related harm) and issues around substance misuse by young people (NI 115) being explored given the low TellUs survey response.

CYPSP

Wendi commented that for educational attainment results generally we have low expectations of young people's aspirations in a school setting and that should expect more, including progress made between levels.

It was noted that for childhood obesity (NI 55 and NI 56) we are in the upper and best quartile respectively nationally, although the picture varies across Essex.

Improvement plans have been set up for NI 59 (initial assessments for children's social care), NI 60 (core assessments) and NI 64 (child protection plans lasting 2 years or more) with results monitored fortnightly.

It was questioned why district level data was not available for NI 112 (under 18 conception rate). There was believed to be problems with the quality of data from health and numbers considered to be too small to disaggregate. Resources are being targeted at specific hotspots, and improvements are being seen. A report back to the next meeting from the Target Lead, Jacquie Sheehan, on data availability and issues was requested.

Actions:

Wendi to organise a report from Jacquie on why NI 112 data is not available for the next meeting.

2012

Miriam confirmed that data for NI 8 and NI 11 is not available until December, but supplementary estimates and district breakdowns have been introduced for both targets. The estimates suggested improvement at county level, but there are caveats about the quality of district level data. Wendi asked whether information on where districts were stepping back/reducing services was available to assess the impact and how we might mitigate this.

Miriam to send district data to Gill for distribution (below).



NI 8 NI 11
Supplementary Info

5. Essex Management Board (29 October 2009)

Gill advised that the PMG are due to produce a report for EMB on progress across all of the Thematic Partnerships. This can draw from the information in the Annual Reports to tell a story about performance, provide any updates, ideas for interventions above and beyond what is already happening and identify where additional help is needed from the Partnership. The

draft CAA report may also be available around the same time, with 'red/green' flags for the area and district angles.

Dan confirmed that Thematic Summits will be taking place throughout September-November based on the 'wicked' issues identified through the Essex Strategy Review.

Actions:

Gill will draft an outline and headings for the report; Thematic Leads to provide bullet points on progress under agreed headings by the end of September.

6. Information Items

These items were tabled for information only, no comments were made.

7. Forward Plan update

Peter reviewed the regularity and focus of PMG meetings, which currently fall on a monthly basis. The Group has achieved a lot, the foundations were in place and discussions increasingly adding value.

Peter proposed three options:

1. The group structure and regularity of meetings to stay as it is
2. Keep meetings monthly but concentrate on two Thematic Partnerships at each meeting rather than try to fit all six into one meeting. Thematic Leads will then go through their action plans as well as targets, with all getting into the detail of the plan to deliver and how can contribute. Exception reporting and recovery plans will remain, however. Target Leads to present recovery plans as they will have more in-depth knowledge of the indicator.
3. Bi-monthly meetings covering the same as the above but with three Thematic Partnerships covered at each meeting

There was a short discussion in which the group agreed to option 2 above which will be rolled out from the next meeting and reviewed after one cycle. The value of discussion on cross-cutting themes, the ability to bring in the experts as needed and the prospect of initiating 'task and finish' groups were important considerations.

Peter also asked Thematic Leads to consider whether they are the correct person at the right management level to represent their Partnerships.

8. AOB

There was no other business raised.

Close

Annex A

LAA Performance Management Group Forward Plan

Date of meeting	Item	Responsibility
24 September 2009	Economic Board Community Wellbeing and Older People Exception reports/update on recovery plans	Fiona Loretta All
19 October 2009	Children's Trust London 2012 Olympic/Paralympic Games Exception reports/update on recovery plans	Wendi Miriam All
16 November 2009	Safer Essex Sustainable Essex Exception reports/update on recovery plans	Alan Gwyn All
15 December 2009	Economic Board Community Wellbeing and Older People Exception reports/update on recovery plans	Fiona Loretta All
18 January 2010	Children's Trust London 2012 Olympic/Paralympic Games Exception reports/update on recovery plans Tracker 8 feedback	Wendi Miriam All Duncan Wood/Kay Asuni
22 February 2010	Safer Essex Sustainable Essex Exception reports/update on recovery plans	Alan Gwyn All
22 March 2010	Economic Board Community Wellbeing and Older People Exception reports/update on recovery plans	Fiona Loretta All