

**LAA Performance Management Group**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 14:00 – 16:00**

**Attendees:**

Sue Harrison – Essex Police (Chair)  
Dominique Phelan – Essex Economic Board representative  
Loretta Sollars – Community Wellbeing and Older People (CWOP) Lead (left 3:00)  
Roger Bullen - Children's Trust representative  
Alan Dawkes – Safer Essex Lead  
Lucy Payne – Chelmsford LSP representative  
Jo Petchey – Braintree LSP representative  
Gill Butterworth - Essex Partnership Secretariat  
Louise Crew - Essex Partnership Secretariat (Minutes)

**Apologies:**

Charlotte Ball - Community Wellbeing and Older People (CWOP) representative  
Gwyn Owen - Sustainable Essex Lead  
Miriam Stead - 2012 Olympics/Paralympic Games (2012) Lead  
Fiona Bodle – Essex Economic Board Lead  
Dan Gascoyne – Essex Partnership Secretariat

**1. Welcome, introductions and apologies**

Sue Harrison welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

**2. Minutes of 16 July meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the July meeting were approved with a slight amendment to page 3.

Roger confirmed actions 5.1 and 7.1 will be covered in item 4 on the agenda.

Gill commented that action 5.4 has been overtaken by events and the group therefore agreed to delete this action.

Dominique stated that under action 7.2 the forecast for LI 8.1 has not been discussed at the board meeting and would follow up. The forecast has been changed to 'at risk' on the Scorecard.

**3. Changing partnership context**

Gill confirmed that the Essex Partnership Forum met on 14 September to look at the changes and new ideas/opportunities since the coalition government came into power. This included discussions around devolving decision making closer to the community, Place Based Budgeting, and an update on the Health & Wellbeing Boards and Kent/Essex Local Enterprise Partnership. It was agreed that a special EPF meeting will be scheduled in the New Year to move this agenda forward. The minutes and notes from the workshops are now available to download from the Essex Partnership Portal.

The Essex Management Board is due to meet again on 2 November, but due to the ever changing agenda and the imminent announcements from the Comprehensive Spending Review on 20 October, this meeting may be cancelled. Gill intimated that the CSR may mention Essex as a prototype for Place Based Budgeting as we have submitted a proposal to Central Government for consideration.

Alan queried how this group will operate once the LAA comes to an end in March 2011. Gill answered that this is still uncertain and will be discussed further under AOB of this agenda. Roger commented that like the Children's Trust, if we want to continue in this way then we should do so. There is value in the work and discussions within this Group.

#### **4. Children's Trust LAA Performance**

Roger opened his presentation by confirming that the Children's Trust as we know it has changed since the coalition government took over. Children's Trusts are no longer statutory bodies and the Children's Plan is also no longer statutory. The 'duty to cooperate' has been removed from schools. The Children's Trust is streamlining its structures and will focus on core priorities with arrangements centred around Joint Commissioning.

Roger took the group through his paper, highlights included:

NI 59 (% of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral) and NI 60 (% of core assessments for children's social care carried out within 35 working days of commencement) – Roger explained that the data in his written report focussed on the impact of month by month improvements, and demonstrated a better picture than the position shown on the Scorecard as the indicator definition includes assessments starting before April. There had been a surge in referrals towards the end of 2009/10 and concerted efforts to clear the backlog around that time. Performance for both indicators has shown a positive trajectory and if this was to continue the LAA targets could be met.

Roger noted that Essex still has a high number of referrals compared with others, and work was being done on thresholds.

Most of the educational attainment targets have shown some improvement and the picture was generally better than when Terry Reynolds gave a report to the Group in April. LAA targets have been met for NI 72 (early years achievement) and narrowly missed for NI 75 (GCSE 5+ A\*-C). Although there has been year on year improvement, performance at Key Stage 2 (NI 73) and closing the gap (NI 92, NI 93, NI 94) is below target.

NI 117 (NEETs) – numbers in Essex are consistently above the England, East of England and Statistical Neighbour averages, although there are signs of some improvement in the seasonal trend for 2010/11 in Essex.

NI 55/56 (childhood obesity) and NI 112 (teenage pregnancy) – these targets have been hit by the PRG cuts and changes to Area Based Grant. The impact of changes in health is unclear. Both areas are difficult to influence although a relatively large amount of resource is being put in.

Gill queried whether the forecasts within the Scorecard should be changed to reflect the information provided in Roger's presentation. Roger agreed to meet with Gill outside the meeting to discuss this further.

#### **5. Other Thematic Partnership updates**

##### **▪ CWOP**

Gill updated on behalf of Loretta.

NI 123 (stopping smoking) – Q4 data shows that the 2009/10 interim target has been exceeded. As expected, most people stop smoking in the New Year.

LI 2.1 (information about support to live independently) – there is an issue around the measure of success for this indicator as the question asked in the general population Tracker Survey

asks about general support rather than information, and the numbers of older people answering this question are too small to be meaningful.

- **Essex Economic Board**

NI 151 (employment) – data has been amended to bring female working age in line with that for males. Withdrawal of PRG has affected funding of activity in Tendring and other sources are being explored.

LI 8.1 (jobs saved and created) – this target was hit by the PRG cuts, but is also feeling the effects of the recession with people reluctant to invest during this time.

- **Safer Essex**

NI 20 (assaults) – this target has shown a slight downturn in performance but is now showing improvement

Safer Essex is hosting a conference on the 28 October to look at the funding implications for the Partnership.

- **Sustainable Essex**

The Partnership has stopped all PRG funded activities except LI 5.1 (access to services) which has received £100,000 of PRG as a result of agreed priorities.

A meeting will be held on 10 November to discuss the future of partnership working on sustainability issues.

NI 156 (temporary accommodation) – this target will come under increasing pressure as the recession continues to be felt and the impact of LAA funding tails off

Target lead changes – Kevin Jones has left ECC and therefore Michelle Keene will take over as target lead for NI 186 (carbon reduction) and Jayne Bulman is target lead for NI 188 (climate change).

Sustainable Essex has been shortlisted for an Edie Award for environmental excellence for the work around NI 186 (carbon reduction).

- **2012**

No issues raised.

- **LSPs**

Jo commented that Braintree LSP met frequently during July and August regarding the PRG funding cuts and is now focussing on three main priorities – business, NEETs/skills/apprenticeships and teenage pregnancy. Related projects will continue until the end of March 2011 using surplus PRG and core budgets.

The LSP has completed a project linked to NI 4 (influencing decisions) engaging with train commuters. Over 400 people completed the online survey and they spoke with 3,750 commuters face-to-face.

Braintree LSP is proposing to hold an Assembly at the end of November to look at the future of partnership working.

Lucy stated that Chelmsford LSP also met frequently during the summer regarding the PRG funding cuts. Chelmsford's projects only continued until the end of contracts, although a Community Development Project will continue until the end of March 2011. Chelmsford LSP

has expressed its commitment to continue into the future, if not as an LSP then in another form. Lucy said that there was a keen interest in knowing what future partnership working would look like on the ground.

## 6. AOB/forward plan

The Group agreed that the November meeting should be cancelled and will therefore next meet on 13 December 2010 from 2 – 4pm in AG13, County Hall.

The December meeting will focus on feedback and review – what has worked and what hasn't, including a closing report and lessons learned.

Another meeting of the group will be scheduled for late February/March 2011.

Gill confirmed as EMB on 2 November may be cancelled, there will be no need for a report from this Group. If the meeting does go ahead it will probably be focussed on Place Based Budgeting and future plans.

**Note: the EMB meeting has been cancelled.**

Close

## Outstanding Actions

Ref	Description	Responsibility
7.2	Essex Economic Board to be advised of change in forecast to 'at risk' for LI 8.1	Dominique
8.1	Gill & Roger to meet to discuss changes to Children's Trust Scorecard forecast  <i>Roger has subsequently confirmed that NI 59, 60 and 64 should be changed to show 'On track'. Educational attainment forecasts Tbc.</i>	Roger/Gill

## Forward Plan

Date of meeting	Item	Responsibility
13 December 2010 2:00 – 4:00 AG13, County Hall	LAA delivery and performance review – discussion and evaluation  Exception reports	All  All
14 March 2011 2:00 – 4:00 E1A, County Hall	Tbc	

### Essex Management Board:

None scheduled

### Essex Partnership Forum:

2 February 2011