

Executive Summary

FEBRUARY ESP BOARD MEETING

Below is a summary of the items discussed at the 26th February 2013 ESP Board and the actions that arose from it.

1. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

2. CHANGE AND CHALLENGE

Eve Stickler provided an update on the strategic and operational development of the Change and Challenge Programme. The Programme will be included on all future agendas of the Board in order to keep members informed on progress on the initiative.

The Board at its previous meeting had agreed the recommendations concerning priorities for 2012, 2013 and 2014 along with the Government model, commissioning arrangements to safeguard the future attachment payments, proposal to widen participation, regularity of updates both to the Board and the Life Opportunities Commission and the allocation of resources for identification and assessment of family need.

Eve Stickler advised that:

- The intention was for the work to fit within the stated priorities of the Partnership and to contribute to the published strategic outcomes.
- There were plans for a concise Change and Challenge Bulletin to be produced monthly to provide Partners updated information.
- In order to identify the list of target families, a host of agencies had been consulted and their data collected, shared and matched.
- Restructuring was taking place within the Council's Schools and Children's Services Department.
- The initial 6,000 identified potential individuals had been narrowed down to 334 families for year one of the Programme with a target to attach a further 280.
- A mechanism was needed to ensure that all Partners would have the opportunity to both identify families and take on the role of a lead agency.
- Bids received from Partners totalling approximately £1.2m had been received and the Change and Challenge Advisory Group recommended the following to the Enfield Targeted Youth Engagement Board:

Bid Summary	Bid Amount	Organisation
Gangs Plus, activity budget to compliment the Parent Support Advisor role agreed in December	15,000	Community Safety
Hub family support, offering intensive targeted support to challenging families	20,000	Oasis Academy Hadley
Mentoring, counselling and parent support services	12,500	Life Youth Resource Centre
Engagement of Parent Support Adviser to work with, train and support parent champions	47,537	Parenting Support Service
Youth Offending Social Workers and parenting	140,000	Youth Offending

support		Service
School based support	To be considered	Edmonton County School

The Board then made the following comments:

- Recently a couple of families had been identified who were about to be evicted but had not been engaged.
- Problems would be encountered by families from April 2012/3 under the Welfare Benefits Reform legislation. The member representing the Department for Work and Pensions offered to discuss whether more could be done for the families identified.
- Considerable work was being undertaken by the Department for Work and Pensions to provide clearer and more accurate information.

The meeting **AGREED**:

1. the Board note the updated information and continue to engage with and promote the Programme as it contributes to achieving positive outcomes against the thematic priorities of the Partnership;
2. the Board further note the 'Cost of Troubled Families Report' attached to the report which examined five themes:
 - a. family costs;
 - b. nailing down the unit costs;
 - c. projecting savings through cost benefit analysis;
 - d. making the financial case for reform of services;
 - e. securing joint investment; and
3. Mark Hayes or his substitute be nominated to the Change and Challenge Advisory Group.

3. **INFORMATION SHARING PROTOCOL**

Kate Robertson introduced her report about the review of the Information Strategy Protocol which would occur on a yearly basis.

The aims and the objectives of the Protocol were to:

- provide a framework for the fair, lawful and secure disclosure of information between partner organisations, thus ensuring that there were established, regulated and auditable working practices;
- ensure the requirements for information sharing were understood within each agency party to the Protocol; and
- increase awareness within each agency party to the Protocol of the legislative requirements and national guidance relating to the processing of personally identifiable information.

The meeting **AGREED**:

1. the report be noted; and
2. updates on the Protocol be delegated to Kate Robertson.

4. **BIG LOTTERY FUND – FULFILLING LIVES: A BETTER START**

Eve Stickler presented her report which briefed members about the opportunity to bid for substantial funding from the BIG Lottery Fulfilling Lives Programme and sought guidance and approval of which wards to select. The report provided details of the Programme and progress to-date in preparing the Expression of Interest.

The £165m initiative aimed to deliver step change in preventative approaches in pregnancy and the first three years of life to improve life chances. Key features:

- £30 - £50 million would be invested in 3 - 5 areas each with a population of approximately 30,000 - 70,000 people for up to 8 or 10 years;
- each area progressively expanded the population covered beginning in pregnancy and around the birth, so that those families with greatest need benefit (approximately 20 – 30% of families);
- each area ran a variety of programmes and initiatives that were shown to improve social and emotional development, language development, diet and nutrition of children;
- local authorities, along with their health and voluntary sector partners had been asked to express an interest in their area being long-listed for further discussion; and
- The Expression of Interest had to be supported and approved by the Director of Public Health.

She explained that final decisions would be announced by the end of March 2013 and if successful, a stage one application would need to be led by the selected Voluntary Organisation with which the Partnership would work. Decisions on stage one applications would be made in the summer of 2013 and the 10 to 15 areas that were successful would be asked to submit a stage two application and offered development grants to support and help prepare the final proposal. Following this, 3 to 5 areas would be chosen to receive the final award by March 2014.

The Board then made the following comments:

- there would be many strong bids submitted from neighbouring boroughs which had similar levels of deprivation and child poverty.
- a report on child poverty indicated that Edmonton ranked in the top twenty of Parliamentary Constituencies for child poverty across the UK.
- members be kept informed on the progress on the Expression of Interest.

The meeting **AGREED**:

1. the report be noted; and
2. the decision by the ESP Steering Group to recommend the wards of Enfield Highway, Enfield Lock and Turkey Street be selected as areas of population of approximately 30,000 – 40,000 people with evidence of deprivation be ratified.

5. PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECT

Shahed Ahmad provided an update on Childhood Obesity in Enfield.

The National Child Measurement Programme for 2011/12 indicated that the childhood obesity rate in Enfield had fallen from 14.6% to 13.2%. Furthermore, via a range of actions, activities and initiatives, Enfield was the most improved borough in London for Year 6 levels of obesity.

The Board had agreed to invest £10,000 to part-fund a childhood obesity co-ordinator post with the additional funding being provided from the Public Health Budget. The post had been extended from 4 months to a year and was being re-advertised.

The Board **AGREED** that the report be noted.

6. ENFIELD RESIDENTS' SURVEY(2012) RESULTS

Ilhan Basharan introduced his report which highlighted the key findings from the 2012 Enfield Residents' Survey between 1 October 2012 and 12 November 2012 for which a total of 1150 residents had been interviewed face-to-face.

This survey, like previous ones, sought to identify residents' perceptions and opinions with regard to Enfield Council and partner agencies services, although the majority of questions related to Enfield Council.

The Survey indicated that:

- community cohesion had continued to rise with 81% of residents agreeing that their local area was a place where people from different backgrounds got on well with each other (compared to 71% in 2011 and 64% in 2007).
- 81% of residents felt proud of the local area (compared to 75% in 2011) and 87% had a strong sense of belonging to a local area (compared to 69% in 2011).
- 22% of residents had given unpaid help in the last twelve months (compared to 33% in 2011). It was likely that the Olympics had something to do with this.
- 57% of residents said that they would be willing to get involved in the local community in some way (although this was down from 76% in 2011).
- residents felt safer when outside in their local area than they did in 2011 both during the day and after dark. 95% felt safer during the day (compared to 92% in 2011 and 67% felt safer after dark (compared to 67% in 2012).
- an increasing number of residents now acknowledged that the police and other public services were successfully dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime in their local area (compared to 54% in 2011).

Officers were delivering a programme of presentations or written briefings for departmental management teams and other forums until March 2013, highlighting specific service information for further consideration.

The Board then made the following comments:

- there was a need for an infrastructure for volunteering which volunteers could latch on to.
- the difficulty in finding placements for volunteers.
- the need to encourage and raise the profile of volunteering

The Board **AGREED** that a report concerning the volunteering issues be prepared for consideration at a future meeting.