



WITHOUT WALLS PARTNERSHIP Minutes

DATE 10 February 2014

VENUE George Hudson Board Room, West Offices, Station Rise

PRESENT Board Members:

Cllr James Alexander – Chair – Leader City of York Council
Alison Birkinshaw – Principal, York College
Susie Cawood – LYN Y Chamber of Commerce
Garry Jones – York CVS
Patrick Kelly – Chair, York@Large
Stirling Kimkeran – Chair York Economic Partnership
Fred Ring – York Racial Equality Network
Mike Slater - Chair York Environment Partnership
Cllr Chris Steward – Leader, Conservatives
Cllr Tracey Simpson-Laing - Chair Health & Wellbeing Board
Dianne Willcocks, Incoming Chair Fairness & Equalities Board

In attendance:

Julia Massey – Learning City Manager
Steve Waddington - Assistant Director Housing & Community
Safety

Secretariat:

Rhiân Davies – Policy Officer
Neil Whitehead – Policy Officer
Phil Witcherley – Head of Policy

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Keith Aspden – City of York Council
Joan Newton - DWP
Phillip Cain – Safer York
Ron Cooke – Vice-Chair
Len Cruddas - LYN Y Chamber of Commerce
Kersten England, Chief Executive, CYC
Nigel Hutchinson- Chief Fire Officer, North Yorks Fire
Chief Constable Dave Jones- North Yorks. Police
Colin Mellors, University of York & Higher York

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Len Cruddas, Nigel Hutchinson, Colin Mellors, John Bennett, Ron Cooke, Dave Jones, Cllr Keith Aspden, Kersten England and Stewart Halliday.

Cllr Ian Gillies, the previous Leader of the York Conservatives, was thanked for his contribution to the Board. Cllr Chris Steward was welcomed to his first meeting to the Board as the new Leader of York Conservatives.

John Bennett, the previous representative for DWP, was thanked for his contribution to the board.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2013 were agreed. There were no matters arising.

3 PARTNERSHIP AND CITY PLAN UPDATE AND FORWARD PLAN

All partnerships delivered a short presentation on each Board's recent achievements, potential risks to the Board in 2014, and opportunities for collaborative working across the Without Walls Board.

York Economic Partnership

Stirling Kimkeran delivered this presentation in which he stated that we have improved our overall city ranking in terms of international competitiveness and ranking.

The partnership board held a workshop in 2013 and also ran task and finish groups to determine their priorities which are:

- Productivity
- Inward investment
- City centre
- Infrastructure

Stirling noted that Board members are very busy, and preparations for MIPIM, a leading international real estate conference, are underway. York is unique and we need to capitalise on this with a strategy that reflects our advantages. . There are no shortages of businesses wanting to establish themselves in York, however there is a shortage of commercial property space for them to do this.

Comments following the presentation included:

- There was a concern raised regarding how the list of potential inward investment sectors matched the Board's priorities. Stirling confirmed that sector needs have been matched, for example, Hiscox.
- That in-work poverty is largely unacknowledged, and that the quality of jobs mattered as much as the quantity.
- That York needs to free-up the lower-skilled jobs that graduates are currently employed in, and that this was a good challenge to have.

York Environment Partnership

Mike Slater delivered this presentation in which he commented on the lack of cohesiveness and silo working with regard to the environmental agenda in the city. He commented that a stronger narrative is needed across the city.

'One Planet Living' 10 Key Principles were introduced, which places such as Middlesbrough and Bristol have adopted.

The main risk outlined to the Board was the loss of key delivery partners such as DEFRA, and the limited capacity of the remaining members. Opportunities for development included; refreshing and embedding the 'One Planet idea, and further working with green businesses.

Comments following the presentation included:

- Environmental work in York is disparate and divisive for no one reason.
- That the 'One Planet Living' points covered everything; it might be easier to focus on one per year.

Health and Wellbeing Board

Cllr Tracey Simpson-Laing delivered this presentation and commented on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) which has gone beyond health and addressed wellbeing e.g. the wellbeing of ethnic groups.

The achievements of the Board were listed as; the place of safety, the membership of the Mental Health Trust on the Health and Wellbeing Board, and the Better Care Fund. The main risk to the Board was listed as the Care Bill making its way through Parliament, which has not explicitly explained the role of local authorities as of yet.

The opportunity for collaboration was noted as working together to remove the barriers between children's' and adults services.

Comments following the presentation included:

- That there has been an increase in the number of mental health issues in younger people and resilience needs to be created around this.
- That mapping should be undertaken to determine where Boards and their work overlap and link and can therefore work together in the future.

Fairness and Equalities Board

Dianne Willcocks delivered this presentation and commented that the board's vision was overall linked to community relations and that their vision was tied into all other Without Walls boards; equity, diversity, and a better working life. Dianne commented that there is also a need to anticipate change.

In 2014, the Board seeks to focus on good growth (but beyond GVA), better quality jobs, and how to be a welcoming city. The board also wants to move away from a city-centric model and work in the communities of the city.

The risks to the Board were listed as; the ability to keep focused, and how to negotiate territory of work already in place in the city.

Dianne stated that the Board needs to work with all of the other boards in order to deliver on their priorities.

Patrick Kelly delivered this presentation and commented that though the UNESCO bid was unsuccessful, that the Board may be able to re-apply under different strands made in the original bid.

The new agency, chaired by Jane Lady Gibson, moves away from the idea that culture is a service, and embeds culture in economic development. Newcastle has already incorporated culture into development.

The risks to the Board were highlighted as; a lack of clarity in how we work with Hull, and that Leeds are gearing up to push the culture agenda in anticipation of the European City of Culture bids.

Learning City York

Alison Birkinshaw delivered this presentation and commented that the Board has had a refresh and that there is a new Skills Strategy. However, the Board does not have a representative from schools.

Safer York Partnership

Steve Waddington delivered this presentation and commented that there has been a 40% reduction in crime in York over 7 years. There has, however, been a rise in the reporting of domestic violence, and 30% of these have repeat reportings. There has also been a shift in what is being shoplifted e.g. children's shoes, milk etc.

The risk to the Board was noted as the change in funding for Community Safety Partnerships. Steve also noted the potential for collaboration between Safer York Partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Board, with regard to the poverty agenda.

Action Point: Phil Witcherley to facilitate 121s with the Chairs of all boards to map areas of crossover between boards.

All Chairs were reminded of the importance of sending all relevant papers to the WOW secretariat in advance of their meetings.

5 CITY TRACKER: MOVING FORWARD

The City Tracker was circulated for information before the meeting.

6 POLICY UPDATE

Partners had received for information a briefing that reviewed recent national policy.

4 AOB

Fred Ring from YREN noted that they had gained funding from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation for an Intergenerational Community Engagement Project.

Date of next meetings – all to take place 4-6pm at West Offices.

- 26 March
- 25 June