



Minutes of the Torbay Strategic Partnership

held on 27 January 2011

Present:

Members of the Partnership:

Nick Bye	Mayor of Torbay - Chairman
Rose Sanders	Stronger & Healthier Communities Strategic Commissioning Partnership and Third Sector Lead, Voluntary and Community Services
Superintendent Richard Baker	Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
Councillor Aiton	Equalities Lead
Councillor Baldrey	Torbay Council
Carol Tozer	Learning & Skills for the Future - Children's Trust Strategic Commissioning Board
Dr Liz Thomas	Torbay Care Trust
Robin Causley	Older Persons Board
Simon Wilson	Torbay Development Agency Board - Vice-Chairman
Dave Hodgetts	Community Partnerships
Ray Harris	Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Services
Stephen Criddle	Further Education

Also present:

Elizabeth Raikes, Caroline Taylor, Bernard Page, Councillor Oliver, Charlotte McIvoy, Chris Forster and Teresa Buckley (Torbay Council), Alan Tudor (Herald Express), Ian Ansell (Probation Service), Si Langridge and John Goldsworthy (SPOT) and Marilyn Martin (Hele's Angels).

351. Apologies and Changes to Membership

351.1 Apologies for absence were received from Board Members: Councillor Darling (Torbay Council – who was represented at the meeting by Councillor Baldrey), Chief Superintendent Swani (Devon and Cornwall Constabulary – who was represented at the meeting by Superintendent Richard Baker), Anthony Farnsworth (Torbay Care Trust – who was represented at the meeting by Dr Liz Thomas) and Observers: Jackie Stockman (Brixham Town Council), Sue Cheriton and Clare Tanner (Torbay Council).

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351.2 It was noted that Dave Hodgetts had replaced Bob Brewis as the Community Partnership representative on the Partnership. Members of the Partnership thanked Bob for all his hard work over the past four years. The Mayor advised the Partnership that he had already written to Bob thanking him for his work on the Partnership.

352. Minutes

352.1 Subject to amending Minute 346.1 to read "...David Cameron from the House of Commons on 15 September...", the Minutes of the meeting of the Partnership held on 11 November 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

353. Matters Arising from the Minutes

353.1 Arising from Minute 344 Carol Tozer advised that performance had dramatically improved during December and 74% of initial assessments were being carried out on time and over 60% of core assessments were being completed on time.

354. Case Study Hele Angels Shop Single Parent Mother

354.1 Members noted a case study in relation to a single parent mother who had been helped through the Hele Angels shop (as set out in Report TSP/1/11). The Partnership received a presentation from Marilyn Martin and Chris Forster which provided key statistics in relation to Hele and an update in respect of the Hele's Angels project. The Board also visited the Hele's Angels shop to get first hand experience of the work being carried out. A copy of the second edition of H.A.L.O. Hele's Angels newsletter was circulated at the meeting.

354.2 The two key principles of the project are (i) to tackle inequalities in Hele through better joined up working between agencies and the community – adopting a neighbourhood management model and (ii) invest in community engagement in Hele to build capacity, community development and social inclusion. This was being done through the Hele's Angels One-Stop-Shop which aims to improve access to services for Hele's residents (signposting, advice and information), Hele Community Board/Neighbourhood Manager and community development and engagement.

354.3 The big challenges ahead were identified as:

- reaching the community;
- empowering and supporting the community;
- building relationships with the community;
- getting the community involved and engaged; and
- getting funding into the area to support the community.

355. Closing the Gap Project Update

355.1 The Partnership received Report TSP/2/11 which provided an update on the Closing the Gap Project which aimed to improve the quality of life and health outcomes for people in our most deprived communities. Following their Peer Review, the Government Office for the South West found a strong commitment across all agencies at all levels to 'close the gap' but recognised that we need to simplify our strategies to make best use of our limited resources. The report set out a number of proposed actions to take the project forward (paragraph 1.3).

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Agreed:

the Torbay Strategic Partnership endorsed the process of strategy review, simplification of action plans, recognition of new and existing work-streams and reviewed Project Board as outlined in Section 1.3 to Report TSP/2/11.

356. Strategic Partnership Commissioning Review (including the Establishment of the Health and Wellbeing Board).

356.1 Members considered Report TSP/3/11 on the outcome of the review of Strategic Partnership Commissioning. The report included two possible structures for the Torbay Strategic Partnership which took into account the need to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board. Members recognised the need to develop the proposals further and supported a workshop session to explore the future structure of the Partnership. Members acknowledged the importance of ensuring that clear vision and priorities were determined for the Partnership and appropriate accountability for delivery against those priorities. Positive engagement was also identified as a key part in the development of the revised arrangements.

Agreed:

- (i) Members supported Torbay becoming an early adopter of the Health and Wellbeing Board; and
- (ii) a workshop session to be held to consider the details of the structure of the Torbay Strategic Partnership, including the Health and Wellbeing Board and any sub-groups and their responsibilities taking account of emerging local and national policies.

357. TSP Pooled Budget Arrangements

357.1 Members received Report TSP/4/11 which set out details of the extent of the Government cuts to agencies operating in Torbay and the impact on joint working and pooled budgets. It was noted that the overall impact of cuts on public sector spend in Torbay for the next four years was considerable. Although some areas of spend were protected in part, particularly, NHS spending and funding for schools. It was estimated that cuts for Torbay by 2013/14 would be in the region of £97m equating to £745 per head.

357.2 It was noted that representatives from Torbay had met with the Chief Constable and officers from other local authorities to discuss the implications of the cuts to the Police budgets.

Agreed:

- (i) the Task Group to continue to work together to co-ordinate our approach to government policy changes and cuts with regular reports to TSP;
- (ii) a letter from the TSP to the Chief Constable be sent highlighting issues of importance to Torbay; and

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- (iii) an update on the impact of Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) reductions and the Connexions service on NEETS (not in Education, Employment or Training) to be presented to a future meeting of the TSP.

358. Devon Prevent Strategic Delivery Group (DPSDG) – Proposal to Become Devon CONTEST Board Ten Day Rule

- 358.1 Members noted Report TDR/TSP/10/11 on the proposal for the Devon Prevent Strategic Delivery Group to become the Devon CONTEST Board which was considered and agreed under the ten day rule.

359. Update from Strategic Commissioning Partnerships

- 359.1 Members noted Report TSP/5/11 which provided an update on the work of the four Strategic Commissioning Partnerships.

Agreed:

the Minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Partnership set out in Appendix 1 to Report TSP/5/11 were noted, in line with agreed governance arrangements.

360. Urgent Item - Torbay View

- 360.1 Members discussed the merit of the Torbay View as a good tool for public engagement within Torbay with 63,000 homes receiving a copy three times a year. It was suggested that it could be utilised as a partnership tool for engagement with partners sharing the cost of production and local businesses helping to share the cost. It was noted that there were some successful community newsletters produced through the community partnerships and a pilot was being trialled to see if a publication could support community based messages with a key core message from the Council.
- 360.2 Members noted the intention to cease production of the Torbay View after February 2011, which was highlighted in the Council's provisional budget for 2011/2012. Partners were encouraged to lobby Councillors regarding protecting the budget within the Communications Team in order to consider other ways of delivering the Torbay View after February 2011.

Agreed:

subject to the outcome of the Council's budget for 2011/2012, the Partnership Team to explore ways of working together to deliver a partnership newsletter/magazine.

361. Future Meeting Dates

- 361.1 The following future meeting dates were noted and approved by the Partnership:

Dates agreed by the Partnership on 21 January 2010:

17 March 2011

26 May 2011

21 July 2011

15 September 2011

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10 November 2011

Proposed future dates:

26 January 2012

15 March 2012

Chairman
