

BASP Board Meeting

3 March 2016



Attending

Melbourne Barrett
Luke Bingham
Chas Bradfield
Anthony Bravo
Simon Bryant
Cllr Keith Chapman
James Clay
Sarah Crewe-Read
Lisa Edwards
Diane Hayward
Karina Hutfield-Christiansen
Julian Jones
Gilda McIntosh
Nadine McKenzie
Julie McLatch
Stephen Morgan
Paul Pressley
Brian Rudman
Cllr Clive Sanders

Representing

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Housing Partnership
Children, Young People and Families Group
BASP Chair
Health and Wellbeing Partnership / Mental Health Sub Group
Hampshire County Council
Local Business Partnership
Department for Work and Pensions
BASP Coordinator
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Social Inclusion Partnership
Basingstoke District Association of Parish and Town Councils
Voluntary Sector Forum
Welfare Reform Steering Group
Hampshire Chamber
Basingstoke Voluntary Action
Hampshire Constabulary
Hampshire Fire and Rescue
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

Apologies

Simon Dodds
Kate Fryatt
Julie Maskery
Stella McKnight
Marion Short

Basingstoke District Commander, Hampshire Constabulary
Hampshire County Council
Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
University of Winchester
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. BASP Board Terms of Reference

The following additions/amendments were suggested:

- Add Town Centre Forum, Basingstoke Improvement District, Green Forum and Social Inclusion Partnership to list of represented organisations
- Group organisations into voluntary. Public and private sector
- Add names of current representatives

Action 1: Lisa to amend and re-circulate in advance of next meeting.

3. Follow up from December workshops

Health and Wellbeing Partnership & Mental Health Sub-Group

The Mental Health Sub group is carrying out a mapping exercise to enable partners to understand what services are available and to facilitate further partnership working. The information gathered so far was used to inform councillors at Committee on 2 March. The sub group will review the information at their next meeting in May and look at how this can be used for signposting and improving awareness of what's available, and enabling local need conversations.

Information available at: <http://basp.basingstoke.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing-partnership>

Children, Young People and Families Group

The partners had a deeper presentation of the data at their last meeting and held further discussions. Practitioners were not surprised by what the data indicated and looking at ways to address the issue of young people's mental illness is a key priority for the action group.

Housing Partnership

The data was discussed at the partnership meeting and again practitioners' experiences on the ground supported the data. A key priority for the partners is the implementation of Universal Credit and increasing referrals to employability specialists so residents are supported to find employment. They felt that stronger links with health services would help them to signpost their residents to the right service more effectively.

Safer North Hampshire

Multi-agency Vulnerability Operational Groups have been established to aid joined up working and information sharing across agencies. Information from partners can be used to add flags to records so that the right help can be sent in response to emergency calls straight away. Recent work analysing calls to the police has shown that 50% of calls from the most frequent callers are linked to mental health issues.

Employment and Skills Zone

The Promoting Employment sub group reviewed their priorities in December 2015 and agreed to develop more targeted careers events focussing on those further from the labour market. Those with mental illness were highlighted as a priority and the indices of deprivation data confirmed this as a local need. Partners within the Skills Zone are looking to improve links between employability support services and mental health practitioners. Employment related confidence courses were delivered via the Wellbeing Centre in 2015 and partners are keen to expand this type of cross partnership collaboration.

The School Engagement Sub Group has 2 main priorities: improving the employability skills of young people leaving education and increasing the availability and take up of apprenticeships. The partnership is currently leading on the delivery of the Shaping Characters EU project funded under Erasmus + which is looking at developing character education and resilience building within formal education and informal youth settings.

Welfare Reform Steering Group

Information presented at the December BASP workshops mirrored partners experiences. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are working with the YOU Trust to fund a project to support digital inclusion services at home for the most vulnerable to help them access support. Welfare Reform is represented at the PAGs to ensure consistent information is provided. Nadine is currently looking into a tool that maps the impact of Welfare Reform; this could be used alongside IMD data to deliver more targeted services in the areas where they are most needed.

Voluntary Sector Forum

The forum session in January focused on the IMD data and had 30-40 local voluntary/community sector organisations attending.

4. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council key projects update

Melbourne Barrett provided updates on some of the councils current key projects:

Local Plan – The Council are expecting the Inspectors report at the end of March. The plan will go through cabinet at the end of May and if adopted will be in place to

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2029. Full details available via this link:

http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/localplanexamination#elem_34155

Manydown – There have been a number of public consultation events held so far, concentrating on Phase 1 of the development (approx. 3400 homes). The procurement process to appoint an investment partner (expected to bring £200-£500 million investment to the project) is due to commence June/July 2016.

Leisure Park – New River Retail have submitted a proposal to double the size of the current leisure park plot. This includes a designer retail outlet centre to generate value to fund leisure facilities. There is considerable due diligence required to consider issues such as transport and the impact on the town centre. Members will consider the proposals at cabinet in the Spring. Details of the proposal can be viewed here: <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/leisureparkproposal>

Basing View - A deal is currently being put together for Grade A speculative office space to be built on the site. In November 2015 Enterprise Zone status was secured for the site alongside 2 other locations via Enterprise M3. Businesses which move to the site by March 2022 will not have to pay business rates for 5 years. Business rates generated in the Enterprise Zone will be retained in the Enterprise M3 area and reinvested to support future economic growth.

Basingstoke Improvement District (BID) – Town Centre businesses voted 'Yes' to the creation of a Business Improvement District. The council helped in the run up to the vote and will now step back and hand over to the steering group. The committee are currently deciding on their priorities and establishing a board.

Councillor Clive Sanders also raised 3 current strategic priorities for the council:

- 1. Education** – Members feel there is a compartmentalisation of education as schools, further education and higher education are all accountable to different organisations leaving no oversight across the whole educational process. The council is looking at how these areas can be brought together.
- 2. Health** – The council is concerned over further delays on the decision by the NHS as to whether the Critical Care Unit will be built. Basingstoke and Deane Council had publically supported the unit and said they would invest.

- 3. Combined Authority** – Discussions regarding proposals for a combined authority for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight continue. Information will be provided via the council's website as this evolves:

<http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/devolution>

BASP members expressed their hope that there would be opportunities for local residents to benefit at all stages of the new developments via apprenticeships and other skills development initiatives.

5. Hampshire County Council update

- a. **Hampshire Libraries** – Research and consultation has been carried out to review the library service and see how a comprehensive and efficient service can be provided within budget restraints, one outcome is the cessation of the mobile library service from July 2016. (The home delivery service will still be available to vulnerable residents.) Further information about Hampshire Libraries Transformation Strategy is available at:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library/library-about/library-strategy>

- b. **Children's Centres** – a review and consultation process is also under way with regards Hampshire Children's Centres. The proposals under consultation would mean a significant reduction in the number of static children's centres and the resources re-focussed to support those families with high levels of need. Information on the proposals available at:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services-consultation>

Councillor Chapman informed the board that he would no longer be the Hampshire County Council representative on the BASP Board. Board members thanked him for his involvement and contribution and wished him well. A new representative will be confirmed before the next board meeting.

6. Fire Station re-build

The demolition of the old building has commenced and crews have been moved into the interim premises. The new facility is expected to be completed by May 2017 and will be on the same site as the old building. The number of specialist vehicles based at Basingstoke is set to increase to 10, making it the services largest station in terms of vehicles at a single site. An outline budget of £6 million has been approved for the build.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue have collected data on where older people live in the borough to be able to target their Safe and Well service to those most in need. They are increasing the size of their volunteer teams. They have also been commissioned by the North Hants Clinical Commissioning Group to provide falls prevention services to build resilience and reduce hospital admissions.

7. BASP events 2016

Suggestions for possible BASP events:

- Manydown
- Community resilience, empowerment and self help
- NHS – building partners understanding of the different services and how to engage with health services

8. Partner Updates / AOB

Police

- A new police investigation Centre is due to open in Jays Close, Viables during Spring 2017
- Hampshire constabulary will be recruiting 198 new PCSO's across the county
- Basingstoke police are working with BCoT to support their Public Services Course

Commercial Property

James Clay reported that stocks of available industrial units are drying up and there is likely to be a shortage in relation to demand soon.

Social Inclusion Partnership

A homelessness health needs audit is nearing completion and will be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Partnership and the Clinical Commissioning Group.

Basingstoke Voluntary Action

BVA have put in a bid for lottery funding to provide young carers services across Hampshire. They should hear shortly if they have been successful.

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Sovereign Housing

Sovereign are currently running a joint project with Experian. Sovereign share their tenants payment history so Experian can provide them with a credit score. This should enable them to access lower cost credit and avoid them turning to high cost credit options.

DWP

The Universal Credit rollout is due to commence in Basingstoke on 28 March for single, new claimants. A partnership agreement has been completed and DWP are training BDBC frontline staff next week.

BDBC

- Housing and Homelessness Strategy consultation runs until 24 March 2016 information and online consultation available here:
<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/housingstrategy>
- The budget for 2016/17 was approved on 25 February and contained an increase in Council tax levels. The average increase for a band D property will be £1.98 for the year. Increased spending on housing and homelessness and the arts was also agreed within the budget.

BCoT

The Departments for Education and Business, Innovation and Skills are undertaking a programme of area-based reviews of 16+ education provision across the country. The review for this area has been brought forward and includes a review of BCoT, Farnborough Technical College, Sparsholt, QMC and Peter Simmonds. The colleges are looking at whether there are opportunities for merging or sharing of services.

Dates for 2016

9 June, 15 September, 8 December

Post meeting note: June date moved to 30th, further information to follow.