

BASP Board Meeting 15 September 2016



Attending	Representing
Adrian Aguilera	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Melbourne Barrett	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Luke Bingham	Housing Partnership
Anthony Bravo	BASP Chair
Richard Dorney-Savage	Basingstoke Consortium
Lisa Edwards	BASP Coordinator
Rebecca Emmett	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Karina Hutfield-Christiansen	Social Inclusion Partnership
Julian Jones	Basingstoke District Association of Parish and Town Councils
Gilda McIntosh	Voluntary Sector Forum
Stephen Morgan	Basingstoke Voluntary Action
Matthew Reeves	Basingstoke District Commander, Hampshire Constabulary
Cllr Terri Reid	Social Inclusion Partnership
Chris Rose	Natural Basingstoke
Cllr Clive Sanders	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Marion Short	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Karen Wild	Basingstoke Together

Apologies	
Chas Bradfield	Children, Young People and Families Group
Simon Bryant	Health and Wellbeing Partnership
James Clay	Local Business Partnership
Diane Hayward	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Julie Maskery	Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Philippa Melish	Hampshire County Council
Nadine McKenzie	Welfare Reform Steering Group
Stella McKnight	University of Winchester
Brian Rudman	Hampshire Fire and Rescue
Jackie Sutherland	Department for Work and Pensions

1. Welcome and Introductions

Anthony Bravo welcomed two new members to the Board; Karen Wild representing Basingstoke Together and Chief Inspector Matthew Reeves who is the new Basingstoke District Commander for Hampshire Constabulary.

2. BASP Board Terms of Reference sign off

The Terms of Reference were approved and will be added to the BASP website.

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3. Homelessness is everyone's business

Councillor Terri Reid presented the recent work of the Social Inclusion Partnership. She outlined the background to the partnership and talked through the suggested workstreams the partners have developed for tackling rough sleeping.

Councillor Reid's presentation to be circulated with these minutes

The board endorsed the draft strategy, agreeing to raise within Priority Action Groups and promote within their own organisations.

The Board also agreed that BASP should hold a stakeholder event in December to gain wider agreement over the suggested workstreams and to develop an action plan. The event will be organised by the Social Inclusion Partnership with support from the BASP coordinator.

Post meeting note: This event will take place on 30 November.

4. Natural Basingstoke

Chris Rose, Chair of the Old Down and Beggarwood Wildlife Group and committee member of Natural Basingstoke, spoke to the Board about the work of Natural Basingstoke and asked how a strategic approach to environmental issues could be included within the BASP structure.

Natural Basingstoke presentation to be circulated with these minutes

It was suggested that Matthew Evans, Head of Planning and Infrastructure at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council be asked to present at a future BASP meeting to address the issues raised regarding the Strategic Surface Water Management Plan.

5. Partnership Updates

Basingstoke Together - Karen Wild, Basingstoke Together Chief Executive
Basingstoke Together is the name for the Business Improvement District (BID) set up in Basingstoke at the end of 2015. There are now 200 BIDs across the country. Businesses within the Town Centre pay a levy, based on their rateable value and the BID steering group deliver against a business voted action plan.

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Since securing the Yes vote, the group have been building relationships with businesses and completing a database of local contacts of the 503 businesses within the area. They have recruited experienced staff, including a Town Host whose role is to liaise with businesses, deal with problems, give information, help the public, support events and be the visible face of the BID.

They are in the process of installing town wide Wi-Fi and Geo Sense access points to provide footfall analytics. Levy paying businesses will be able to use the Wi-Fi for marketing campaigns and it can be used for local campaigns.

Having a BID infrastructure means that they can bid for additional money and the group aims to bring in 20-30% above the levy funds this way.

<http://www.basingstoketogether.co.uk/>

Climate change Forum – Anthony Bravo

The first meeting of the Climate Change Forum is taking place on 12 October. Martin Heath, from Basingstoke Energy Services Co-operative and Councillor Hayley Eachus are organising this initial meeting to set out a terms of reference. If BASP Board members would like to attend please contact martin.heath@bes.coop

Health and Wellbeing Partnership – Marion Short, BDBC

The partnership has now finalized their new Shared Plan, which has been circulated to BASP Board members. The plan sets out the focus and priorities for the partnership and contains the new branding of 'Be well and informed'.

The plan is available on the BASP website: <http://basp.basingstoke.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing-partnership>

The need to be well informed is at the heart of the plans aims. Services and activities need to be promoted and to encourage us all to seek out information to help us to be well.

The partnership would like BASP PAGs to discuss at meetings and consider how their activity can contribute to the priorities outlined in the plan.

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Housing Partnership – Luke Bingham, Sovereign Housing

The partnership has been focussing primarily on Welfare Reform and how changes in legislation will affect local residents and providers:

- Identifying who will be affected by the benefit cap
- Carrying out direct payment trials in preparation for Universal Credit
- Looking at what impact the extension of the shared accommodation rate to social housing tenants will have locally. (Under 35, general needs tenants only entitled to housing benefit rate at cost of room in shared house rather than for 1 bed flat.)
- Looking at pilot schemes under Voluntary Right to Buy
- Looking at implication for RSLs of 'Pay to Stay' – higher earning social housing tenants paying higher rents to stay in their homes

The Housing Partnership has also discussed the rough sleeping strategy developed by the Social Inclusion Partnership, looking at housing and support and sustainability of services.

6. Devolution update

Melbourne Barrett provided the board with the background and the current position regarding devolution plans.

Devolution raises the prospect of Basingstoke and Deane benefitting from a multi-million pound deal for infrastructure funding over the next 30 years and powers transferred from Whitehall to a more local level, enhancing local choice and a local voice in decision making so that decisions can better reflect local needs and priorities.

Discussions on a pan Hampshire and Isle of Wight (HIOW) combined authority began in spring 2015. A statement of intent was issued to the Government shortly after, signed by the 15 local authorities [Hampshire County Council, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, East Hampshire District Council, Eastleigh Borough Council, Fareham Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council, Hart District Council, Havant Borough Council, New Forest District Council, Rushmoor Borough Council, Test Valley Borough Council, Winchester City Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council, Isle of Wight Council], two national parks and two Local

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Enterprise Partnerships and a formal prospectus on behalf of HIOW authorities was submitted to government in September 2015.

In January 2016 the Government made it clear that a pre-condition of a significant devolution deal was that there would be a directly elected Mayor for the whole HIOW area. In February 2016, with the HIOW devolution partnership unable to reach agreement on whether any deal should accept the request for a directly elected mayor, the opportunity for HIOW-wide devolution broke down.

Keen to utilise momentum, alternative proposals were submitted to the Government by Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight (which were also endorsed by Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Eastleigh and East Hampshire) for a 'Solent Mayoral Combined Authority'. The deal would give the region £900 million over the next 30 years to improve infrastructure, transport and housing, and provide training and skills and support for business.

The prospect of a Solent Combined Authority securing additional investment and powers compelled councils in central and north Hampshire, the 'Heart of Hampshire', to outline their plans for a potential deal with the Government so as to not miss out.

Hampshire County Council (HCC) has not yet chosen to endorse either deal; instead, HCC published a report in June 2016 into the financial benefits of unitary local government across HIOW and is currently asking for the views of the public on alternative local government structures, with particular reference to the financial case for a new unitary council for the area currently administered by Hampshire County Council and combined authority configurations.

Noting the work undertaken by HCC, Basingstoke and Deane has commissioned Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC), on behalf of all fourteen district and unitary authorities in Hampshire, to identify the issues and options for unitary local government as well as comparing them with a combined authority. This is a 'bottom up' approach looking at service delivery. Based on the principle that the best services are those delivered in the most effective and cost-efficient way by an organisation as close as possible to the people that use them. The outcome of this review will be published later this autumn.

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More information is available at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/devolution

7. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council major projects update

Manydown

Consultation is now taking place on the proposed masterplan before an outline planning application is submitted. This stage of the consultation process started on 1 September and runs to 13 October. Public exhibitions have been held in the Town Centre, Oakley, Buckskin and Winklebury.

Alongside this, a commercial procurement process is underway to secure a development partner who can bring the necessary finances and resources as well as expertise in place making.

Leisure Park

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Members resolved to move forward with the plans put forward by New River Retail for 500,000 sq. ft. of new leisure facilities and 300,000 sq. ft. of designer outlet space. The next stage is to conclude the developer agreement and progress to planning application, hopefully by the end of 2016.

Basing View

Enabling work has commenced for a new 60,000 sq. ft. Grade A office block to be built in Basing View. This new office space, together with the parks Enterprise Zone status should attract new businesses to the area.

Current occupiers have said they would welcome a quality hotel being established on the site and a partner is being sought to provide this.

Date of next Board meeting: 2 March 2017, 2-4pm, Basingstoke Civic Offices