

Agenda

Luton Forum

DATE: Thursday 4th December
TIME: 2.00pm
PLACE: AW House, 6-8 Stuart Street, Luton

Minute Taker:
Deb Garner

Quorum: Thirteen Members

Item	Subject:	Page No	Time
1	Apologies for absence	Verbal	2.00
2	Minutes of the meeting held 2nd October 2008	Pages 2-	2.05
3	Disclosures of Interests <i>Members are reminded that they must disclose both the existence and the nature of any personal interest that they may have in any matter to be considered at this meeting. A member with a personal interest in any matter to be considered at this meeting will also have a prejudicial interest in the matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the individual's judgement of the public interest. A member who has a prejudicial interest must withdraw from the meeting room while the matter is being discussed.</i>	Verbal	
4	Decisions from the Local Public Service Board	Pages	2.10
5	Two minute reports from Thematic Partnerships and other groups	Verbal	2.15
6	Luton –Three Key Messages	Verbal	2.25
7	Local Area Agreements	Verbal	3.25
6	Any Other Urgent Business with the Prior Agreement of the Chair		3.55

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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LUTON FORUM SPECIAL MEETING

**Thursday 2nd October 2008
2.00 pm at AW House, Stuart Street, Luton**

PRESENT:

MEMBERS

Andy Calvert (Assembly) - (Deputy Chair in the Chair)
Helen Barnett (Active Luton)
Jo Baty (Learning Skills Council)
Everton Blake (Voluntary Action Luton)
Jacqui Blake (Job Centre Plus)
Colin Chick (Economy & Environment Board)
G. Clarke
Richard Collyer (The Chamber)
Kevin Crompton – (Chief Executive, Luton Borough Council)
Roy Davis – (Democratically Elected Member)
Adam Divney – (London Luton Airport)
Linda Farrell (Assembly)
Teresa Frith (Barnfield College)
K Govier (Bedfordshire Police Service)
Anwar Haque (Assembly)
Robin Harris – (Democratically Elected Member)
Peter Jefferys (Assembly)
David Oakley-Hill (Assembly)
Lyle Osborne (Marsh Farm Community Development Trust)
Gillian Sharp (Community Legal Services Partnership)
Jenny Spouge (Assembly)
Kelly Standbrook (Environment Agency)
Neville White MBE (Assembly)

SUBSTITUTES FOR MEMBERS

Jacqui Blake substitute for Tracey Costello (Job Centre Plus)
Adam Divney substitute for Simon Earles (London Luton Airport)
Peter Jefferys substitute for Jocelyn Bullock (Assembly)
Jenny Spouge substitute for Wendy Gray (Assembly)

OBSERVERS

Ian Jacobs – Government Officer – Eastern Region

SUPPORT OFFICERS/ADVISORS

Geoff Bocutt – Director of Scrutiny, Luton Borough Council
Chris Pagdin – Head of Planning, Luton Borough Council
Alice Abida – Luton Borough Council
Deborah Garner - Luton Borough Council
Lorna Brown – Assembly Co-ordinator

19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (REF: 1)

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Aldwyck Housing Association, David Barrett (Dean of Partnerships), Jocelyn Bullock (Assembly), Tracey Costello (Job Centre Plus), Simon Earles (London Luton Airport), Andy Frost (Bedfordshire Police Service), Penny Furness-Smith (Health & Well-Being Board), Wendy Gray (Assembly), Debbie Jones (children & Young People's Board), Brian McFarland (The Mall), Hazel Simmons (Chair) (Democratically Elected Member) and Jerry Taylor (Luton Primary Care Trust).

20 MINUTES OF THE AGM AND SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 5TH JUNE 2008 (REF: 2)

Resolved: (i) That the minutes of the Luton Forum AGM held on 5th June 2008 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

(ii) That subject to Jacqui Blake being recorded as representing Job Centre Plus the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Luton Forum held on 5th June 2008 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

21 GROWTH AGENDA (REF: 4)

The Head of Planning, Luton Borough Council gave a presentation to the Forum on the growth agenda entitled 'Luton and South Beds LDF The Story So Far' (copy attached to these minutes at Appendix 1/08) which gave a brief overview of the Local Development Framework process and the status of the Core Strategy.

Members raised the following issues:

- Capacity of schools in Luton
- Shared resources
- Planning being a joint process with Bedfordshire local authorities
- Century Park regarding employment
- Consultation would give people the opportunity to say what they wanted

- North-East bypass, new J11A joining Dunstable bypass – to address infrastructure deficit
- Need to make Government aware of the population growth
- Mix of housing – minimum of 35% social housing to address Luton and South Bedfordshire's housing waiting lists
- Phasing of development – Colin Chick advised that he would update the program for circulation to Members

Members were advised that they could forward any questions they may have to Chris Pagdin or Colin Chick at Luton Borough Council. Consultation was expected in early 2009 prior to public scrutiny.

Resolved: That the presentation (Ref: 4) be noted.

22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (REF: 5)

The Chair commented that he had expected the theme group updates to be on the agenda and requested that these be included on future agendas. He further recommended that the Forum consider drafting a work programme.

The Forum were advised of funding received for Luton Advice Network (partnership advice services in Luton) and money to develop infrastructure.

The following items were agreed to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting:

- Skills
- Luton Excellence – What is It?

Resolved: (i) That Theme Group Updates be included as an item on future agendas.

(ii) That the above items identified by the Forum be placed on the agenda for their next meeting.

(Note: the meeting ended at 3.50 pm)

LUTON FORUM

AGENDA
ITEM:

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DATE OF MEETING: 4th December 2008

REPORT BY: LSP Officer

SUBJECT: Decisions from the Local Public Service Board

PURPOSE:

1. The purpose of the report is to inform the Luton Forum of decisions of the Local Public Service Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

2. The Luton Forum is recommended to note the report.

REPORT:

3. Since the October Forum meeting, the Local Public Service Board has held one meeting, on 16th October 2008.

Local Public Service Board Meeting 16th October 2008

4. Linda Farrell reported that the MY Place bid was delivered through excellent partnership working.

5. Reward Target

The Voluntary and Community Sector had achieved £430k of their LAA Reward Target.

6. Consultation on the Comprehensive Area Assessment

Barry Brown reported that the consultation document itself was mainly aimed at Local Authorities and Fire & Rescue Authorities and to inform members of the initial Local Government Association response and to gather views on the consultation on Comprehensive Area Assessment.

Members discussed the consultation questions and agreed to the response summary.

7. Local Public Service Board Agenda Setting Discussion

Laura Church reported that the Local Public Service Board had held a Benefits Realisation Exercise away day in June on how we work. The group then met on the 9th October to look at improving communication and efficient and effective meetings and engagement.

8. Local Strategic Partnership Regional Networks

Laura Church provided the Board with an update on the LSP Revised Governance Structure and that we are still awaiting feedback from EERA.

9. Multi Area Agreements

Laura Church updated the Board on Multi Area Agreements, which bring together key players in flexible ways to tackle issues that are best addressed in partnership – at a regional and sub regional level.

It was agreed that members need to hold a discussion around Multi Area Agreements.