



## LUTON FORUM

3 December 2009  
2:00 pm

Hat Factory  
Bute Street  
Luton

### AGENDA

1. **Introductions and Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the previous meetings:**  
2.1 **10 September 2009**  
*(Attached) For agreement.*
3. **Matters Arising.**  
*(Report attached) Bren McGowan, LSP Manger to present. For information.*
4. **Disclosures of Interests**  
Members are reminded that they must disclose both the existence and the nature of any personal interest that that they may have in any matter to be considered at this meeting. A member who has a prejudicial interest must withdraw from the meeting room while the matter is being discussed.
5. **Election of Vice Chair.**
6. **Luton Whole System Strategy for Older People**  
*(Presentation. Summary and draft attached.) John Laverick, Peter Fletcher Associates, to present. For information and discussion.*
7. **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (Refresh)**  
*(Document attached) Gerry Taylor, Director of Public Health to present. For information and discussion.*

8. **Comprehensive Community Engagement Strategy**  
*(Presentation) Peter Headland, Consultation and Community Engagement Manager, Luton Borough Council. For information and action.*
9. **Local Area Agreement (Refresh and Review)**  
*(Presentation) Dean Stokes, Head of Strategic Planning, Policy and Performance, Luton Borough Council, to present. For information*
10. **Theme Board reports**  
*(Report attached). Chairs of Theme Board to present. For information and discussion.*
11. **Partnership Manager's Report**  
*(Report attached) Bren McGowan, LSP Manager to present. For information.*

## **LUTON FORUM MEETING**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September April 2009**  
**2.00 pm at Hat Factory, Bute Street, Luton**

### **PRESENT:**

### **MEMBERS**

Councillor Hazel Simmons – Luton Borough Council – Chair  
Andy Calvert – Luton Assembly – Vice-Chair  
Helen Barnett – Active Luton  
Penny Fletcher – Bedfordshire Police Authority  
Dave Fothergill - Beds and Luton Fire and Rescue Service  
Councillor Sian Timoney – Beds and Luton Fire and Rescue Authority  
Councillor Roy Davis – Democratically Elected Member  
Colin Chick – Chair, Economy and Environment Board  
Penny Furness-Smith – Chair, Health and Well-Being Board  
Craig Smith – Learning and Skills Council  
Gerry Taylor – Luton Primary Care Trust  
Peter Adams – Luton Assembly  
Linda Farrell - Luton Assembly  
Ron Greenham – Luton Assembly  
David Oakley-Hill – Luton Assembly  
Anwar Haque – Luton Assembly  
Neville White MBE - Luton Assembly  
Everton Blake – Chief Executive Officer, Voluntary Action Luton  
Gillian Sharp – Luton Advice Network

### **SUBSTITUTES FOR MEMBERS**

William Clapp substitute for Debbie Jones (Chair, Children and Young People's Trust Board)

Mark Turner substitute for Andy Frost (Bedfordshire Police)

## **OBSERVERS**

Anita Briddon – Youth Offending Service

Kellie Ryan – Craegmoor Healthcare

Lorna Markland – Luton Equalities Agency

Ivor Aaron – Luton Equalities Agency

## **SUPPORT OFFICERS/ADVISORS**

Lorna Brown – Luton Assembly Co-ordinator

Sarah Allen – Inclusion and Cohesion Manager, Luton Borough Council

Steve Heapey, Director of Customer and Corporate Services, Luton Borough Council

Jenny Coles – Children and Learning, Luton Borough Council

Roger Kirk – Transforming Adult Social Care Head, Luton Borough Council

Alice Abida – LSP Support Officer, Luton Borough Council

John Harper – Head of Local Democracy, Luton Borough Council

Lisa Jerome – Democratic Services, Luton Borough Council

Richard Lovelock – Democratic Services, Luton Borough Council

Sean Barnett – NHS Luton

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Laura Church (Head of Regeneration, Luton Borough Council), Debbie Jones (Chair, Children and Young People's Board), Katherine Govier (Bedfordshire Police Service), Andy Frost (Bedfordshire Police Service), Angela McNab (NHS Luton), Bren McGowan (LSP Manager, Luton Borough Council), Lysle Osborne (Marsh Farm Community Development Trust), Masood Akhter (Luton Assembly), Kevin Crompton (Chief Executive, Luton Borough Council), Maggie Appleton (Luton Cultural Services Trust), David Barrett (University of Bedfordshire), Stephen Hall (Barnfield College), Rumi Chowdhury (Luton Assembly), Jim Thakoordin (Luton Assembly), Niall Spencer (Luton Assembly), Jenny Spouge (Luton Assembly)

**24 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009 (REF: 2.2)**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Luton Forum held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**25 TOTAL PLACE (REF: 5)**

Steve Heapey, Director of Corporate and Customer Services, Luton Borough Council gave a presentation to the Forum on Total Place. (Copy attached to these minutes at Appendix A).

**Resolved:** That the presentation (Ref: 5) be noted.

**26 DRAFT EQUALITY, COHESION AND INCLUSION STATEMENT AND PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP EQUALITY, COHESION AND INCLUSION STRATEGY FOR THE LUTON FORUM (REF: 6)**

Sarah Allen, Inclusion and Cohesion Manager, Luton Borough Council submitted a report to discuss with the Forum the adoption of a statement to underpin the development of a shared Equality, Cohesion and Inclusion Strategy to both help the Local Public Service Board and Luton Forum take account of the public sector equality duties to eliminate unlawful discrimination and to ensure the promotion of community cohesion and social inclusion through the delivery of action plans.

As well as the legal requirement of the Equality Standard for Local Government, the Luton Forum had identified Equality, Cohesion and Inclusion as the principles that underpin its work through the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and the Local Area Agreement (LAA).

It was proposed that a working group be established by the Equality, Cohesion and Inclusion cross cutting group of the Forum to develop the draft strategy for consideration and adoption by the Luton Forum.

To ensure that this strategy reflects priorities and meets the requirements of all partners, it was requested that partners nominate representatives to link and work with this group as the strategy was developed. It was intended that a draft strategy would be produced early in 2010 and final sign off would be no later than March 2010.

It was noted that the Equality, Cohesion and Inclusion Group would report progress to future meetings of the Luton Forum.

**Resolved:** (i) That the report (Ref: 6) be noted;

(ii) That the development of an overarching Equality, Cohesion and Inclusion Strategy for the Luton Forum is supported;

(iii) That Penny Fletcher (Bedfordshire Police Authority) and Everton Blake (Voluntary Action Luton) be the nominated officers to work with Forum Equality, Cohesion and Inclusion Group members to develop this strategy.

## **27 LUTON IN HARMONY (REF: 7)**

Sarah Allen, Inclusion and Cohesion Manager, Luton Borough Council submitted a report to secure support from the Luton Forum and its members for a forthcoming project to be known as 'Luton in Harmony'.

Sarah advised that Luton had enjoyed a diverse population for many decades with 35% of Luton's population coming from BME communities (rising to 60% of school age population).

Over recent months there had been a number of events that had presented challenges to community cohesion with regards to relationships between different ethnic groups in Luton which had not been helpfully reported by the national and, sometimes, local media.

Luton in Harmony was an attempt to put the record straight in Luton, to celebrate the positive relationships that existed between people of different backgrounds and to unite local people in a celebration of all that was good about the town.

It was reported that Luton in Harmony will be coordinated through the Communications Unit at the Council. Success of this project could be enhanced if all partners agreed and signed up to the pledge and associated actions that would form a part of this initiative.

David Oakley Hill requested that details concerning advertising and marketing be brought back to the Forum for approval.

Linda Farrell had concerns as to the funding and whether the project would be sustainable. Sarah Allen responded that funding was being investigated as well as relationships with other interested parties.

Colin Chick advised that the persona of Luton was already being raised by pulling together local organisations and expressed concerns that too many themes could dilute the effectiveness so a co-ordination with other ongoing schemes was required.

**Resolved:** (i) That the report (Ref: 7) be noted;

(ii) That the principles and actions of the Luton in Harmony projects be agreed;

(iii) That the Luton in Harmony aims and objectives be supported.

## **28 CHILD POVERTY BILL AND LIKELY LOCAL AUTHORITIES' AND PARTNER AGENCIES' STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES (REF: 8)**

Jenny Coles, Head of Area Integrated Services, Luton Borough Council submitted a report providing the background to the new Child Poverty Bill which was currently going through government and the likely requirements the Bill will have on Local Authorities and their partners in responding to the national target of reducing child poverty by 2020.

It was noted that the Government had committed to accelerate action towards meeting the 2020 target of reducing child poverty.

The Comprehensive Area Assessment would be the mechanism whereby local authorities would be assessed on how they and their partners were working together to tackle childhood poverty.

**Resolved:** (i) That the report (Ref: 8) be noted;

(ii) That the requirements of the Child Poverty Bill that are likely to become enshrined in law by April 2010 be noted;

(iii) That the establishment of a multi agency working group across the local strategic partnership which will be responsible for undertaking the child poverty needs assessment and developing a local strategy and action plan be approved.

(iv) That the multi agency working group be accountable to the Local Public Service Board and to the Luton Forum, with regular reports being submitted to the Luton Children and Young People's Trust Board.

**29 REFERRAL FROM LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE – LUTON EQUALITIES AGENCY (REF: 9)**

John Harper, Head of Local Democracy, Luton Borough Council submitted a report referring to a recommendation of the Council's Executive relating to the Luton Equalities Agency.

The Executive agreed the following recommendation(s)

(i) That the recommendations of the Regeneration & Citizenship Scrutiny Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009 that the Executive:

- (a) investigate what, as seems apparent, went wrong with the implementation of the recommendations of the feasibility study to develop the Luton Equalities Agency, by the Luton Forum;
- (b) investigate who was responsible for making the decision not to release the funding of £150K budgeted for in previous financial years;
- (c) find out what the £150,000 had been allocated for;
- (d) make all endeavours to identify and recruit Trustees to serve on the Luton Equalities Agency;
- (e) immediately identify emergency funding to ensure that the Luton Equalities Agency was able to continue to operate; and
- (f) immediately identify two part funding under the Service Level Agreement (SLA) for:
  - funding to directly kick-start the project.
  - funding for sustainability based on satisfactory performance by the Agency;

be noted.

(ii) That the matter be referred to the Local Strategic Partnership for investigation and report back to Regeneration & Citizenship Scrutiny Committee.

The Chair advised that the reason this had been referred back to this meeting was that the Luton Equalities Agency was part of the Luton Forum agenda and not a Luton Borough Council one.

Concern was expressed by Members of the Forum that the initial investigation into the situation relating to the Luton Equalities Agency should be thorough to ensure all issues had been resolved and that a progress report should be brought back to the Forum in 3 months time.

**Resolved:** (i) That the report (Ref: 9) be noted;

(ii) That the LSP Manager conduct a full investigation and report back to the Forum in three months.

**30 ACTIVE LUTON – CHANGE 4 LIFE (REF: 10)**

Helen Barnett, Chief Executive, Active Luton gave a presentation to the Forum on Active Luton. (Copy attached to these minutes at Appendix B).

**Resolved:** That the presentation (Ref: 10) be noted.

**31 TRANSFORMATION OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE (REF: 11)**

Roger Kirk, Business Redesign and Self Direct Support Manager, Luton Borough Council gave a presentation to the Forum on the Transformation of Adult Social Care. (Copy attached to these minutes at Appendix C).

**Resolved:** That the presentation (Ref: 11) be noted.

## **32 NHS PRIORITIES – TRANSFORMING PRIMARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (REF: 12)**

Sean Barnett, Project Lead, NHS Luton gave a presentation to the Forum on Transforming Primary and Community Services within the NHS. (Copy attached to these minutes at Appendix D).

**Resolved:** That the presentation (Ref: 12) be noted.

## **33 THEME BOARD REPORTS**

### **Children and Young People**

William Clapp, Head Of Resources And Performance Review updated the meeting on the work of the Board:

- Strategic Planning and development of an interim Children and Young People's plan
- Work was continuing on Childhood Poverty and Infant mortality strategy
- The local authority and NHS Luton were working towards the Marsh Farm Integrated Centre for Excellence.

### **Environment and Economy**

Colin Chick, Chair of the Environment and Economy Board, updated the meeting on the work of the Board:

- Sustainable climate change including the new compulsory requirement to include Environmental Implications in all Council executive reports.
- Luton Dunstable Busway tenders due in at the end of the month
- Station Funding Scheme
- BP have now agreed to remediate the old BP filling station site in Guildford Street.
- Sustainable Schools Conference had been held

### **Health and Wellbeing**

Penny Furness-Smith, Chair of the Health and Well-Being Board advised that a written update on the work of the Board would be forwarded following the meeting.

### **Safer and Stronger**

Mark Turner, Bedfordshire Police Service updated the meeting on the work of the Board.

- Burglary, Robbery and car crime were at a six year low
- Anti-Social Behaviour – 53% of people were concerned about groups of youths hanging around
- Spikes in gun/knife crime from socially depressed areas
- Home Office Banning Order had been introduced regarding proposed marches in the town

## **34 LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

**(Note: the meeting ended at 4.25pm)**

<b>LUTON FORUM</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM 3</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>3 December 2009</b>
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Bren McGowan, LSP Manager</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>

### **PURPOSE**

To inform members of progress since the previous meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**It is recommended that the report is noted.**

### **REPORT**

1. **5. Total Place.** Further work is continuing on the development of proposals. These will be subject to consultation both locally and with Whitehall, and the final report will be submitted on 5 February 2010.
2. **7. Luton in Harmony.** The project group is scheduled to meet on 8 December 2009. The project live go live in mid-January 2010, with badges, pledge cards, posters and a website. There will be a number of public sign-up events to ensure the maximum support. Partners will be requested to identify ways in which they can support the distribution of information.
3. **8. Child Poverty Strategy.** Guidance from the Child Poverty Unit on the Needs Assessment is currently out to consultation, and final guidance is expected in March 2010.
4. **9. Luton Equalities Agency.** A meeting is being arranged to finalise the draft report before presentation to the Luton Forum.
5. **10. Transforming Primary and Community Services.** The formal consultation closes on 11 December. A draft response from the Local Public Service Board is attached for information.

**LUTON FORUM  
LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

**RESPONSE TO NHS LUTON'S  
TRANSFORMING PRIMARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STRATEGY**

**Introduction**

The Local Public Service Board recognises the importance of the issues involved in the Strategy, and notes that there are strong links with the priorities in Luton's Sustainable Community Strategy:

- promoting healthy living and tackling the key risk factors which affect health;
- focusing on prevention and early intervention;
- supporting people to live independently;
- improving services for carers;
- understanding that different service delivery will be necessary to ensure fair health and wellbeing outcomes for all; and
- improving the health of children and young people.

In addition, there are connections to other priorities:

- creating partnerships with public, private and voluntary and community sector bodies, public bodies willing and able to work as partners with local people;
- more well-designed, safer and accessible open spaces;
- improving leisure and cultural opportunities for all, and better access;
- protecting and enhancing the natural and built environment, including our rivers and natural habitats within Luton's green spaces; and
- better meeting the needs of children and young people with disabilities/learning difficulties.

In addition, Luton has adopted underlying principle to support the Sustainable Community Strategy; these are Equality, Cohesion and Inclusion. These principles have informed this response to the consultation.

The strategy recognises the major challenges facing Luton, and provides opportunities for responding in a coordinated and collaborative way. Most importantly, this has a real emphasis on improving both the experience and the outcomes for residents.

The strategy refers to increasing life expectancy, but this needs to be allied with improving the quality of life.

### **How many networks should be provided across Luton?**

The number of networks needs to be informed by what will provide the best service to local residents. There may be an advantage in having services based on the same boundaries as the local authority, but there will need to be confidence that all areas can have easy access to a similar level of service and that that can be delivered by the networks, whatever their size.

The networks need to be able to take account of the needs of the communities within the network areas. Although Luton as a whole shows the results of deprivation, there are significant differences within the town, and between communities. Five Middle Layer Super Output Areas (Biscot, Challney, Dallow, Farley and High Town) have been identified as having the poorest health outcomes, and where targeting is needed.

The configuration of the networks needs to ensure that there is equity in both the quality and the quantity of the services provided: service allocation needs to be based on identified need and not simply on historic provision. The strategy indicates wide variations for key indicators for CHD, stroke and diabetes, and there needs to be an emphasis on raising those standards. These may not be elements that individual patients may recognise, but the differential may have a major impact on their health outcomes.

In order to ensure easy access, there will need to be flexible boundaries between networks: at times, people may find it easier to access a particular service from a different network.

### **Which services should be provided in the first year?**

In identify which additional services should first be provided, it is important that these respond to the expressed needs to local communities. Recent consultation in Luton West have identified that residents feel that weight management and smoking cessation need to be provided locally to make them more accessible. This was seen as being particularly important in that they require a longer term commitment from the clients involved. Views such as these need to be considered when making the final decision.

### **In what ways should NHS Luton encourage healthy living?**

'Healthy living' covers a broad range of activity relating both to individual life choices, as well as broader public health measures. Many of the elements that will support healthy living will not be delivered by the NHS, but by partner organisations including a range of voluntary organisations and community groups across the town.

In order to gain the maximum benefits, NHS may be able to provide the infrastructure that ensures that there are healthy living opportunities across the town. Having previously recognised the fact that there are major differences in health outcomes for different communities (identified by geography, but also by other factors), consideration needs to be given as how to redress this balance.

As part of its contribution, NHS Luton should consider how it can support targeted activity, either in financial terms but also with help-in-kind. Recognition is needed that the NHS is not necessarily the best provider of some services and that support, including funding, may be needed for partners.

### **Are there any organisations that should be included in the networks?**

If there is recognition that the NHS does not directly deliver all the services required, consideration should be given as to how to involve delivery partners. There are established models, such as 'Books on Prescription', 'GP Referral' schemes and 'GP Advice' sessions which formalise the links between NHS services and other providers.

The partners needed in each network may vary depending on local circumstances. There needs to be flexibility to involve public sector, private sector and third sector partners as required. It will be important to maintain public confidence, and any organisations in the network should be able to demonstrate that they operate to specific standards.

Caution will be needed to ensure that a two-tier system is not developed whereby some organisations are included in a network and others are excluded, even though they work to similar standards.

The Third Sector is increasingly delivering services on behalf of the public sector. Special consideration may be needed when dealing with services on a localised basis (for example, when an organisation works only in particular areas or with a particular client group) to ensure that all members of the community are able to access appropriate services.

### **Are there any hospital services that should be carried out in the community?**

The strategy acknowledges that there is significant use of Accident and Emergency services that may be more appropriately dealt with in a community setting. We agree with the principle that services should be provided as close

to communities as possible, but that his needs to take into account any practical issues about safety or the need to link with acute services.

### **Self-help – local people taking greater care of themselves**

Our focus would be on the improved health outcomes for local people, and self-help needs to be developed in this context. Self-help is likely to bring benefits to service providers, but this should not be seen as its primary function.

Improving self-help and self-management may change the profile of services that are used. Services will, therefore, need to be able to respond in a coordinated way to this. Reduced use of hospital services may lead to increased use of primary care, social care and social support, and this may have considerable implications for partners, which is likely to require greater planning and more responsiveness.

### **Other comments**

The Local Public Service Board recognises the importance of this agenda, and would want to emphasise the opportunities to address the health inequalities that are evident in Luton. The reconfiguration of services must take account of local needs, including raising the aspirations of communities where, traditionally, health status is low.

The proposals are based on working locally, and it is hoped that this will support NHS partners taking an active part in collaborative working at a local level. The Neighbourhood Governance pilot, currently taking place in Luton West, provides an example of how public can engage more effectively with the local community with the aim of improving both services and outcomes.

It will be important to give full consideration to all the resource implications. Some areas of work, particularly in relation to promoting healthy living and self-management will have implications, including financial implications, for other organisations. It will be necessary to ensure that planning, including financial arrangements, involves all relevant partners.

The emphasis on the needs of clients will require services to ‘think’ in a different way: for example, health professionals being able to raise or deal with issues that might currently be seen as outside their specialism: for example, healthy eating can link to both dentistry (effect on teeth) and optical services (say, links to diabetes).

The strategy recognises that ‘overall, Luton lags behind the national average all of the five key domains’ (relating to patient access), and this indicates some key areas about how services are perceived, and where improvements would be expected.

Coordination will be key to success, and arrangements need to ensure that wherever clients enter 'the system' that they can gain access the right service in the most effective way. Communication with clients will be an essential part of this, particularly in ensuring that people feel that they have equitable access to services provided. There may be a need to challenge perceptions that tertiary care is better than secondary care, which is in turn a better option than primary care. This will be achieved by ensuring that the focus is on the need to ensure improvements in the outcomes for patients across the town, with a clear commitment to providing a good service at a local level.

<b>LUTON FORUM</b>		<b>AGENDA ITEM 8</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>3 December 2009</b>	
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Peter Headland, Consultation &amp; Community Engagement Manager, Luton Borough Council</b>	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Comprehensive Community Engagement Strategy</b>	

### **PURPOSE**

This report updates members of the Luton Forum on the progress of the Comprehensive Community Engagement Strategy.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**It is recommended that:**

**(1) the Luton Forum considers and comments on the draft strategy.**

**(2) that partners ensure their organisations respond to the consultation.**

### **BACKGROUND**

1. The Comprehensive Community Engagement Strategy is designed to provide a coordinated approach for partners to engage with the local community. A project team with representation from the public sector and the third sector is developing this on behalf of the partnership.
2. The Local Public Service Board on 15 October 2009 supported the document and approved the proposed consultation plan.

### **REPORT**

3. The draft strategy is attached. The aim has been to produce an accessible statement which is based on agreeing the vision, objectives and principles. The project team decided to name this a 'Community Involvement Strategy' to cover a range of terms including information, consultation, engagement, involvement and empowerment.
4. The project team considered that the consultation should focus on the vision, objectives and principles, although partners may also comment on the action plan. Consultation will run until the end of February 2010.
5. It is expected that the final draft will be available by March 2010, with partners signed up during March and April.

<b>LUTON FORUM</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM 10</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>3 December 2009</b>
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Alice Abida, LSP Support Officer</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Theme Boards Update</b>

### **PURPOSE**

This report provides members with an update of the work of the Theme Boards.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**It is recommended that the Luton Forum notes the report.**

### **REPORT**

#### **Stronger and Safer Communities Board**

1. A working group has been established to bring forward proposals for a governance structure for the Stronger Theme.
2. Suggestions regarding the shape of an Executive Group, the number and remit of sub groups and membership involvement are now being considered with a view to a draft structure being circulated shortly.
3. The wide range of services / topics covered in this theme has presented challenges to those involved and, whilst Local Area Agreement (LAA) indicators are not seen as the sole basis on which a structure should be based, they are a useful starting point. It is likely that the initial governance structure will evolve as the board will seek to address all the issues.
4. A bid has been made to Government Office East under the *Connecting Communities Programme* seeking to address issues in communities that feel under pressure as a result of the wide-ranging changes that

have taken place because of the substantial investment that has been made within other communities.

5. The major elements of the bid are:
  - Leadership / Increased opportunities
  - Giving people a voice
  - Young people
  - Lack of engagement
  - Jobs and training
6. The time scales for the project if the bid is successful is January to end of March 2010 and the funding sought is £81,500.
7. The 12 November meeting of the Stronger Safer Communities Board (SSCB) received progress reports on the Comprehensive Community Engagement Strategy, Neighbourhood Governance and Luton in Harmony and details of the establishment of a Commission on Community Cohesion that will have its first meeting in January 2010. The SSCB also received a draft action plan on NI1 (% of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area).

#### **Safer Theme**

8. The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) launched its Partnership Plan on the 2 November and is holding a public summit on 30 November 2009. It is expected that around 200 members of the public and representatives of local organisations will attend the summit, the purpose of which is to inform people about the work of the CDRP, to seek the views of the public about that work, and to identify how the public can help locally in the fight against crime and disorder.
9. The Stronger Safer Communities Board at its meeting on 12 November also considered action plans covering:
  - NI 15 - Serious Violent Crime
  - NI 16 - Serious Acquisitive Crime
  - NIs 17, 21 and 23 - Perception of Anti-Social Behaviour. Dealing with local concerns about crime issues by the local council and the police and perceptions that people in the area treat one another with respect and consideration.
10. The Partnership Delivery Board (PDB) of the CDRP has established three sub groups to take ownership of the action plans and to ensure that the actions identified within each plan are delivered.
11. The PDB also determined to host 6-monthly Partnership Recognition Events to recognise the hard work and commitment to reducing crime

and disorder that individuals and teams deliver throughout the Partnership.

12. The first event is scheduled for 3 February 2010.
13. The CDRP has received grant funding of £40,000 for a support service for victims and witnesses of anti-social behaviour for 2009/10 and 2010/11 and £54,000 for initiatives to combat anti-social behaviour to be spent by 31 March 2010.
14. In respect of the support for victims and witnesses initiative, discussions will take place with third sector providers, and the working group on anti-social behaviour referred to above and will deal with the issue of the roll out of this very short term funding. The Home Office Anti-Social Behaviour Unit will be visiting Luton in early December to discuss the programme of activities that are to be implemented.

#### **Health and Well-being Board**

15. At the last Health and Well-Being Board meeting, the board received a range of presentations and had detailed discussions on issues arising. One of these was on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) refresh; where the board recommended that each theme board might benefit from receiving a presentation to inform their work going forward in the light of the changed information it contains.
16. A second was on the report and framework to support an Older People's Whole Systems Strategy where the Board supported that the Older Peoples Partnership Group had a key role in championing this work going forward, and on the current consultation on Transforming primary and community health services. Detailed scrutiny of all the amber and the one red flagged theme board indicators is scheduled for its next meeting.

#### **Environment and Economy Board**

17. The Environment and Economy Board has been working through three sub-groups on Housing, Economy and Environment. The aim of the Board is to provide an overview and linkage between the three very different areas of activity. A discussion on "green procurement" showed the link between environment, sustainability, economy and working with local businesses. It was also clear that public sector agencies were sharing knowledge on this but that wider awareness of successes would be of wider interest. Another area of linking the environment and broader health principles was also considered.

18. The Board has also been active in providing and overview on key initiatives such as Future Jobs Fund (FJF) and Economic Participation.
19. Key future work priorities for the Board included:
  - The Local Transport Plan
  - Economic Assessment Duty
  - Housing Strategy

### **Children's Trust Board**

20. The Apprenticeship, Skills, Children and Learning Act was enacted on 12 November 2009. As a result, Luton Children's Trust has now become a statutory body. Luton has travelled a long way since the development of a Children and Young People's Partnership in 2005. One of the most significant changes is that the Duty to Co-operate has been extended to schools and colleges who are now partners on the Trust Board. In future it is envisaged that the Children's Trust will provide a vehicle for the joined up commissioning of children's services as a whole. This is clearly a very ambitious undertaking, but it is felt that this approach is particularly important, given the predicted scenario of severe public sector restraint and the need, therefore, to ensure that all partner agencies (both statutory and the third sector) don't move back into their respective and protective silos, but instead will focus attention on opportunities for efficiencies, more effective joint working and decommissioning in line with the Children and Young People Plan priorities and those provided by the Total Place philosophy.
21. Within that context, the business covered by the children and young people's theme block over the last few months has included:-
  - More work on developing a commissioning model.
  - A review of budget positions of partner agencies.
  - Further development of 2010/11 Children's Plan, which will provide a succinct overview and will, of course, include input from young people. The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) is designed to enable access to comprehensive web-accessed information. The main aim is to provide an accessible and responsive document that will not just 'sit on a shelf' or be forgotten.
  - Multi-agency exception performance reporting, which focussed on successes – our work on Narrowing the Gap as well as continuing challenges, including NEETs (Children not in education, training or employment) and teenage pregnancy performance.
  - A review of the 'Machinery of Government' changes around post-16 education.
  - An update from the Local Safeguarding Board in preparation for a likely safeguarding inspection during 2010/11.

- Findings from some research completed on exploring the needs of children with multiple complex disabilities and learning difficulties from the Pakistani and Bangladeshi communities in Luton.
- An evaluation of the Progressing Integration Project within the Council's Children's Services.
- An update on the Total Place programme in Luton.

### **Luton Assembly**

22. The Luton Assembly has sent out two small surveys via Survey Monkey to Luton Forum members and wider groups. Members are asked to complete two questionnaires. These will form part of the evaluation of the Luton Assembly. Both of the surveys sent out are different so members are asked to reply to the ones that relate to them.
23. The Assembly Away Day will be on 16 December to complete the evaluation of the Luton Assembly 2009/2010 and will also be looking at setting priorities for 2010/2011.
24. The development of the Stronger Theme of the Safer and Stronger Board is under way and an event will be held on the 1 December, asking Voluntary and Community Sectors for their input into the Network and work programme.
25. The Luton Assembly has co-opted new members to the Environment and Economy Committee and the Safer and Stronger Committee of the Assembly. The Assembly is in the process of recruiting a support team to enable the Luton Assembly to better achieve its objectives.

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### **PURPOSE**

This report informs members of issues not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**It is recommended that the Luton Forum notes the report.**

### **REPORT**

#### **East of England LSP / LAA Network**

1. The next meeting of the East of England LSP / LAA Network is scheduled to take place on Thursday 21 January 2010, at Abingdon Hall, Cambridge. Further details will be circulated nearer to the event. This is a change to the date previously circulated.

#### **Comprehensive Area Assessment**

2. The reports on the Comprehensive Area Assessment will be released on Wednesday 9 December. They will be available at the onepace website.

#### **Bedfordshire and Luton Compact**

3. The Compact sets out the relationship between Government and the Third Sector. The national Compact is supported by a number of local compacts. The Bedfordshire and Luton Compact is currently being

refreshed. Two Codes of Good Practice have been produced relating to Consultation and Partnerships.

Full details of the consultation can be found at:

<http://www.voluntaryworks.org.uk/portal/CompactConsultation.asp>

The consultation closes on 21 January 2010. The Local Public Service Board has agreed to coordinate a response on behalf of the Luton Forum.