

## Items to Note for Information

### 8. Minutes of the last meeting(s)

Minutes from the meeting 20-Mar-08 remain to be formally agreed, owing to the previous meeting being replaced by the Away Day. The minutes appear below (Item 8a).

Notes from the Away Day do not need to be agreed. However, a lengthy and detailed account of the [Away Day](#) is available on the web, along with a much shorter [Executive Summary](#).

*If anyone has any points for clarification or amendment please alert the Chair (Stephen Richards) or the Health & Well-Being Partnership Officer (Matt Bramall) before the start of the meeting.*

### 9. Update on Review of Partnership Governance

The Public Service Board (PSB) commissioned a review of the governance arrangements for all the partnerships which contribute to the delivery of current LAA targets and which will spend any reward grant received. This seeks to ensure that these governance arrangements are both fit for the current purpose and sufficiently robust for the foreseeable future. Mary Harpley (Chief Executive, Cherwell District Council) and David Neudegg (Chief Executive, West Oxfordshire District Council) have led the review, supported by Paul James (County Head of Partnerships) and officers from district councils.

[Proposals arising from this review](#) were circulated for comment and the results of this consultation will be considered by the [PSB on 10 September 2008](#). The PSB recommendations will again be circulated outside this meeting to allow members to comment before a final decision is reached at the end of the year.

*If anyone has any comments they wish to make known to the Public Service Board as a result of this consultation the Health & Well-Being Partnership Officer (Matt Bramall) will collate them on behalf of the Board.*

### 10. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

Oxfordshire's [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#) for 2008 was completed earlier this year, which has given for the first time a common and consistent evidence base for the county council, Primary Care Trust and other partners to share. It seeks to combine a wide range of data about social care, health, housing, income, behaviour and services, to provide a high-level and comprehensive overview of the total needs of our communities. This builds on a history of producing needs assessments from core data sets

The ultimate aim of the JSNA is to provide better information, so that the decisions about how best to provide services, and where to locate them, are based on good knowledge of the local population and the issues they face. The JSNA also aims to help the various sectors work together in a more coordinated way. It seeks to make services more sensitive to individuals by putting local people and their needs at the centre of planning. It is also used to

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support a strategic reorientation towards promoting health and 'well-ness', by investing now to reduce future ill health costs.

The JSNA represents the continuation of a practice of basing both multi-agency and individual organisations' strategies on the best information available. It is a requirement that the development of strategies (e.g. the LAA, the Delivery Plan for Oxfordshire 20:30, the PCT Strategy and the County Council's Medium Term Financial Plan) can demonstrate how they have taken into account evidence from the JSNA. To this extent the value of the JSNA lies in the degree to which the knowledge it yields is widely understood and acted upon by commissioners, planners and providers of services.

*Members are encouraged to raise awareness of JSNA materials within their respective organisations and to make their views on how to improve the process known to the JSNA steering group. The Health & Well-Being Partnership Officer (Matt Bramall) will ensure the Steering Group receives any such contributions.*

## **11. Sustainable Community Strategy – Area Based Grant**

The new Area Based Grant (ABG) brings together a range of funding streams previously distributed by government to councils as a number of separate (ring-fenced) grants. This new approach of bringing them together as an ABG is designed to give the recipients (in the vast majority of cases the recipient is the County Council) more flexibility to aim resources at priorities that have been agreed through the Oxfordshire Partnership – in this instance the priorities in *Oxfordshire 2030* and the new Local Area Agreement (LAA) – to ensure these are fully resourced.

These new flexibilities are to be welcomed as they provide what local authorities and other service providers have been telling the government they want – more local determination and less government interference about how resources are used to meet local priorities. However it is important to note that although the money has been brought together into one "pot" it is not new or extra cash and it is currently fully committed to service delivery. There is no pot of unallocated cash. If money is moved from one place to another it will not be replaced.

The Health & Well-Being Officers group will be reviewing the resourcing arrangements for LAA and other key targets relevant to the Board's remit by:

1. establishing how the relevant ABG funding streams are currently being used and identifying any opportunities to use that funding differently in future to ensure that targets are met;
2. considering how they will factor this into the resource/ business planning of each organisation involved for the next financial year (2009-10);

*Members are encouraged to raise any points in relation to ABG with the HWBP Officers Group who will submit their comments to the Public Service Board in November. The proposals for funding key local targets arising from the PSB meeting will be reported at the December HWBP Board. Partner organisations – including those who currently hold funding that is in the ABG – will be fully involved in any proposals and planning processes.*

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