

NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES

The Bridge Neighbourhood



Partnership Board – Ordinary Meeting

23rd May 2007

8.00pm

St Ann's Library Hall

Minutes

Board Members Present: Lorne Horsford, Rachel Hughes, Randolph Flatts, Andrea Holden, Tanjou Mehmedova, Ulrika Longinotto, Yvonne Denny, Rahim Ullah, Yasmine Boudiaf, Cllr Claire Kober, Cllr Bob Harris, Diane Paice, Cllr Isidoros Diakides, Justin Holliday, Barry O'Callaghan, Linda Banton, Wilf Sullivan, Deborah Cohen, Pearl Amoateng, Cllr Kaushika Amin, Bernice Ashton, Yolande Burgess

Staff present: Symon Sentain, Geoffrey Ocen, Nadiyah Dadwal, Olga Kupcova, Rogerio Antunes, David Folorunso, Tracey Campbell, Richard Coe

Advisers

Resident/ others present: Niall Bolger (LBH), Ian D'Souza (LSC), Andy Parkinson (ERS), James McAllister (CSC), Jackie Kennedy (JK Associates), Jamie Robinson (Shared Intelligence)

Apologies for absence: Ruby Brown, David Lammy MP, Christina Gradowski

Item	Description	Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions Introductions were made as part of the AGM, prior to the Ordinary Meeting.	
2.	Apologies Apologies were noted (see above)	
3.	Declarations of Interest None	
4.	Evaluation Report Three evaluation presentations were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education, Employment & Enterprise (James McAllister of CSC)• Laurels Funded Projects (Jackie Kennedy of JKA)• Neighbourhood Services and Health, Social Care, Sport and Leisure (Jamie Robinson of Shared Intelligence)	

Copies of the three reports were distributed to Board Members.

The importance of an effective evaluation process was highlighted, particularly in light of the Government focus on an evidence-based approach to interventions.

The NDC Director is to meet with representatives from the Government Office for London regarding the banding level following the most recent Performance Management Framework exercise. SS

5. Minutes and Matters Arising from 28/3/07

The minutes of the meeting from 28th March 2007 were agreed in terms of accuracy.

There were no matters arising.

6. Wards Corner Project – PAF/ERS Appraisal

Feedback was given from the representative of the Accountable Body on certain of the ERS recommendations:-

Reco.2 : It was confirmed that public subsidy is essential to the viability of the project.

Recos.3&6 : Further clarity to be forthcoming on jobs and delivery.

Reco.4 : Monitoring arrangements will continue post end of the NDC programme in 2011.

Reco.5 : Final costs to be closely monitored.

Reco.8 : The Bridge NDC, Grainger Trust and Haringey Council to be represented on the Project Executive.

The Director described the project as a cornerstone of the NDC programme and that the Bridge could legitimately be seen as failing in its aims and objectives if the redevelopment of Wards Corner did not succeed. The project was seen as a being key to facilitating significant inward investment and acting as a catalyst for employment and enterprise.

Assurances were given by the representative of the Accountable Body and the LBH Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Regeneration that public subsidy would return to the public purse once the development reaches profitability and that these monies would be utilised to further improve the local area. The legal representative from LBH explained how this return of subsidy would be managed and the authorisation process sanctioned by the Secretary of State.

A vote was taken on whether to agree funding of the Wards Corner Project. The results of the ballot were as follows:-

For – 11

Against – 0

Abstentions – 0

Therefore, the Wards Corner Project was approved.

7. Director's Report

The Board noted the report on the approved new organisational structure of the Bridge NDC.

8. Programme Delivery Report

The Board noted the report on Programme Delivery and Finance.

A statement of the formal approval of NDC accounts to be submitted to the next Partnership Board Meeting on 18th July 2007. DF

Copies of the report submitted to the NDC Executive on 7th March 2007 were distributed to Board Members. The Board was asked to note that the Executive had agreed the recommendations of the report i.e. to agree funding of staff salaries for Quarter 1 as part of the thematic projects.

The Board was informed that a Project Approval Panel is scheduled for Thursday 31st May in regard to the St. Ann's Library Hall project. A robust business plan and project delivery team is now in place.

9. Theme Update – Health, Social Care, Sport & Leisure

The Board noted the content of the report.

The recommendations from the Laurels evaluation conducted by Jackie Kennedy Associates were highlighted and details were given on their implementation.

Notice was given of a Health Theme event scheduled for Tuesday 26th June to focus on the development of a shared vision for the Laurels Healthy Living Centre.

10. Any Other Business

It was reported that anti-NDC leaflets had recently been found littering local streets. The leaflet made claims relating to financial impropriety. The Director confirmed that the NDC had commissioned 2 internal audits to review its financial systems and processes. Details of strategy to combat negative publicity to be brought to the next Board Meeting on 18th July. SS

It was confirmed that there had been some delays in getting the NDC website online and that it is due to be up and running within about 3 weeks.

Concern was expressed that a recent banner promoting The Laurels had utilised a photographic image of the residential flats that make up the development and not the Health Centre.

Concern was expressed at consistent absence by certain members at Partnership Board Meetings.

Minutes signed as an accurate record:

Chairs' signature:	
Date:	

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