



Executive Meeting

15th September 2004
 15:00 – 17:30
 Board Room, Mercury House

Minutes

Item		Action By
1	<p>Present: Corine Campbell – CBMDC; Anthony Clipsom – Bradford CVS; Sally Collins – Bradford Vision; Frank Hanley – CBMDC; Sue Gledhill – Community Network; Eleanor Green – Bradford NHS; Jane Gregory – LGB Network; Ann Griffin – Bradford District Women’s Forum; Paul North – CBMDC (representing Roz Hall); Jenny Scott – Springfield Tenants & Residents; McMillan Serrant – ABCD;</p> <p>In attendance: Paula Halliwell, Liz Hanney – Bradford Vision; Simon Baker – Community Funding Unit, CBMDC; Evie Chandler, Ian Fiddler, Titch Kavanagh, Steve Skinner –Community Development Policy Unit, CBMDC; Dave Moss – Regen & Housing CBMDC; Rob Mooney – CD&LL, CBMDC.</p> <p>Apologies: Roz Hall – CBMDC Regeneration; Colin Western – West Yorkshire Police; Steve Skinner – CD&LL Policy Unit CBMDC; Gill Bowskill – Ilkley CVS/Able All; Caroline Schwaller – Keighley CVS; Salma Yasmeen – Sharing Voices Initiative.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record with the following points highlighted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.3 of minutes, the correct title is “ISO Commissioning Subgroup” • Strengthening Communities performance indicators for the Community Strategy to be brought to the next meeting for decision 	<p>Steve Skinner to report re Performance indicators</p>

<p>3</p>	<p>Report on changes within CD&LL</p> <p>In July, Bradford Council put in place measures to reduce the overspend incurred in the previous financial year. The Office of Education, Community, and Social Care was asked to make savings in the region of £1.3m. After a saving of £300,000 was found by the Department of Social Services, the Department of Community Development & Lifelong Learning (CDLL) was asked to find a further £1m. CDLL management team agreed that that it would be impossible to find the amount required by merely trimming down across the Department. Community Development Service was identified as the area from which the £1 million savings would come. This was to be achieved in two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Council would stop being community development service provider and hand this over to the Voluntary sector. Around £700,00+ would be available to commission community development activity via the voluntary and community sector, for year 2005/6. b. CDS support functions would be deleted. <p>This proposal would affect 96 members of staff. CDS would cease to employ anybody although a handful of posts would be relocated to other departments. A voluntary severance package had been offered to all staff affected. Those wishing not to take voluntary severance would be referred to Council redeployment service.</p> <p>A large number of petitions had been received against this proposal. The local media was also against the cuts.</p> <p>In the discussion that followed, it was noted that no consultation or communication between the Council and Building Communities Executive had taken place, before the proposals to cut the service were considered by members of Council Executive. The integrity of the relationship between Bradford Council and Building Communities Partnership had suffered greatly as a consequence. The Partnership expected to be involved in the consideration of any strategic matters that affected community development within the district.</p>	
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	<p>MS attended the recent CNET Delegate meeting where similar sentiments had been expressed. A letter from CNET would be sent to Council asap.</p> <p>There was concern about the potential withdrawal of Council Secretariat support for BCExec meetings. A report was being compiled on the future servicing of the Building Communities Partnership but there was no guarantee that current services would continue.</p> <p>It was noted that although £ 770,000 had been earmarked, to be diverted to VCS via commissioning this amount was guaranteed for 12 months only.</p> <p>Members of the Exec were concerned about the lack of reaction from Bradford Vision towards the proposal. It was noted that the Community Cohesion Group within Vision had not been consulted about the cuts either.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to Council consultation, the Chair of the Partnership would write to Councillor Eaton, incorporating the points made above and pointing out that CDS is amongst others instrumental in helping the Building Communities Partnership deliver the Building Communities Strategy as part of Bradford Vision. • A BCExec Extraordinary Meeting would be arranged asap to discuss this issue at length <p>It was suggested that BCExec members should write reports on the impact of the cuts on each of the organisations they represented, to be included whenever possible in their response to Council.</p> <p>Corine asked for any letter and reports to be copied to her for information and she would be the officer collating the responses for Council Executive consideration.</p>	<p>PH - to take comments from the meeting back to Bradford Vision. Caroline to write to Councillor Eaton as Chair of Vision</p> <p>Eleanor and Caroline to write to Council on behalf of BCExec within the next 24 hours</p> <p>All</p>
4	<p>General Compact A meeting of the General Compact Steering Group was held on 10th August 2004. The meeting was attended by Kersten England as the promotion of the COMPACT within Council would be led by the Department of Policy and Exec Support. The focus of the meeting was how the how the Compact would be progressed and implemented by the Council. This process would start in October.</p>	

	<p>It was recommended that the Compact Steering group should stay in place and act as a support role for organisations who were implementing the Compact into their own organisation.</p> <p>The implementation of the Compact needs to be broadened out to organisations other than Council and the NHS. There should also be more involvement from CNET as they were involved in the signing at the launch.</p> <p><i>If any member of the exec would like to join the Compact steering group please contact Ian Fiddler on 01274 437762 for details of forthcoming meetings.</i></p> <p>JS attended a recent presentation on Leicester on the subject of Compacts across the country.</p>	<p>JS – email information for circulation.</p>
5	<p>Building Communities Structures and Roles Discussion around position of BCExec to take forward commissioning without the Policy Unit support. Decided that commissioning for this year should go forward as planned. Community Funding Unit asked to recap on who agreed to be involved in commissioning groups. Commitment to further commissioning by BCExec to be decided based on resources available</p>	<p>TS to supply current membership lists for commissioning groups at next meeting.</p>
6	<p>BC Action Plan The current version of the Action Plan was distributed to meeting. Comments to be returned to Titch Kavanagh by Wed 29th September</p>	
7	<p>Strategic Funding Forum Aim to be more strategic through closer working with partnerships. Anthony Clipsom agreed to be BCP representative on new group for interim – to be reviewed at further meeting</p>	<p>AC</p>
8	<p>Any other business Spatial Awareness document to be made available to anyone wanting it from Anne Griffin by email</p> <p>Safer Cities Neighbourhood Policing Plan to be brought for discussion at future Exec.</p> <p>Regen 2000 work with women on activities going on. Find out more from Anne Griffin</p> <p>It was discussed at the meeting to bring the time of the forthcoming meetings forward to 14:00</p>	<p>AG to e-mail document</p>

9	Next meeting 20 th October @ 14:00 Oak Room B St Peters House	
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