
CASTLE POINT AND ROCHFORD LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides Members with details of the function and an update of the Joint Castle Point and Rochford Local Strategic Partnership (CP&RLSP) since we last reported to the Review Committee in March 2012.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Castle Point and Rochford Local Strategic Partnership is a non-statutory multi-agency partnership which brings together, at a local level, the different parts of the private, public, community and voluntary sectors.
- 2.2 Castle Point and Rochford LSP is made up of an Executive Board underpinned by thematic partnerships that support the delivery of identified priorities. The Executive Board had representatives from both public and voluntary sector partners, including Rochford District Council, Castle Point Borough Council, Essex County Council, Essex Police, National Health Service South Essex, General Practitioners from the local Clinical Consortia Group (CCG), local voluntary and community sector, the local business community, local Registered Social Landlords and each of the Chairs of the thematic partnerships.

3 UPDATE SINCE MARCH 2012

- 3.1 Since the last report into this Committee, the Castle Point and Rochford LSP has continued to facilitate the progression and improvement of partnership working across the Borough and the District. Castle Point and Rochford LSP meets four times a year and the Chairman is Councillor Pam Challis, the Leader of Castle Point District Council, and the Vice Chairman is Councillor Terry Cutmore.
- 3.2 There are now five joint partnerships underpinning the Joint LSP (pending Home Office approval in regards to the Community Safety Partnership). The five partnerships are; The Children's Commissioning and Delivery Board, Community Safety Partnership, Employment, Skills and Business Group, Health and Wellbeing Board and Community Development Partnership.
- 3.3 The Children's Commissioning and Delivery Board, brings together partners at a strategic level in a local area, underpinned by the Children Act 2004 duty to cooperate (as amended by the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Bill 2009) to determine needs and identify priorities and plans to secure better outcomes for children and young people in that area.
- 3.4 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) works in partnership to create a safe environment for all those living, working, or visiting Rochford District.

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- 3.5 The Employment, Skills and Business Group, focuses on economic development issues and matters of importance to the local business community, particularly in relation to planning, infrastructure, employment, skills and funding issues.
 - 3.6 The Health and Wellbeing Board has been established to provide a coordinated approach to improving the health and wellbeing of the residents of Rochford and Castle Point.
 - 3.7 The Community Development Partnership identifies ways to develop and maintain a coordinated approach to consulting and engaging with the local community. It also focuses upon the supporting the development of and engagement with the Third Sector Community.
 - 3.8 The structure of the CP&RLSP also includes a Performance Operations Group. This is not a thematic partnership, but is a group attended by the Chairmen and the Lead Officers of each of the thematic partnerships, to coordinate and respond to identified emerging issues and priorities that require cross partnership support and action.
 - 3.9 The CP&RLSP has recognised that currently there is not the capacity at a local level to collate and interpret data and information for partners and partnership structures to use in the decision making process. To address this issue, at the last LSP Executive on the 13 July 2012 it was agreed in principle to (1) Fund a three year fixed term contract to deliver partnership research and analysis (2) Subject to 1 above, that key partners, namely RDC, CPBC, ECC, the Police, and the PCT (and its successor CCG) be asked to contribute £8000 each per year towards the establishment of the post (3) Subject to confirmation that the funding will be forthcoming, recruitment take place to ensure the provision is in place by April 2013.
 - 3.10 Castle Point and Rochford LSP has continued to progress and focus on local work being undertaken in conjunction with the Whole Essex Community Budget (WECB). Rochford and Castle Point were one of four areas within Essex selected to develop innovative work practises in regards to the work strand of 'Families with Complex Needs'.
 - 3.11 The Castle Point and Rochford Family pilot has put the families at the heart of the work we are developing. Castle Point and Rochford Family pilot commissioned a consultation company, TONIC, to undertake work with regard to family assessments, an intervention toolkit, workforce development and personalised family budgets. The work is ongoing and in collaboration with local partners, workforce development training commences this month, with practitioners from Rochford Extended Services and Castle Point Children's Centres. This will influence the prototype approach adopted for the personalised budget strand of the pilot. The Castle Point and Rochford Family pilot has also developed an evaluation model, to enable us to continually monitor work done, costings, and projected savings. All key findings are

reported into the 'Families with Complex Needs' work strand currently being undertaken as part of the Whole Essex Community Budget initiative.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 At a time of limited resources, it is vital that the Council continues to engage effectively in key partnerships. The effectiveness of the newly created Joint LSP is an operational and reputational risk to the Council. If the Joint LSP and the partnerships around it perform well, that is likely to have a positive impact on residents across the District and complement the work carried out by the Council.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A range of staff from across the authority are regularly or periodically involved in the work of the Joint LSP and the partnership arrangements below it.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES** to note the contents of the report

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Background Papers:-

None

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