



Representative Report to Network Members

Meeting Name:	DtS Board
Meeting Date:	26th January 2010
Reps attending:	Joyce Foster

Key agenda items:

- 1) LAA Performance Update
 - a) Enterprising Doncaster (Lee Tillman)
 - b) Healthier Doncaster (Annette Laban)
 - c) Children's Service (Nick Jarman)
 - d) Safer Doncaster (Bob Sanderson)
 - e) Stronger, Sustainable Doncaster (Jane Miller)
- 2) Child Poverty in Doncaster (Nick Jarman)
- 3) I Love Doncaster – South Yorkshire Community Foundation (Howard Monk)
- 4) Forward Plan

1) LAA Performance Update

a) Enterprising Doncaster

The Enterprising Doncaster Board is currently restructuring to reflect a majority membership of private sector members. A new Chair has been selected and takes up that position later this week. Current LEGI contracts going through an options appraisal process at the moment to confirm delivery remains aligned to the revised economic strategy. LAA indicators currently showing as red are under discussion with GOYH (Government Office for Yorkshire & Humber). Assurance from Lee that the outcome of these re-negotiations will result in a change to amber or green status. The only exception are NI 163/164 – Adult skills which may not hit target

b) Healthier Doncaster

Annette Laban now chairing Healthier Doncaster Board. The picture presented with regard to LAA performance shows an equal split in performance of 3 in each Performance Indicator - Red, Amber & Green status. Annette explained that she felt some targets would be more difficult than others to address. This matter is being dealt with.

c) Children's Services

Nick Jarman presented the CYP update. He was thanked by the Board for his recent handling of recent media coverage. Nick presented his view that the systemic causal factors for poor ratings in CYP could be tracked back to the poor performance of children in Doncaster's Secondary Schools; in his opinion until this situation was tackled, limited positive progress would be achieved. He also cited the high level of Domestic Violence in the Borough. He expressed confidence in the changes he and his team have made in the structure of delivery in CYP services whilst acknowledging that due to time delay factors, all time limited performance targets would be adversely affected due to the huge backlogs uncovered as part of the restructure. A new Director for Children's Services has been appointed (Chris Pratt) and he will take up post shortly. The performance information shows 9 amber, 6 red and 12 green indicators.

d) Safer Doncaster

Bob Sanderson presented the Safer performance paper. Bob presented a picture of increasing falls in the incidence of a range of crime categories in Doncaster. He highlighted the possible impact of recent adverse weather conditions bringing about a significant fall in household burglary and car theft. He also highlighted a particular concern over some performance indicators which relate to perception of the public. He and his team have developed a clear communications strategy to attempt to increase public confidence and public perception to improve those scores.

e) Stronger & Sustainable Doncaster

Jane Miller as Chair of the Stronger Board presented this paper. The Board is now fully operational. Jane made a request of all partners to ensure that they responded with full commitment to support the operation of the new Board whilst acknowledging the challenges of covering such a diverse range of issues through its business. She would appear to have been making a suggestion that the functions expected of the Board maybe better served by a further streamlining into two separate Boards – a Stronger Board and a Sustainable Board. The Mayor did note that he was concerned over the lack of baseline measurements in a number of Theme Board Reports, particularly this one.

2) Child Poverty in Doncaster

Nick Jarman confirmed that he has set in motion a strategic group to develop Doncaster work on the Child Poverty Agenda. There was some very interesting debate on a) the extent of the problem in Doncaster b) The potential of any plans that would result with positive effect. The tone of this debate prompted the GOYH representative to seek clarification and assurance that the work on Child Poverty would be taken forward. It was clarified that Chris Pratt would be tasked with this on his arrival in post and following the end of Nick Jarman's time in Doncaster.

3) I Love Doncaster

Howard presented a second request for action from Doncaster's partners to get involved with the South Yorkshire Community Foundation Income Generation appeal. For each pound raised through these efforts, Central government matches with another pound. This money then goes to provide financial support to voluntary and Community groups in Doncaster. It was explained that take up of this initiative by Doncaster was the lowest in the sub-region with very little opportunity to attract positive media input in comparison with Sheffield, Barnsley and Rotherham. All partner commitment was agreed.

4) Forward Plan

The Forward Plan will be under review given the recent take up by Steve Nesbit as LSP Director. Future arrangements for agenda compilation to be determined

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