

Notes from the OSP Champions Meeting – 3rd September 2009

In attendance:

Jackie Wilderspin, OSP Chair and Health and Social Inclusion Champion

Bob Price, Climate Change Champion

Mel Barrett, Affordable Housing Champion

Sarah Maxfield, Public Realm Champion

Andy Murray, Safer, Stronger and more Cohesive Champion

Sebastian Johnson, Partnership Manager

Introduction

1. The OSP Champions met following discussions at the OSP meeting on 16th July to discuss how to performance manage and monitor action plans and how to bring economy issues into action plans.

Performance Management and Monitoring

2. Key actions suggested for performance management included:
 - a. Milestones – actions plans to include milestones that can be monitored as we move towards delivering/achieving an action
 - b. Additionality – identify and communicate what is happening differently because of the OSP (recognising that setting targets can have consensus issues)
 - c. Peer Review – to help us (i) better join up the work of the flagship issues; (ii) increase partners working on delivery; and (iii) tighten milestones and targets
 - d. Public Relations – how can we better use channels that exist (e.g. through City Council) to promote positive stories and news
 - e. Learning from others – how can we learn from others who have succeeded or are seen as exemplars?
3. Recognise that there is crossover with the action plans and the work of the Thematic Partnerships. JW, SJ and SM attending a workshop session that brings Thematic Partnerships and LSPs together to explore common ground and joint working.
4. Andy Murray suggested that he should look at the Safer Communities Action Plan and see if there was value in re-modelling it into the OSP template to better identify links with other OSP flagship issues and action plans

Economy

5. It was acknowledged that the economy is and overarching issue in the Sustainable Community Strategy and as such, it was agreed that all OSP action plans should have reference to the economy and how the actions are contributing to the economy

6. It was noted that the OSP must have a role in the County Economic Assessment based on the work being carried out through the action plans and the Regeneration Framework:
- Housing – affordability, access to housing and housing need
 - Health and Social Inclusion / Regeneration Framework – Skills, training, employment, health
 - Climate Change - aspirations/actions around the green economy, being a world exemplar
 - Public Realm – Tourism, festivals, creative industries
 - Safer, stronger more cohesive – low crime area, attractiveness commercially

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