



VCS Representation Feedback

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I attended: ...Worcestershire Partnership.....Date: 14.10.09

1. Items of interest to the VCS were:

Agenda Items:

1. Governance and Accountability Review
2. Comprehensive Area Assessment
3. Worcestershire Economy Action Group Update (WEAG)
4. Shenstone Group and Total Place
5. COMPACT – Equality and Diversity Code

Items of Interest:

1. Generally the review has highlighted 4 issues – 2 which can be progressed fairly easily and 2 which require further discussions.

The former are:

- Membership of Board and its agenda
- Links between Partnership Board and others i.e. Theme Groups

The Management Group will address these and report back.

2 issues requiring further discussions & longer term activity are:

- Links between WP and District LSPs
- Links with VCS

2. The CAA 'Red Flagged':

- i. the inequalities around a range of indicators in Redditch focussed around economic outcomes but also covering health, education, housing, resident satisfaction and employment.
- ii. the risk to the local economy of another occurrence of flooding in Tenbury.

Both issues were debated at length and eventually it was agreed to ask the Audit Commission to review the red flag judgements.

3. Report presented showing the work undertaken by WEAG. The role of the VCS was highlighted and funding has been provided to support those organisations providing frontline economic support i.e. Credit Union, CABx and Worcester CASH.

The report also showed links with the Poverty Task Group and the bidding successes with Connections to Opportunities (C20) and the Future Jobs Fund.

4. The paper updated members on the work of the Shenstone Group and the Total Place Project. The former composes 26 key leaders from across public sector, voluntary sector, business, community and the wider civil society and is meeting monthly (NB Cathy, Richard and Philip are members of this group). The latter project (Total Place) is working on three themes:

- Reducing the current and future numbers of young people (16 - 25 years) not in education, employment or training (NEETs).
- Transforming outcomes and opportunities in Areas of Highest Need.
- Strategic inter-agency property asset management and utilisation.

Further information etc available from Roger Britton – Programme Manager 07850 917993 or rbritton@worcestershire.gov.uk

5. The Equality and Diversity Code of Conduct was agreed unanimously.

2. Issues I raised on behalf of the VCS were:

Multiple

3. Report to be submitted for 'The Voice' Newsletter Article – please circle?

No

4. Please Comment on any problems or difficulties

None

Signed **Date** ...14.10.09

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