

# Minutes

# Cultural Partnership

Tuesday, 26 June 2007

2.30 pm

Spire Suite, Coventry Sport and Leisure Centre

**Meeting called by:** Hamish Glen

**Attendees:** Alan Rivett, Simon Rice, Jeanne Jenner, Sarah Jackson (subbing for Owen Dutton), Simon Morris, Brinder Seni, Harnek Kandola, Jo Hibbard, Niall McChesney, Jon Skinner, June Jeffrey, Martin Price, Peter Walters, Roger Vaughan, Colin Bell, Jo Trowsdale, Tom Clift

## Agenda topics

1. Apologies

Hamish Glen, Alice Davey, Yasmin Akhtar, Ces Edwards, Marion Doyen, Tony Skipper, Carl Bainbridge

2. Notes of meeting held on 26 March 2007

No matters arising. Neither Chair nor Theme Group Advisor able to attend.

3. Presentation General Household Survey

Yasmin is not able to attend, so this agenda item is deferred to the next meeting.

4. Coventry Partnerships Update

- Sue Rogers is now the New Deal for Communities representative on the Coventry Partnership. Jon will ensure that Cultural Partnership issues are fed through to Sue.
- A Local Area Agreements event took place mid June. At the moment there are 35 targets that are agreed with the local areas, but it is not clear if these targets will be the priorities for the area, or areas of under performance where work is urgently needed. GOWM will clarify this.
- Jon updated on the Coventry Partnership Improvement Plan and the opportunities for the private sector to link with the theme groups. He has spoken to Hamish about connections, e.g. work with estate agents and tourism agencies to sell the whole Coventry experience. This will be launched towards the autumn.
- Roger updated on the Heritage Plan and the work that he has been doing with Gary Hall, the new CE of Coventry Transport Museum about a more joined approach in the offer to schools. Education policies are being examined and they will be looking at linking to other organisations with an education remit, such as Emma Griffiths, Education Officer at the Cathedral.

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Roger and Gary to speak to Education Officers at partner organisations.

Roger/Gary

Jon and Pete to discuss about how tourism can fit better into the Improvement Plan.

Jon/Pete

5. Local Development Framework - Presentation by Niall McChesney		
<p>Niall spoke about the new Development Plan that is currently being produced. The draft Cultural Strategy mentions the local development framework and Planners have sought active involvement with LSP. Someone from Planning will be attending each of the theme groups and a new discussion document will be circulated shortly. A copy of Niall's presentation will be on the Cultural Partnership section of the web shortly - <a href="http://www.coventrypartnership.com/culturalpartnership">http://www.coventrypartnership.com/culturalpartnership</a>. The Plan is currently at the issues and options stage and at the recent meeting of Leaders and Advisors it was agreed that there would be a meeting in September about the preferred options, prior to submission to Central Government.</p> <p>The draft Development Plan will be available in mid July, with a six week consultation period. Niall will forward a copy to Jon who will arrange for it to be placed on the Coventry Partnership website and a link e-mailed to all Partnership members. Comments will go back to the Partnership and they will then be sent back to the City Council together. Members want to bring out the preferred document by December/January.</p> <p>It was suggested that a sub-group be formed to discuss this and draft a response which will be circulated to the whole group prior to submission back to the Coventry Partnership. This group to include Simon Morris, Jeanne Jenner, Colin Bell, Peter Walters, Roger Vaughan, Alan Rivett, Owen Dutton, June Jeffrey and Cara McMahon.</p>		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Helene to find out timetable from Niall and arrange a meeting of the group.	Helene/Niall	end of August
6. Life Long Learning Network – Presentation by Martin Price		
<p>Life Long Learning Networks (LLLN) are a national initiative, aimed at meeting the government target that 50% of all 18-30 year olds should be receiving some sort of education and training, by increasing access to training. They will try and widen participation for vocational learners and also helping with progression from A levels to University. Only 18% of those going to University have vocational qualifications as opposed to A levels. It is also intended that the LLLN might also be able to help people in employment via day release or bite sized learning. A copy of Martin's presentation is available on the website at <a href="http://www.coventrypartnership.com/upload/documents/document1005.ppt">http://www.coventrypartnership.com/upload/documents/document1005.ppt</a>.</p> <p>The objectives are to try and move barriers to progression. Moving from A levels to University is not always smooth, and if students move to another part of the country, there will be work that is nationally recognised. There is a mapping exercise assessing current provision, including looking at which courses fall into the cultural and creative sector as well as talking to employers about what their needs are.</p>		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Martin and Brinder to meet to discuss Voluntary Sector links.	Martin/Brinder	
7. Cultural Strategy Update		
<p>The draft strategy has been circulated. Initial comments are needed in by Monday. It may be necessary to extend the period of work on this as there have already been a number of extensive comments. One of the things mentioned at the CPA inspection last week was the fact that the strategy is not yet up and running.</p> <p>After the strategy is finalised, the next step will be to put together the action plan. The City Council will take the lead on this in partnership with the Cultural Partnership. The action plan will feed into the theme group action plan for the Coventry Partnership.</p> <p>It was suggested that the actions currently in the strategy are not strong enough, that section 5 be the core document and the rest the appendices. It could then be a 10 to 12 page document with appendices.</p>		

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
A workshop to consider comments received to be arranged.	Alice/Helene	mid-July
<b>8. 2012 Culture Taskforce – Presentation by Tom Clift</b>		
<p>2012 preparation starts next year as soon as the Beijing Olympic Games are over. Tom would like to see 2012 a stronger theme in the strategy, as it is not mentioned until page 18.</p> <p>LOCOG has announced plans for a cultural olympiad and this is detailed in the documents Tom circulated. All projects who want to take part have to meet certain criteria, but these are not clear yet. Torch relay will be in 2011. There will be 10 major projects and ways to engage in these needs to be explored. There will be a cultural festival designed to join together all the events in the region and put a 2012 spin on it and this will be co-ordinated by the Cultural Programmer. The Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire 2012 group is now established and Alice is part of this group.</p> <p>The possibility of linking to the training camps was mentioned. If a team came to Coventry, a series of events around the culture of that particular country could be arranged. It was also suggested that the peace and reconciliation reputation that Coventry has should be built on, as this is a big feature of the Olympic movement.</p> <p>It is not yet clear how events would be financed. Some money will be available from the National Lottery, but not until 2009. Tom also mentioned a legacy trust which will provide £40 million for the whole country.</p> <p>The legacy trust will cover the UKSG and applications that regions can put in across the 10 major projects. Ideas should be presented to the Cultural 2012 sub group via Tom. They would like to hear ideas even if the money is not currently available. Projects would start next August, but planning needs to begin now. Membership of the group is open to anyone and the terms of reference will be placed on the Cultural Partnership section of the web shortly - <a href="http://www.coventrypartnership.com/culturalpartnership">http://www.coventrypartnership.com/culturalpartnership</a>.</p> <p>The Cultural Partnership need to discuss which of the ten projects would we like to do in our sub region. These are umbrella frames that a project could fit under. Anyone can pitch into any theme from across the country. It was suggested that theme E in the Cultural Strategy could be about maximising the opportunities that the Olympics could bring to Coventry. Tom will include this as part of his feedback.</p> <p>It was noted that quite a number of smaller organisations are undergoing a funding review from their funding bodies, e.g. the Arts Council and so may not see this as a priority.</p> <p>The date for the next meeting of the Cultural 2012 sub group is not yet set, but will be in July. People are reluctant to get involved in more meetings, but if they can't attend, items for discussion can be forwarded to Tom who will raise them at the meeting.</p>		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Helene to obtain Terms of Reference from Tom for circulation to group.	Helene/Tom	
All partnership members to forward any items for discussion to Tom	All	
<b>9. Future Meetings</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 24 September 2007</li> <li>➤ 17 December 2007</li> </ul> <p>Venues to be advised.</p>		