

ONE Haverhill Partnership Board Meeting
MINUTES
9th June 2022 10:00am

Present:

Board Members		
Andy Hunter	AH	Chair and Headteacher, Samuel Ward Academy
David Ruddy	DR	Vice Chair and West Suffolk College
Councillor Liz Smith	CllrLS	Haverhill Town Mayor
Councillor John Burns	CllrJB	Haverhill Town Council
Councillor Margaret Marks	CllrMM	West Suffolk Council
Councillor David Roach	CllrDR	Suffolk County Council
Jo Albini	JA	West Suffolk Citizen Advice (substitute)
Lizzi Cocker	LC	West Suffolk Council
Helen Cullup	HC	Community Action Suffolk
Colin Poole	CP	Town Clerk, Haverhill Town Council
Warren Smyth	WS	Chief Executive, Abbeycroft Leisure
Henry Wilson	HW	REACH Haverhill
In Attendance		
Helena Joplin	HJ	West Suffolk NHS
Suzanne Stevenson	SS	Get Suffolk Reading
David Osborne	DO	West Suffolk Council
Debbie Deeks	DD	Haverhill Town Council, minute taker

ACTION

Item

1. Welcome, Declaration of Interest, Apologies

Andy Hunter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from:

County Councillor Bobby Bennett

District Councillor Susan Glossop, Cabinet Member for Planning & Growth, West Suffolk Council

Councillor Dave Smith, Haverhill Town Council

Ian Gallin, Chief Executive, West Suffolk Council

Dave Gooderham, ONE Haverhill PR Consultant

Insp Matt Paisley, Suffolk Constabulary

Jacqui Singleton, Work Related Learning Coordinator, Samuel Ward Academy

Alex Till, CEO MENTA

0 members of the public were present

Declarations of interest:

None.

ALL

2. Previous Minutes & Matters Arising from the meeting held 9th December 2021:

Business Plan Review:

A Hunter discussed how the ONE Haverhill are not a commissioning group therefore the Business Plan should be asset-based looking for delivery projects to meet the needs of the community.

Cllr Burns commented that the people are the asset and can be used to deliver projects by providing understanding of local needs.

Skills for employment programme: D Ruddy reported that the Skills Escalator Days have been completed and well received.

No matters arising and no previous actions.

Previous minutes were approved.

3. Future Systems update:

H. Joplin informed that the workshop had been completed in April, which was a good starting point for implementing integrated services. The next step is to hold another workshop for the Health and Social Care Integration Team. The new hospital will not break ground until 2025, therefore the goal is to set objectives for collective working. **(appendix 1 for workshop outcomes)**

Cllr Burns asked if there were any quick fixes that be done now for example adjustment to E-consult to make the system more user-friendly.

H Joplin confirmed that she is looking at short-term issues that could be moved into the community now as well as the long- term project.

Cllr Marks also confirmed that a better understanding of E-consult in the community was required.

H. Joplin asked the Partnership whether they would consider providing the Alliance Delivery Group comment on decisions that are being made by the group. This would involve a light touch review of decisions made virtually.

Cllr Marks responded by saying that she agrees in principle however there are difficulties with staffing levels on the ground to even achieve the objectives made by the Alliance Delivery Group.

Cllr Roach asked whether the group were also looking at Addenbrookes Hospital as people from Haverhill use this hospital as well. H Joplin said that data is being reviewed to confirm the service levels provided by Addenbrookes.

H. Wilson asked if there were outlined achievable procedures in place, H Joplin confirmed that as this is still a very new process things are under review.

A.Hunter confirmed that One Haverhill Partnership would like to be involved and provide commentary on decisions in the future.

4. **Public Speaking:**

None.

5. **Cost of Living Crisis**

H. Wilson was invited to give an update on the cost of living crisis for Haverhill. One of the key things identified was the reduction in food boxes required during the recent half term school holidays. This was felt to be attributed to free school meals continuing to be provided during the school holidays. A. Hunter suggested that this feedback be given to the County Council who supply the vouchers. There are however still a number of households who do not qualify for free school meals but are in need of assistance particularly working families who also receive financial government assistance.

J. Albin offered to collaborate with REACH and provide data which shows the number of families in the area that qualify for free school meal vouchers.

Cllr Burns thanked REACH for the work being done so far and asked if it was possible to obtain data from County Council on who in Haverhill qualifies for free school meals and how the vouchers are being used. H. Wilson stated that this is currently being undertaken by REACH.

Cllr L Smith asked if there has been a decline in the Haverhill community contributing to food boxes. H. Wilson thought this was not the case.

W. Smith said there has been a definite increase in demand from families who do not qualify for assistance and suggested that the threshold for who qualifies based on means testing should be reviewed. **(see full presentation attached appendix 2)**

C. Poole said the chair of the Haverhill Town Council Energy and Sustainability Committee had asked him to investigate what support we could give to help residents understand how costs can be reduced as well as saving energy without

reverting to simply turning your heating off. It was suggested that help should be given on the high street providing awareness on how to save energy and what techniques can be used to be sustainable, particularly for the most vulnerable in the community who are often the hardest to reach.

D. Osbourne suggested that support could be provided through the workplace.
H. Cullop suggested the provision of a pantry and pop-up shop which does not necessarily require identifying as being in need of assistance by the resident.

D. Roach left the meeting at 12.15pm

A. Hunter suggested the introduction of a cost of living task group who consider initiatives without duplicating any work currently being undertaken. Members all to email A. Hunter if they wish to be part of the group.

6. **Get Suffolk Reading**

S. Stevenson attended the meeting as requested to talk about Get Suffolk Reading which is a project designed to improve home learning and wellbeing in Haverhill. The project is planned to run at least 10 years in Haverhill with S. Stevenson working alongside Literacy Champions and is funded by Suffolk County Council through the National Literacy Trust. S. Stevenson thanked REACH, Abbeycroft and members for their contributions so far.

A. Hunter suggested to the group that S. Stevenson be invited to join ONE Haverhill Partnership and come to meetings to give updates, which was unanimously agreed. It was also suggested that a task group be set up looking at Social Inequality.

Cllr L Smith also asked if Get Suffolk Reading was being taken to Prisons for adults and visiting areas for children and family. S. Stevenson confirmed that this area was being considered.

7. **UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update**

I. Gallin sent his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting, however submitted a report on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund requesting input and view from One Haverhill. **(see attached appendix 3)**

The group discussed various options including the Clements estate and a town centre hub with integrated outreach services.
Cllr Burns said that local should mean Haverhill and not just specified estates and this should be fluid with the Haverhill area.

W. Smyth suggested a number of areas which could be recommended and agreed to submit a proposal to C. Poole for circulation to the group.

A. Hunter suggested the objectives of combined and hub working, virtual in the first instance, reducing social inequality and supporting sustainability by adapting to the raising in the cost of living

8. **Financial Overview:**

C. Poole advised that as of the 9th June ONE Haverhill Partnership had a balance debit (£59.16), therefore until such time when funds are available promotions need **ALL** to be put on hold.

Cllr Burns said that he currently updates and funds the ONE Haverhill Partnership website and suggested that maybe this function could be undertaken by West Suffolk as this service had been offered previously.

Cllr Marks said there is a possibility that District Councillors could make a small contribution individually however this could only be allocated if it was designated as a project. A. Hunter said he will look into this prospect and contact the County Council. **AH**

9. Any Other Business

Cllr Marks raised concerns about the increase in childhood obesity which have been identified by a task group which has been set up by Suffolk County Council. Cllr Marks raised this issued as something for One Haverhill Partnership to think about in the future.

A. Hunter requested that task force updates be emailed to C. Poole for to add to the minutes as these items could not be covered in the meeting.

H Wilson ABS Update

Crime & ASB (Drug and Alcohol): We are continuing to meet with the aim to improve the provision of recovery services in Haverhill. We don't have any issue with Turning Point and are in discussions with them to understand what the provision is, where the gaps are and see what areas we can influence to see an improvement. We next meet on 23rd June. The Turning Point contract with Suffolk CC is up for renewal in 2024 therefore are working to see improved provision.

Inspector Paisley email. **(see attached appendix 4)**

A. Hunter thanked everyone for the attendance.

Meeting finish 12.15pm

10. Dates of Next Meetings:

Thursday 29th September 2022

Thursday 24th November 2022

Appendix 4

Email from Inspector Matt Paisley for One Haverhill Board Meeting Minutes

Good morning, please accept my apologies for being absent today. For your minutes, and update, Acting Inspector Matt Gilbert has now reverted to his substantive rank of Sergeant and moved to the Bury St Edmunds Safer Neighbourhood Team following my return to work.

The current policing priorities in Haverhill are as follows:

1. County Lines/drugs activity
2. Youth related violent crime and anti-social behaviour
3. Theft from motor vehicle.

An update on recent developments for these priorities are as follows:

1. The information sharing and intelligence gathering around the drugs culture in the county remains very strong. We have excellent partnership links that help build a bigger picture particularly around county lines which in turn allows us to use a multi-faceted approach to dismantling and disrupting active lines. Not only does this process allow us to target the users and local suppliers, we are then able to utilise other Forces to target the higher levels of the drugs businesses, taking out the main parties.

Not all drug related issues in Haverhill are County Lines, and it remains a focus for officers to ensure they take positive action when investigating any offence that might be linked to drugs.

2. We have recently seen an escalation in crime reporting relating to a small group of young people. The activities of this group have moved on from low level anti-social behaviour to violent offences against others of similar ages to them. The Safer Neighbourhood Team are working with partner agencies as part of a multi-discipline team set up to break the cycle of offending, looking at every aspect of the

lives of those involved. Whilst we have, and will use the power of arrest, there is a recognition that the criminal justice process is not enough on its own to prevent some of this cohort from re-offending, acknowledging that youth justice needs wider buy-in from social care, housing providers and the Council to support more holistic remedies. I am satisfied with the progress of this targeted operation, recognising that there has been a positive impact on offending since our interventions.

3. Towards the end of May there had been a spike in the number of vehicles being broken into in Haverhill. Very quickly, officers identified three key suspects who were subsequently arrested and after interview bailed. Whilst we have seen a significant reduction in offending since the arrests, we are still experiencing pockets of offences spread across sporadic nights of the week and locations. The ongoing work is focussed on building the case against the 3 suspects on bail, working proactively to target key locations based on intelligence and crime data, and educate through media/social media and house to house enquiries as we have identified that the majority of offences have occurred when vehicles have been left insecure with property on display.

Overarching these priorities remains the steady increase in daily demand, and a strong focus on the violence against women and girls strategy, leaning into domestic abuse.

In addition I was going to report that there have been a series of house burglaries in the past few weeks that may appear to be the result of one gang of villains. The police are keeping me up to date as best as they can within confidentiality rules but very distressing for the people concerned as seems high value sentimental gold jewellery is being stolen. The public has been asked to report any suspicious activity immediately to the police on 999.