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<p style="text-align: center;">CABINET 29 JANUARY 2015 UPDATE ON PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY</p>
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<p>1 Purpose of Report</p>

- 1.1 To provide an update on Partnership working within Cannock Chase to ensure that Cabinet are briefed on key issues and opportunities.

<p>2 Recommendations</p>

- 2.1 That Cabinet note the update on Partnership activity.
- 2.2 That Cabinet identify any specific areas of interest for future reports.

<p>3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation</p>

- 3.1 At the meeting of Cabinet on 21st June 2012, the regular Partnership Update report was noted and it was resolved that, in future, an update would be required on a quarterly basis following the LSP Strategic Board meeting cycle.

This report provides an update on the key areas of focus for the Chase Community Partnership since the last report to Cabinet together with detailed information and case studies where relevant.

Cabinet will recall that the LSP has adopted its own governance structure and Terms and Reference, and therefore the quarterly update reports are intended to provide a summary of Partnership work for information. Any particular areas of interest to Cabinet can be reported in more detail in future reports.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

4.1 This report supports the Council's Corporate Priorities as follows:

- (i) The Partnership vision is shared with this Council and the Council's priorities were established alongside the development of the Partnership priorities as set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy. Therefore the Partnership leads actions and projects which contribute to all of the Council's priorities and, in particular, through the Economic, Health and Community Safety activities, will contribute to the Prosperity, People and Place priorities respectively.

5 Report Detail

5.1 At the meeting of Cabinet on 21st June 2012, the regular Partnership update report was noted and it was resolved that, in future, an update would be required on a quarterly basis.

The Strategic Board has met once since the last report to Cabinet and this report provides an update on decisions, funding requests and key areas of work during that time period.

5.2 Funding Update

At the Strategic Board meeting on 24th November 2014, requests for funding were made in respect of:

- Blake Community Development Worker - £1300 per month from May 2015
- Chase Against Crimes of Hate Officer time - £7000 per annum from April 2015

With respect to the continuation of the Blake Community Development Worker post, the Strategic Board noted the proposal by Support Staffordshire to link the post into the Assets Based Community Development (ABCD) work which is due to commence in early 2015. The Board also noted that an ABCD event was being held on 5th December 2015 to provide further information about the ABCD project and therefore it was agreed that the request for further funding would be re-considered at a future LSP Board meeting.

The Strategic Board were also requested by CACH to consider part-funding the CACH Officer to enable work with victims of hate crime to continue within the District. The current funding will cease on 31st March 2015 and a request for £7000 per annum was submitted. This would enable service provision to continue at two days per week within the District for 12 months. The Board noted the request and agreed to consider whether the Police and Crime Commissioner funding is an option to release funds for this post for two years from 1st April 2015.

The Strategic Board was also informed that the Enterprise and Skills Board would be returning most of the £50,000 allocated to establish an apprentice scheme with local businesses as this project has not developed in the way it was originally intended.

5.3 **Asset Based Community Development Project (ABCD)**

Staffordshire County Council has commissioned an organisation called C2 to provide a community engagement service within the District (together with other areas of the County). The project is intended to identify local communities and work with key individuals in those communities to identify needs whilst building stronger relationship between public sector organisations and the communities they serve. C2 hosted an event on the 5th December 2014 to provide more detail about previous ABCD work and shared the following “Seven Step Model” which will guide their work within Cannock Chase.

T The C2 Seven Step Model: From Isolation to Transformation

STEP 1

Identify and nurture key residents. Establish partnership steering group of front line local service providers, key residents and other stakeholders who share common interest in bringing about change and improvement within a targeted neighbourhood to jointly undertake the 7 step process towards a resident-led partnership.

STEP 2

Hold workshops to consolidate connections within steering group and embed skills and mindset needed to support residents to lead change and become self-managing. Jointly plan ‘listening to community’ event to identify and prioritise neighbourhood health and well-being issues.

STEP 3

Steering group hosts ‘listening event’ and produces report on identified issues, fed back to residents within 10 days. Commitment established for resident led, multi-agency partnership to tackle issues. Exchange visits undertaken to meet communities who successfully self-manage

STEP 4

Constitute partnership which operates out of easily accessed hub within community setting, opening clear communication channels to wider community e.g. regular newsletter, estate ‘walkabouts’, links with other community groups and interface with strategic organisations.

STEP 5

Monthly partnership meetings, providing continuous positive feedback loop to residents. Celebration of visible ‘wins’ e.g. successful application to funding streams which support community priorities, and promote positive media coverage, leading to improved community confidence, more volunteering and increasing momentum towards change.

STEP 6

Evidence of community strengthening and self organization characterized by setting up of new groups and activities increasing social capital, catering for wide spectrum of age groups and targeting health priorities. Accelerated responses in service delivery from partnership agencies, leading to increased community trust, co-operation and reciprocal uptake

STEP 7

Partnership firmly established and on forward trajectory of improvement. Two or three key residents employed and funded to co-ordinate activities. Measurable outcomes from community action plan and evidence of visible transformational change, e.g. new play spaces, improved residents' gardens, reduction in ASB, all leading to measurable health improvement and parallel gains for other public services.

At the meeting on 5th December 2014, the geography for the project was agreed; this will incorporate parts of the 'Blake' project area including Chadsmoor and north of Staffordshire University Academy. Maps for the project will be developed by C2 once the final boundaries are established (further work on household numbers is required at present). As the ABCD project will be a significant partnership project during 2015/16, further updates will be included in future Cabinet reports.

5.4 **Safer Neighbourhood Panels**

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) will be developed Safer Neighbourhood Panels (SNPs) in each District during 2015. These Panels are intended to hold the Local Policing Team (LPT) to account for policing within the District and provide a conduit between the LPT and local communities. It is intended that they will comprise of around 12 local people and the PCC is keen to ensure that Panel members are recruited locally to ensure representation of the various communities within the District. The OPCC invited expressions of interest from District in November 2014 to become an early implementer . Chase LSP agreed to submit an expression of interest, which was successful. It is therefore intended that a pilot SNP will be established in Cannock Chase in February 2015 and a local, multi-agency task and finish group will be responsible for developing the Panel and monitoring progress.

5.5 **Domestic Abuse Perpetrators Programme**

Staffordshire County Council has commissioned a County-wide domestic abuse perpetrators programme to provide a service to individuals who recognise that they have problems in controlling their behaviour. The programme began in October and unfortunately there has been no take-up of places in Cannock Chase (a similar picture to other areas of the County). As a result a meeting was convened In December to consider how to address this issue and it has been agreed that the police will proactively identify individuals and signpost to the course through their Domestic Violence Protection Notice process. Referrals to the programme have also been incorporated into the weekly Partnership Hub meeting and uptake will be monitored.

5.5 Health and Wellbeing Local Commissioning Partnership

The Health and Wellbeing Local Commissioning Partnership (LCP) has developed a commissioning prospectus to provide services which will aid the LCP in delivering progress against the four Health and Wellbeing Outcomes adopted by the Partnership. A number of partners have stated their intentions to commit funding to the LCP commissioning process and the first round of tendering began in December 2014 following an event held on the 21st November to agree the final version of the prospectus.

The process of joint commissioning has raised a number of legal, financial and governance issues and these are currently being explored by Council officers together the County Council's District Commissioning Lead. There are also queries from the PCC's office and Chase LSP over how this process can utilise the PCC funding (and other sources of "non-health" funding) at present as the prospectus is purely based on health outcomes at present. Joint commissioning will be an ongoing theme for local partnership working over the throughout 2015 and therefore Partnership Updates reports to Cabinet will include updates where relevant.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial

There are no direct Financial Implications arising from the report.

The funding of each initiative is detailed in the relevant Delivery Plan as reported to the LSP Executive Board.

Funding from the LSP direct comes from a Partnership financial reserve which is a combination of external funding streams such as the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund and the Locality Funds together with previous LPSA 2 reward grants and money paid into the LSP budget by individual partner organisations. Whilst this reserve has been used to allocate resources to some of the projects within the Plan, it is important to note that this a finite fund and is unlikely to be replenished in the future and therefore any opportunity to match-fund projects or achieve success through working differently with partners must be realised.

6.2 Legal

None

6.3 Human Resources

None

6.4 Section 17 (Crime Prevention)

The Partnership Delivery Plan is interal to ensuring that this Authority, and our partners, meet the statutory duty placed upon the 'Responsible Authorities' under trhe Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

6.5 Human Rights Act

None

6.6 Data Protection

None

6.7 Risk Management

None

6.8 Equality & Diversity

Council involvement in specific projects may be subject to an Equality Impact Assessment

6.9 Best Value

None

7 Appendices to the Report

Previous Consideration

Background Papers