

Shadow Board Minutes 12th December 2011

Russell House

Young Leaders Introduction (Joseph, Klejda, Shannon and Chantal)

The newly elected young leaders formally introduced themselves to the Shadow Board members. They updated on the work they had been involved in since beginning their term, in particular, attending their first full council meeting, in which they had significant time to take questions from the county councillors and talk about their plans for the coming two years.

Budget consultation (Rachel Evans – Public Participation Manager)

Rachel Evans, Public Participation Manager, introduced the NCC Budget Consultation to the group. Members were made aware that the general public, including young people, have the opportunity to comment on and make suggestions about the county councils budget proposals. This can be achieved in a variety of ways including focus groups, online surveys, social networking and petitions. It was proposed that the shadow board and young leaders took ownership of gaining the views of young people in their area/school/youth groups. Any feedback gained would be pulled together for a meeting between the young leaders and Cllr Harker. In order to decide on the areas of the consultation to take to wider groups, the shadow board were presented with a range of items and were asked to choose the most relevant to their needs/interests. The areas that were chosen included:

- The empowering councillors fund
- Efficiencies in the Youth Offending Service
- Increasing charges for adult social care services
- People with learning disabilities living normal lives in the community
- The Looked After Children's service

Shooting Stars update (Josh, Kerrie and Rosie)

Members of the Shooting Stars group gave a short presentation to update on work that has been carried out over the past few months. This has included several meetings, presentations at community events, participation in recruitment processes and inspections of services.

Safeguarding presentation and LSCBN (Julie)

Following discussions at the area board around safeguarding, Julie ran through a presentation to bring all members up to the same level of understanding. The presentation covered:

- The definition of safeguarding
- Legislation

- Child protection
- The role of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB)
- Young People's LSCB input

The purpose of this piece of work was to offer young people the opportunity to get involved with the work of the LSCBN, by taking part in their Annual Conference, Board meetings, and working with their communications team. The shadow board members that were interested in finding out more about this were; Ivy, Saffron, Megan, Devante, Alistair, Peter, Justin, Taylor and Abrah.

CYPPB Agenda items – JSNA (Tom)

An item that will be discussed at the CYPPB meeting concerns the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. This was an item that was discussed at the Area Board meetings in February this year. Shadow Board members were reminded that the JSNA was a piece of work that looked at the needs of the entire population of Northamptonshire. A brief presentation was shown highlighting some key areas and statistics. The shadow board members were split into 4 groups and asked to consider four types of need; social, economic, health and environmental. Each group were provided with a list of considerations that area board members came up with relating to each of these areas. From the list, each group had to select their top priority issues. Top considerations were:

Health

- Drug use
- Mental health issues
- Low self-esteem.

Environmental

- Lack of confidence in the police
- Feeling unsafe
- Threat of violence

Social

- Not being listened to
- Social exclusion
- Peer pressure

Economic

- Increasing unemployment, particularly youth
- Future cost of living and negative outlook on future

- Bus fares too expensive

CYPPB Election

Shadow board members were invited to put themselves forward for election to attend the CYPPB meeting taking place at the Guildhall on 15th Dec. Alistair, Devante, Joe, Saffron and Taylor stood for election. Saffron and Joe received the highest number of votes.