

MEETING NOTES

14th April 2015, 11am,
Castle Manor Academy, Haverhill

Present: LD, TB, HW, RA, JA, LW, AP, JM, JA, DR (In support CP, CH, LC)

Apologies: IG, EG, PS, JE, WS

SH Welcomed DR to the meeting replacing MT on the board

Apprentice/Skills Update (SH)

KC was not able to attend the meeting. SH updated that discussions had taken place with JC+ around the possibility of funding the skills manager post for a further year. KP has been doing a lot of work with local schools. Apprenticeship numbers remain positive. Some feedback received about the inflexibility of some apprenticeships and the time it takes to actually get a young person in place. WSC are now delivering traineeships in Haverhill and are working closely with KC.

Health/employment project

There are twice as many people on sickness benefit in Haverhill than unemployment benefit. 40% of people on ESA are eligible to work. LR updated on a recent meeting with WS and JC around a potential new project relating to helping people on sickness relating benefits prepare/get back into work. What is our organisations might be able to help with? Leisure offer? Low level mental health support? Other interventions? Arts?

Masterplan Update

First phase of consultation is nearly complete. Good response rate. We received a lot of good PR-special thanks to SW. Issues and Options report to go to SEBC cabinet next month. Next phase of consultation starts in May.

ONE Haverhill Finances Update

CP presented a spreadsheet with the current finance situation. In summary, the first tranche of DCLG money is spent as is the SEBC grants pot. There is some money left in the 2nd tranche of DCLG funding but this is committed to cover cost benefit work, the second annual report and events to promote the ONE Haverhill skills project.

Any Other Business

JA informed the meeting that Castle Manor Academy is applying for free schools status for children 9-16yrs with specific educational needs. Also, a request for organisations to submit ideas/support that could support the new curriculum which could include practical help.

Request for SH to ask developers of Wolsey Farm to present at a future board meeting.

SH reminded board members that it is business as usual until the elections after which time membership of the board may/may not change. It is each organisations responsibility to nominate who they want to represent them on the board and notify the chair as soon as it is known.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- ONE Haverhill Board 16th June 2015 (TBC)
- ONE Haverhill Board 18th Aug 2015 (Sam Ward)
- ONE Haverhill Board 20 Oct 2015 (TBC)
- ONE Haverhill Board 15 Dec 2015 (Sam Ward)