Meeting Notes

Meeting: Boscombe Regeneration Partnership Board

Date: 10th February 2015 **Time:** 10:00 – 12:00

Location: Old School House



Attending:

Board Members:

(TW) Tony Williams, Chief Executive of Bournemouth Borough Council, BBC; **(JK)** Cllr Jane Kelly, Cabinet Member Lead; **(MC)** Mark Cribb, Chair of Boscombe CIC; **(TT)** Tina Thompson, Bournemouth 2026; **(AB)** Anna Braczek, Dorset Race Equality Council; **(VA)** Viv Aird, BCVS; **(HS)** Harry Seccombe, Chair of Boscombe Forum; **(SU)** Steve Underhill, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service;

Theme Leads and advisors:

(SB) Sue Bickler, Head of Community Regeneration; (CM) Cat McMillan, Boscombe Regeneration; (CW) Insp Chris Weeks, Dorset Police; (CB) Carol Butler, Boscombe Centre Manager; (DJ) Deborah Jones, Communications Officer; (SC) Sam Crowe, Assistant Director Public Health; (SBest) Stuart Best, Street Services Manager; (HR) Heidi Rees, Boscombe Regeneration; (KA) Kelly Ansell, Strategic Housing; (CS) Chris Snelling, Bournemouth DAAT;

Apologies:

(TR) Tina Ridge, Dorset Probation; (MU) Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner; (CA) Carole Aspden, Service Director For Children & Young People's Services; (JW) Julian Wright, Achieve Together; (BC) Bill Cotton, Executive Director - Environment & Economy; (PD) Pam Donnellan, Chair of Bournemouth 2026; (PR) Peter Ruscoe, Sovereign Centre Manager; (PF) Dr Paul French, Health Service; (AB) Amanda Buttle, Jobcentre Plus; (DGP) Doborah Godfrey-Phaure, Exec Head Avonbourne & Harewood Academies; (MC) Mike Claxton, Dorset Police; (LS) Laura Snowden, BBC Strategic Housing;

No.		Action
1	Welcome & Apologies TW welcomed the attendees to the meeting and noted the apologies. TW welcomed HS and SU to their first BRP Board meeting.	
2	Minutes & Matters Arising The minutes of the last meeting were recorded as accurate apart from an amendment from LS which was agreed and an issue regarding Princes Court, which is having an issue with rubbish outside of the property. Environmental Protection is trying to contact with the developer. MC sees the owner regularly and will pass on his details to LS. All other actions are either completed or in hand.	MC/LS
3	Theme Lead updates & Challenges Housing KA noted that the Churchill Gardens management plan which the Board had agreed to fund has been delayed. It was agreed this needed to progress quickly as it is needed to inform the potential grant scheme and other improvements to	

the square. KA will speak with BC in order to move this forward.

There was a presentation by KA and CW regarding Operation Galaxy and the emerging task force and analyst posts. 152 multi agency inspections have taken place to date. This is proving to be successful and will continue with a dedicated team.

KA thanked CJK for her support with securing future funding for Operation Galaxy. SU explained to the Board that their fire officer who was working with Operation Galaxy is retiring and due to capacity issues suggested that the officers working on Operation Galaxy have some training in how to spot potential fire risks. If potential risks are spotted, they can then be reported to the fire brigade for further investigation. KA agreed.

It was noted that DJ will work on communications to highlight the work being done on Operation Galaxy.

It was noted that Bournemouth 2026 Trust are currently looking for land to undertake another Community Land Trust scheme. If anyone can identify potential land, pass the details on to Bournemouth 2026 Trust

Employment and Enterprise

SB noted that the funding for Outset Bournemouth is due to end. Although there is the potential to bid for further funding from Europe through the LEP there will be a shortfall of £40k per month until funding is secured. There is a plan in place to cover this in the immediate future but not for the longer term if ERDF funding is not secured. SB asked if anyone had any leads that she could approach for funding then to contact her.

SB explained to the group that work will take place in the near future to discuss longer term strategies for the Old School House and Outset Bournemouth. It was also noted that the two projects have been very successful.

Education and Attainment

SB updated the Board. Following consultation, this theme will be broadened and not just focused on Education but focussed on young people and other aspects of their lives, not just early education.

SB told the Board that the Executive Head from Avonbourne and Harewood Academies, Deborah Godfrey-Phaure, has requested to be invited to these board meetings. The Board fully supported this and looked forward to welcoming her to a future meeting.

Crime

CW highlighted the latest crime statistics. Overall crime in Boscombe is down by 6%. CW provided an update on Operation Furlong, which focuses on on-street drug dealing.

Environment

SBest updated the Board on the proposed improvements to the bus station in Boscombe. It was noted that coach operators should be encouraged to use the bus station as a drop off / pick up point. The public toilets in the bus station will also be improved with better lighting and improvements to make them less secluded in order to try and deter criminal activity.

The shared space scheme is going well and there has been a lot of positive feedback regarding these improvements. HS noted that there has been a lack of

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communication with the local businesses regarding the improvements. SBest will look into this. The work has slowed down with the cold weather but should be picking up again very soon. The scheme is due to be completed in April 2015.

SBest

There will be a new multi games court in Churchill Gardens to replace the one that is currently there. This will be similar to the ones that are in Boscombe Chine Gardens.

Improvements have been made to the Hawkward Road car park. New fences have been installed, bushes cut back and drainage cleared.

Health

SC reported that Health have had their best quarter to date regarding Health Checks. 6 practices in the Boscombe and Springbourne area are now providing the checks.

SC informed the Board that Public Health Dorset has signed a contract with Optum to deliver a new health improvement service for all Dorset residents, due to start 1 April 2015. They will offer all residents support with stopping smoking, taking more exercise, achieving a healthy weight and reducing alcohol consumption. The new service has been incentivised to work particularly in priority neighbourhoods like Boscombe.

The Health and Wellbeing board have approved the use of some public health savings. Some of this funding will be used to regenerate the play area at Kings Park. £30k has also been allocated to the Boscombe Health theme group. SB noted that there is still funding left for Warmer Homes in Boscombe. There was a discussion about promoting the Warmer Homes scheme to Boscombe residents. KA will look to promote this as the Landlords conference. It was agreed that SB will write to Phil Richardson who is coordinating for the CCG about presenting to the Partnership at the next BRP Board meeting. SC will present some data at the next meeting and there will be a general focus on Health. CM will also give an SAA update at the next meeting. This will be added to the agenda.

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4 Boscombe Commitment

The first Boscombe Commitment document ran from 2012 - 2015. The new and refreshed Boscombe Commitment will run from 2015 - 2020. There is public consultation regarding this new commitment throughout February, in order to find out from local residents how they think the regeneration is progressing. Hopefully this document will be approved at Cabinet in April 2015.

This document will cover the following issues:

- The Boscombe Vision (this has not changed)
- Reminder of the challenges Boscombe is facing
- Summary of what has been achieved so far
- Future plans for the partnership this will be building on what we have already done along with some new plans
- Plans for individual themes
- What are the main indicators for what we will be judged on

6 Underpinning approaches:

• Improving the reputation of Boscombe

Lobbying for legislation that is not currently in place Being strong and consistent in all of our enforcement tactics Encouraging community engagement and responsibility for the area Understanding that although Boscombe does stand alone, it is also part of Bournemouth as a whole and should benefit from other activities in the For every service/facility, we should have a culture of excellence ALL SB asked that all comments from this group should be sent to her by Friday 20th February 2015 so that the document can be finalised. ALL TW asked all of the partners to shown this document to their respective management boards by the end of June 2015 for discussion and adoption HS/CM HS noted that there was a Boscombe Forum meeting that evening and he would have the commitment document as an agenda item. If there were any comments from that discussion, they should be sent to CM. 5 **Residents Survey** CM gave an overview of the annual resident's survey 2014. Satisfaction with the local area has decreased slightly from 57% to 55% however, this is not statistically significant. The things which Boscombe residents say most need improving in their neighbourhood are: Levels of crime, clean streets, affordable housing. Satisfaction with how the area is kept free of litter and rubbish has decreased by 12%, which is disappointing as a lot of work gone into improving the environment along with significant communication on this subject. Perception of specific issues in Boscombe i.e. drug dealing in the Boscombe area have risen despite the increase in targeted work to address the issues. This could be a case of the more we publicise around this issue, the more people think there is a problem. There is also a decrease in the amount of people who feel safe outside after dark and in the day. There are also quite high figures around fear from the BME community who live in the area. A positive result is there are higher numbers of people who are aware of the Partnership and what it is trying to achieve. What is not asked is if they think the partnership is doing a good job. This needs to be looked at for the next survey. CM noted that there is going to be a trial survey done in two of the local senior schools in order to hear the views of young people. It was decided that there will be a meeting arranged to discuss how the partnership tackles communications. This will also be a future Board agenda SB item. **Market Investment** CB updated the Board regarding possible investment ideas for Boscombe Funding may be available from the Coastal BID to improve the infrastructure of the market, profits from this year's market taking and from Bournemouth Borough Council. Four options have been identified.

	 Purchase sufficient new stalls for the whole market Purchase a run of new stalls, giving the opportunity to run a specialised 'market within a market' and run additional markets on other days/evenings Purchase additional items to improve the overall look of the market, branded barriers, lighting, new covers etc Do nothing 	
	Following a discussion by the Board the recommendation was option 1. This would be a cost of about £15k per annum and would initially be on a two year trial basis. This was agreed by the Board. CB will take this forward. TW noted that he and CJK will look into car park discounts to coincide with market days.	CB TW/CJK
7	AOB CM told the group that she has nominated the Boscombe Regeneration Partnership in the PlaceMaking Awards which celebrates regeneration projects. The category entered is Partnership working. The BRP have been shortlisted in both the national and regional awards. The results will be in March 2015. SB noted that builders are now on site at the old Argos building and have started the improvements needed to accommodate the Regeneration team. They are aiming to complete this in 12 weeks.	
	Next Meeting 23 rd April 2015 14:00 – 16:00 Old School House, Boscombe	