



Welcome to the OFFER e-Bulletin for October 2008

Keeping you up-to-date with News and Issues from across the Family of Partnerships

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Sheffield First Partnership Board: 8 October 2008

- The city's **Cohesion Strategy** has been approved and Paul Scriven is going to head a task group to produce an action plan for delivery from April. It is likely there will be opportunities for VCF sector groups to deliver some of this activity. Some of the VCF sector members of Sheffield First Board are volunteering to be part of this group.
- The Board is receiving an update each meeting on the **state of the city's economy** given the current national and global situation. The present position is that the City Council wants to ensure as many public realm developments continue to take place so that they can help boost the city's economy and to do whatever they can locally to improve access to finance for businesses
- Our sector's reps are trying to ensure that the **business cases** being developed by each Partnership within the Family for how the next two year's worth of Area Based Grant are including our sector's expertise and potential delivery

Next meeting: 12 November 2008.

You can download relevant documents and papers from the [Sheffield First website](#)

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Successful Neighbourhoods Board: 20 October 2008

- **Community Assemblies:** The Board felt that there was a need to develop a sense of the 5 year vision for Community Assemblies, and how other partners can play an active role as in some areas where successful partnerships exist, if we already have ways of improving service delivery in areas how can we do more of it?
- **Area based grant:** Evelyn Milne is working on a business case with Board members on funding for 6 community anchors across Sheffield. There is also a hope that Community Assemblies will be allocated monies from this to commission community engagement.

- **Sheffield First Partnership Review:** in the light of the “merger” of Successful Neighbourhoods Board with Safer Communities in April 09, members felt it crucial to work on aligning those agendas now, to avoid priorities like supporting the role of the VCF sector being lost amongst the safety agenda. They also requested support and guidance during the transition period. There will also be an opportunity to review membership, including VCF reps involved in the new board.
- The Board agreed overall to concentrate its efforts on the Area Based Grant and Community Assemblies between now and April to make a real impact on these rather than stretching itself too thinly.

Next meeting: 15 December 2008.

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[Successful Neighbourhoods Partnership pages](#) on Sheffield First website.

Inclusive and Cosmopolitan City Partnership Board: No meeting this time

Next meeting: 4 November 2008.

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[Inclusive & Cosmopolitan City Partnership pages](#) on Sheffield First website

Health & Well-being Board: No meeting this time

Next meeting: 9 December 2008

[Health & Well-being Board Partnership website](#)

Older People Partnership Board: 6 October 2008

- **Housing:** VCF rep concerned re influencing Sheffield Homes to be more flexible re start dates, gaps etc. Vulnerable people move out and need support from external agencies. Liz Cook will talk to Sheffield Homes.
- **Intermediate Care:** Consultation going on currently about the support which (mostly older) people need to come out of hospital as soon as they're ready and go either to a new Intermediate Care facility or to their own home; or have the support they need at home if they don't need to go to hospital. Consultation till end Dec – contact Jasmine (below) for further details.
- **Carers:** Information re carers' support being built. Carers Centre would like report to go to Board on spending of Carers' Grant to ensure not being consumed by LAA priorities.

Next meeting: 1 December 2008

Liaison Person: Jasmine Warwick [VAS] T. 2536647 E. j.warwick@vas.org.uk

Environment Board: No meeting this time

Next meeting: 26 November 2008.

Liaison Person: Natalie Hunt [OFFER] T. 2536730 E. natalie@offer.org.uk

Environment Partnership pages on Sheffield First website

Safer Communities Partnership Board: 2 October 2008

- Report to follow in November's e-bulletin

Next meeting: 2 October 2008.

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Safer Communities Partnership website

0-19+ Partnership Board: No meeting this time

Next meeting: 21 November 2008

Liaison Person: Liz Clayton [VAS] T. 2536746 E. l.clayton@vas.org.uk

0-19+ Partnership website

Work & Skills Board: No meeting this time

Next meeting: 20 November 2008

Work & Skills Board pages on Sheffield First website

Adult Learning Partnership: No meeting this time.

Next meeting: 11 November 2008.

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Culture and Sport Partnership Board: No meeting this time

Next meeting: 18 December 2008

Liaison Person: Dave Parsons [OFFER] T. 2536730 E. dave@offer.org.uk

[Culture & Sport Partnership pages](#) on Sheffield First website

Local Economy Board: No meeting this time.

Next meeting: 31 October 2008

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[Local Economy Board pages](#) on Sheffield First website

OFFER NEWS

If you have any suggestions for this e-bulletin or any other items you would like included in the November edition please email them to fiona@offer.org.uk by **Mon 24 November**.

LOOK OUT for the latest copy of OFFER's quarterly magazine, **Regeneration News** which has been distributed across the sector. Focusing on Community Empowerment, it includes news from the Sheffield First Partnership, an update on the Low Carbon event we held in July and more detail about Community Assemblies. There are also updates on OFFER's work with Community Forums and the Faiths Forum as well as an introduction to The Sheffield LINK.

If you require this information in plain-text format, please let me know; likewise if you know anyone else who would like to receive these updates, please ask them to contact me with their email address so I can add them to the list.

Thanks!

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