




Bucks Strategic Partnership Board: Working Better Together


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Long Term Goals


- Do your LSP plans reflect your aspirations?
- Do you understand the progress that is being made?
- Are elected members involved well?
- How well do senior officers work with one another?

- How well does the Board provide
 - strategic leadership?
 - effective joint working?
 - support from the core team?




Meetings and Messages

- How well do meetings and events reflect the culture of partnership and respect:
 - time for effective discussion?
 - performance challenge?
 - coherent governance?
 - leadership of meetings?
 - reflect diversity of the Buckinghamshire?
 - reflect different interests?
 - multi-tier working?
 - communication to stakeholders?




Benefits of collaboration

- How well does the Board:
 - build in the contributions of partners?
 - facilitate work between partners?
 - help partners plan their contributions?
 - enhance local efficiencies?




Getting things done

- How well does the Board:
 - steer performance assessment and improvement?
 - link performance to resource decisions?
 - use financial information?
 - influence mainstream spending?
 - align members use of resources?




Common Frameworks and Systems

- How well does the Board:
 - understand and use a common performance management framework?
 - use a common set of data?
 - have and use a common evidence base?
 - understand the cost/benefits of the LSP?
 - review the Board's performance?




In Summary

- Do members feel the Board is
 - useful and effective?
 - meetings are time well spent?
 - feel engaged and involved?
 - that they are making a constructive contribution?
 - keeping them in touch with developments and achievements?




Impressions

- Meetings are managed, led well and have improved
- Discussions on themes and cross-cutting issues are very useful...on the economy
- The system perspective connects the themes in the SCS
- Helps keep in touch with targets and progress
- Paperwork and support to the Board works well...e-newsletter valued




- Helps partners understand the complexity, connections and 'width of the agenda'
- Community of members is a useful network



Some challenges

- Very heterogeneous group...different experiences, pressures, level of engagement etc
- 'Are decisions made at the Board? What happens to our views?'
- 'Is there a consensus view of the BSPB?'
- 'I never know who is going to be there'
- Moving the meeting worked for some



- 'We need to balance the talking shop with action'
- 'Very good for information sharing, although it can be a bit of a showpiece'
- 'Not sure I understand the authority of the Board in relation to the thematic groups'
- 'Need to add value to the work of the thematic groups...not just repeat their discussions'
- 'We all need to be clear about the value the BSPB adds'
