

## **JLAF Sub Group HWBG Chair Meeting notes for 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

### **A: Introduction:**

1. John Darvill Chair of JLAF Sub group HWB welcomed Councillor Ben Stokes ( S Glos Health Well Being) and Fiona Vosper SG HWB Partnership Officer as well as:

Donald Macintyre (DM)

Ruth Howard (RH)

Kathy Thomas (KT)

Rennie Dickins (RD)

2 Apologies – Ann Fay, Michael Bell

3 No Declarations of interest

4 All agreed that there were no matters arising from 24<sup>th</sup> January meeting to be added to the agenda.

### **SOUTH GLOS HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

1 Links between the HWBG and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies

Health and Wellbeing is becoming a prominent topic in various areas of public and environmental concern. Increasingly it appears in regional and strategic plans as a significant area for consideration as well as individual projects that affect our environment. Due to this the current Joint Rights of Way development plan pays considerable attention to promote and facilitate active health.

NICE has recently published a new document on its web site in March that offers advice on what we should be taking into consideration in a concise and helpful way.

Councillor Ben Stokes and Fiona Vosper explained the South Gloucester HWB Board, its purpose and the Fiona's role. Her remit relates to both the built and natural environment in terms of Health and Well Being in terms of accessibility.

Their scope covers a range of social and public issues such as public safety, health care and vulnerable people. The SG HWB Board is partnered strategically with Bristol, N.Somerset and does not include Banes who are part of the Wiltshire Group. Annually the principle share of local authority budget is greatest for Social Care of which HWB issues are included thus giving opportunity for funding. (£360 Billion ?)

Fiona will copy the group with various documents setting out back ground information on the partnership, remits and how HWB sits within the overall strategy.

The most important part of the S.Glos : JSP in terms of HWB are Policy 5 'Place shaping Principles' P2 – 7 that relate to Health and Wellbeing.

The S.Glos HWB Board has regular meetings with the various public bodies in their authority including NHS, Police, Mental Health, CCG, Serona Care etc.

2: JLAF and the ROWIP – our expected contribution in respect of HWB?

Discussions took place as to how the JLAF would fit into the current and future plans for the S.Glos HWB Board. It was felt that we should ensure that our views are considered at each opportunity where consultation, public or statutory, is available. To this end the JLAF need to revisit and to check whether it has statutory status when draft strategies are up for consultation. It should also consider any current opportunities and that future consultation should allow the JLAF to frame its views in positive practical terms that can influence and contribute to future policies that cascade from Regional to Local ones.

Fiona mentioned that they have a Memorandum of Objectives that they have agreed as a joint commitment for a shared vision with the West of England Countryside Alliance ? Members expressed an interest in seeing a copy as it may provide a useful example of how the JLAF might align itself with various other parties.

RD made a point that JLAF should concentrate at policy levels and not get involved with the more detailed, technical aspects for individual schemes.

RH encouraged the view that S.Glos might be braver in its attitude towards promoting more imaginative solutions to Rights of Way issues and this might be an area where the JLAF could assist given the varied range of experienced people it has representing the forum. Public access to land being the principal role for the JLAF.

KT made the point that often individual schemes lacked joined up thinking regarding opportunities to promote and improve access in the surrounding areas.

DM reminded members that public access to land should be inclusive for all ( walkers, Cyclists, Horse riders, etc) and offer good connectivity to other spaces and local services.

**Conclusion:**

1. JLAF member needs to interrogate what public consultations are currently in train and whether we should be contributing / is the JLAF a statutory consultee?
2. Fiona will assist us where possible to flag up such opportunities.

3: Proactive approach to individual applications:

a: At what level of scrutiny should the JLAF provide when schemes are submitted for its consideration ?

Generally agreed that JLAF should concentrate at Strategic level. Inevitably as a statutory consultee individual schemes will be submitted for its comments. It is assumed that technical review and comparison with relevant policies will be undertaken by others. JLAF should consider other ideas and comment in such a way to introduce lateral thinking as well as a healthy challenge as to whether the scheme does in fact meet policies.

b: Should we use a checklist of items that test whether the proposals fit with current and future aspirations for HWB standards? ( this might aid consistency and be capable for updating as further requirements emerge).

This needs to be addressed as a separate exercise after we have absorbed and reviewed the information being made available to us from Fiona.

**C OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1** How do we encourage more people from the main Forum to join the HWBG? This was not discussed as the meeting had to close. This will be raised at the main JLAF meeting.

Earlier JD mentioned his view that one or two extra members should be recruited to the HWBG in order to aid availability and greater range of ideas etc.

- 2** Reviewing and reissuing the HWBG Terms of Reference.  
Not discussed – defer until next opportunity.

Meeting Closed at 15.40 Hrs.

JD / 180705