

# Getting Ready for LINKs

**Presentation to LGA's Community  
Well-being Board**

# Stronger Local Voice Group

- established in September 2006
- multi-agency group convened and supported by So'ton City Council
- information exchange
- community mapping/ stakeholder engagement
- technical advice on procurement issues

# Project Board

- senior level managers group reporting to Health & Wellbeing Partnership
- provides strategic overview
- owns business case
- drawn from existing Health & Wellbeing Strategy Group PLUS
  - external senior user representatives as advisors from PCT and CVS

# Democratic Engagement

- **Public Health Scrutiny Panel**
  - kept informed from inception of SLV
- **Health & Wellbeing Partnership**
  - approves project management arrangements
- **Southampton Partnership**
  - updating Partnership Manager
- **Cabinet Member**
  - briefed during latter stages of development

# Wider Public & Patient Involvement

- CVS health forums
- NHS local PPI leads
- established local Patients Forums
- PPIF Support Organisations
- Neighbourhoods Partnerships
- Regeneration Partnerships
- Later Years Partnership
- Children & Young Peoples Partnership

# Wider Networks

- Local Government
  - LGA
  - LGIU/ CfPS
- NHS
  - Centre for Involvement
- Regional Events
  - CPPIH
- Sub Regional Networks
  - H&IOW & South Central HA health scrutiny panels
  - urban South Hampshire health exchanges

# Key Learning Points

- earlier engagement of and support for elected members – especially OSC
- stronger involvement of Strategic Partnership and LAA processes
- clearer and earlier exposition of how a LINK should look - stakeholder visioning exercise?
- exploration of strategic fit with NHS Foundation Trust and community governance arrangements

# Where Now?

- understanding the New Legislation
- implementing the Procurement & Tendering Exercise
- shaping the vision for LINk
- developing communications and publicity plans – high profile, slick marketing
- pre-establishment recruitment
- LINk governance and legal form



# Challenges

- local political ownership v LINK independence
- tightness of timetable
- absence of detailed guidance
- uncertainty about financial resource levels
- link to JSNA/ commissioning
- input to LAA refresh
- informing annual are risk assessment (CAA)