

BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE
PARTNERSHIP

Held at South Derbyshire District Council, Civic Offices, Swadlincote
on Thursday 28th January 2010 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Local Authority Sector

Sheila Jackson (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils), County Councillor Mike Lacey and District Councillor Mrs. Heather Wheeler (Chairman).

Other Public Sector

Chief Superintendent Andy Hough (Derbyshire Constabulary) and Mary Hague (Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust).

Private Sector

Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport), Tony Hurrell (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust) and Clive Keble (The National Forest Company).

Voluntary/Community Sector

Gill Farrington (Swadlincote District 50+ Forum), Jo Smith (Vice-Chairman) (South Derbyshire CVS), Jackie Spencer (Citizens Advice Bureau) and Glenys Williams (Old Post Regeneration Association Ltd).

Also in Attendance

Janice Morphet (Planning Advisory Service), Mark Alflat, Stuart Batchelor, Ian Bowen, Keith Bull, Martin Guest, Debra Townsend (South Derbyshire District Council) and Becky Lomas (Derbyshire County Council).

LSP/23. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor John Harrison, Frank McArdle (Chief Executive, South Derbyshire District Council), District Councillor Kevin Richards, Karen Blount (Toyota UK Ltd), Nick Chischniak (Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce), Julie Batten (People Express) and Sylvia Green (Derbyshire Rural Community Council).

LSP/24. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd October 2009 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

LSP/25. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC CO-ORDINATING GROUP

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Co-ordinating Group held on 14th January 2010 were noted.

LSP/26. A PARTNERSHIP APPROACH TO INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

Janice Morphet from the Planning Advisory Service gave a presentation and advised that she was available to assist Local Strategic Partnerships consider how to take a joined-up approach to planning for new infrastructure.

An overview was given of infrastructure planning and delivery, which was not just about new housing, but also about improving the use of local public assets. A key focus of infrastructure delivery planning was delivering the local vision as set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Development Framework. Further details were given on the role of the Local Strategic Partnership and the proposed arrangements for the delivery of infrastructure planning. It was requested that a copy of the presentation be circulated.

It was suggested that a separate theme group of the South Derbyshire Partnership be set up, and Janice agreed to return to assist this group in moving forward. Appendices to the report included possible key purposes of the LSP Infrastructure Group and potential participants.

RESOLVED:-

That the need for a joint approach to Infrastructure Planning be noted and the principle of establishing an infrastructure group along the lines set out in the report and appendices be endorsed.

LSP/27. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY MONITORING REPORT 2009 – 2010 (Qtr 3)

A report was submitted to consider the Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan of the South Derbyshire Partnership. Key achievements for the first three quarters for each of the theme groups were detailed under the following headings:-

- Sustainable Development.
- Vibrant Communities.
- Safer Communities.
- Healthier Communities.
- Children and Young People.

Under the Safer Communities heading, it was requested that Chief Superintendent Hough provide a further update at the next Meeting on the proposed change of structure within Derbyshire Constabulary.

LSP/28. PARISH PLAN UPDATE

It was reported that the introduction of parish planning had started in South Derbyshire approximately 2 years ago, with six parishes. This had increased to over one third of all parishes in the District. Four parish plans had been established, and another twelve were being considered. Examples of some of the work which had been completed, were given.

It was confirmed that funding was required to enable further plans to be completed, and the Community Partnership Officer was requested to identify any possible funding, and complete a grant application, which the SDP would support.

LSP/29. COMPACT UPDATE

It was reported that there was a new national Compact, which was a lot easier and simpler to understand.

There was a local Compact group workshop on 11th March 2010 on equalities and the South Derbyshire Compact Awards were also being launched.

LSP/30. DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM UPDATE.

It was confirmed that the Derbyshire Partnership Forum (DPF) had produced a guide to communication and engagement. It was requested that this be circulated with the Minutes. Further information on the Derbyshire Partnership Forum was available on the website www.derbyshire.gov.uk/partnershipforum

LSP/31. PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING PROGRAMME 2010 - 2011

A report was submitted, which provided the initial draft programme for the South Derbyshire Partnership for the coming year, which would be developed as the year progressed. It included dates for reviewing Board Membership, an AGM and a regular opportunity for each theme group to provide a more informed report on their work, rather than the brief quarterly monitoring report.

RESOLVED:-

That the Meeting Programme Proposal be adopted.

LSP/32. FUNDING BIDS 2009/10

A report was submitted, advising that there was currently a projected budget of £22,800 in the SDP reserve, which was carried over from previous years. Three funding bids were being considered:-

- Rural Sports Project.
- Cleaner South Derbyshire Campaign
- Swadlincote Woodlands Community Action.

Full details on each of the bids were provided, and it was confirmed that the Strategic Co-ordinating Group had decided to allocate funds to the Rural

Sports Project and Swadlincote Woodlands Community Action, and defer the decision on the Cleaner South Derbyshire project to the Vibrant Communities Group for further discussion and a final decision.

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

LSP/33. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Jo Smith (South Derbyshire CVS) reported that in the recent bad weather, they had asked for emergency volunteers. They had received 70 volunteers at this time, but had had no requests for help. They were now putting together an Emergency Volunteering Project and were in the process of planning further Meetings to this effect.

It was reported that the Old Post Centre had received the People's Millions Award plus an award for an Empowerment Project.

Martin Guest (South Derbyshire District Council) confirmed that a partnership newsletter was being put together and would be circulated shortly.

LSP/34. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Meeting was confirmed as 13th May 2010.

MRS. H. K. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 11.30 a.m.