

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE
PARTNERSHIP

Held at South Derbyshire District Council, Civic Offices, Swadlincote
on Friday, 8th October 2010 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Local Authority Sector

Sheila Jackson (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils), County Councillor Mike Lacey, Frank McArdle (Chief Executive, South Derbyshire District Council), District Councillor Kevin Richards and District Councillor Bob Wheeler.

Other Public Sector

Ailsa Daykin (East Midlands Housing Association), Steve Helps (Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service), Superintendent Andrew Hough (Derbyshire Constabulary) and Vicki Price (Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust).

Private Sector

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

Voluntary/Community Sector

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

Also in Attendance

Mark Alflat, Stuart Batchelor, Neil Betteridge, Karen Beavin, Ian Bowen, Martin Guest, Jonathon Little and Hannah Barradell-Smith (South Derbyshire District Council).

SDP/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:-

That District Councillor Bob Wheeler be appointed Chairman of the Partnership Board for the ensuing year.

SDP/2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Julie Batten (People Express), Karen Blount and Nick Freeman (Toyota UK Limited), Maureen Evans (Connexions Derbyshire), Sylvia Green (Rural Action Derbyshire) and District Councillor John Harrison.

In tendering her apologies for the Meeting, Karen Blount of Toyota UK Limited had advised that she would be leaving the Company and her replacement on

the Partnership Board would be Nick Freeman, who had also tendered apologies for this Meeting. Members of the Partnership expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Blount for her service over several years.

SDP/3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:-

That Jo Smith (South Derbyshire CVS) be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Partnership Board for the ensuing year.

SDP/4. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th May 2010 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

SDP/5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC CO-ORDINATING GROUP – 8TH SEPTEMBER 2010**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Co-ordinating Group held on 8th September 2010 were noted.

SDP/6. **MEMBERSHIP REVIEW**

It was noted that there were currently two vacancies for Board Members, from the public and private sectors. The Chairman suggested that a nominee from Burton College could be invited to fill the public sector vacancy and it was noted that the name of this establishment was shortly to be changed to “Burton and South Derbyshire College”.

RESOLVED:-

That a nominee from Burton College be invited to fill the public sector vacancy on the Board.

SDP/7. **POSITIVE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE CASE STUDIES**

Hannah Barradell-Smith, Sports and Youth Development Manager made a presentation on a case study of projects within South Derbyshire relating to positive activities in working with young people.

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 required local authorities “so far as is reasonably practicable” to secure for young people in the Authority’s area, access to:-

- sufficient educational leisure time activities which were for the improvement of their wellbeing;
- sufficient facilities for such activities;
- sufficient recreational leisure time activities which were for the improvement of their wellbeing;
- sufficient facilities for such activities.

The above requirements related to the provision of activities to improve young people's personal and social development using youth work and local community provision. This involved looking beyond existing provision, working with partners to determine what should be made available for young people and what was needed to achieve this. Various organisations were involved in the Positive Activities for Young People Partnership and the aim was to identify and meet the needs of young people who were less likely to engage in existing activities, increase participation rates in positive activities, encourage disabled young people to attend any of the activities on offer and deliver positive activities for priority groups of young people.

Examples of case studies undertaken in respect of Youth of Hatton, The Friday Night Project, Badger's Den and In Club and Connected were provided.

Board Members expressed their gratitude and took the opportunity to ask several questions.

SDP/8. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY MONITORING REPORT 2010 – 2011, QUARTER 1**

A report was submitted providing details of performance for the quarter ending 30th June 2010, in relation to the Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan. The key achievements during the first two quarters for each of the key Theme Groups were outlined, and it was indicated that 47 actions (90%) had been achieved or were on target and 5 actions (10%) were at risk.

Vicki Price (Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust) praised the efforts of Vicky Smyth, the District Council's Healthy Lifestyle Officer. The report due to be presented at this Meeting relating to increased mental wellbeing would now be deferred to the next Meeting due to the lengthy agenda.

RESOLVED:-

That the Partnership's key achievements and performance for the quarter ending 30th June 2010 be noted.

SDP/9. **SPORT AND HEALTH STRATEGY**

It was agreed that this item would be deferred until the next Meeting.

SDP/10. **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT GROUP – PROGRESS REPORT**

Karen Beavin (Planning Policy Officer) and Jonathon Little (Economic Development Officer) made a presentation to the Board Members on the workings of this Group.

South Derbyshire was a fast growing district and the South Derbyshire Partnership had previously recognised the need to develop a joined-up approach to both the provision of new infrastructure and investment in partners' capital assets. The Partnership was ideally placed to oversee such an approach. Board Members were reminded that an Infrastructure Development Group (IDG) was therefore established to support the

Partnership. The IDG drew from the LSP partner organisations and was supported by officers in the District Council's Planning and Leisure Services departments.

The Group was considering two specific inter-linked areas of work, namely preparing an agreed Infrastructure Delivery Plan and identifying opportunities for concerted investment in land and property assets. The Group had met twice since its establishment in March 2010 and progress was detailed to Board Members.

With regard to future steps, one-to-one meetings with partners would need to continue into next year as a revised vision for growth became clearer. Important announcements from the Government were also awaited on a range of matters affecting this work, including a new approach to levying infrastructure charges on development. On joint projects, the IDG and the Board may facilitate sharing information early enough in the planning stage to enable efficiencies through joint working to be achieved. Partners may highlight priorities from their own strategies as they arose in order that common goals could be identified and realised.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That progress on the Infrastructure Development Plan be noted.***
- (2) That the capacity of both the Infrastructure Development Group and the Board to facilitate joint projects be recognised.***

SDP/11. **LAA PERFORMANCE UPDATE – DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Martin Guest (Corporate Policy and Communications Manager) advised that the LAA work would be finishing in March 2011. The Chief Executive of the County Council had requested views as part of a consultation process until the end of the month on whether it should continue in its present form or what process should replace it.

It was suggested that further details could be e-mailed to Board Members for any responses to be collated for submission to the County Council.

RESOLVED:-

That any responses be collated and submitted to the County Council as outlined above.

SDP/12. **THEME TOPIC – PREPARING FOR CHANGE**

In view of the current uncertainty regarding the Government's proposals for the forthcoming Spending Review, it was felt that the general discussion on themes for the future should be deferred until the next Meeting in January.

SDP/13. LIBERATING THE NHS – BRIEFING DOCUMENT FOR TIER 2 LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN DERBYSHIRE

Vicki Price (Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust) presented a report on the White Paper 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS' which was published in July 2010. It was radical and had major implications for local authorities which became accountable to Government for population health and health improvements. There was also major reorganisation of the NHS, particularly affecting responsibilities of local authorities and NHS bodies, the commissioning function and Arms Length bodies. The White Paper had been followed by consultation documents inviting responses by 11th October 2010.

The report summarised the key elements of the White Paper, highlighted some of the implications for Tier 2 local authorities and provided a basis for discussion to inform a joint response to the consultation and influence local implementation arrangements.

The White Paper was radical and gave local authorities major new roles and responsibilities over population health and the commissioning of NHS services. Much detail was awaited and there were some interesting issues such as potential conflicts of interest for GP Consortia which had GP 'providers' also as commissioners and the Health and Wellbeing Boards with potential strategic health planning and health scrutiny functions. Second Tier Authorities would need to shape their role and approach and develop a statement summarising their position. It was suggested that further information on the matter could be e-mailed to Board Members for their consideration.

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted and further information be submitted to Board Members.

SDP/14. STAYING HEALTHIER AND INEQUALITIES BOARD

Vicki Price (Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust) advised that this Board had been allocated approximately £50,000 of funding. However, it was anticipated that there would be budget cuts together with a 4% saving but hopefully, these cuts would not be too severe.

SDP/15. DERBYSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – SERVICE PLAN

Steve Helps (Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service) made a presentation on the consultation process relating to the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Plan. There were nine service priorities and the spending map for 2009/10 was outlined. However, it was anticipated that cuts of 25% would be imposed in the forthcoming Spending Review. New ways of working would be necessary, including changing the way the service worked, reviewing how it responded to emergencies and making the best use of resources, including employees, buildings and equipment. Residents had been encouraged to respond to the consultation document and further details were available on the website at www.derbys-fire.gov.uk

SDP/16. **DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM**

Martin Guest (Corporate Policy and Communications Manager) provided an update on this Forum. A review of advice services had been undertaken at a County level and further details would be circulated to Board Members.

SDP/17. **COMPACT UPDATE**

Jo Smith (South Derbyshire CVS) advised that a Partnership Day was to be held at Toyota on 3rd November 2010, which would be combined with the Compact Awards. A presentation would be made on the best example of partnership working between the voluntary/statutory sectors and several applications had been received. The Partnership Day would also involve raising awareness and Theme Group representatives were encouraged to attend the event.

SDP/18. **SDP BOARD MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2010/11**

The programme for Board Meetings for 2010/11 together with proposed topics for discussion was noted.

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 11.50 a.m.