

BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE  
PARTNERSHIP

Sharpe's Pottery Museum, Swadlincote  
on Wednesday 18 April 2018.

**PRESENT:-**

**Local Authority Sector**

District Councillor Hilary Coyle (Chairman), District Councillor Kevin Richards, County Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton (Derbyshire County Council), Sheila Jackson (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils), Mike Roylance (South Derbyshire District Council).

**Other Public Sector**

Chief Inspector Malcolm Bibbings (Derbyshire Constabulary), Paula Lievesley (Derbyshire County Council – Children's Services), Mary Hague (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health), John Beaty (Burton & South Derbyshire College).

**Private Sector**

Julie Langley (Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd), Ron Lane (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage & Arts Trust), Kim Coe (Swadlincote & District Chamber of Trade), Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport).

**Voluntary/Community Sector**

Michelle Skinner & Steven Spear (SD CVS), Richard Seal (Homestart South Derbyshire).

**Also in Attendance**

Jo Wheldon/Jo Astley (Derby University), Julie Heath (Derbyshire County Council – Adult Care), Allison Thomas, Nicola Lees, Sally Cope, Ben Taylor, Chris Smith (South Derbyshire District Council).

SDP/15. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from:

John Everitt (National Forest Company), Vivien Sharples (The Pingle Academy), Keith Bull (South Derbyshire District Council), Jane Hopkins (NHS SD CCG), David Symcox (SD CAB).

SDP/16. **INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed the new members Richard Seal (Homestart – South Derbyshire) who has replaced Tracey Harris and Julie Langley (Toyota UK Ltd) who has replaced Helen Hydes. New in post is the Strategic Director, Service Delivery for South Derbyshire District Council, Allison Thomas who introduced herself. All other introductions took place.



The Chairman requested a letter to formally thank Tracey Harris for her contribution over the years to the Board. **ACTION: MR/SC.**

Apologies were noted.

SDP/17. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared.

SDP/18. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 January 2018 were taken as read, approved as a true record.

SDP/19. **MATTERS ARISING**

(SDP13) Town Centre CCTV – ongoing discussions.

(SDP19) Cllr Coyle will speak with Ron Lane and Martin Wroughton outside this meeting to discuss the U3A. **ACTION: HC.** Note: this has since been actioned and is now closed.

No other matters arising.

SDP/20. **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT THEME:**

**Social Mobility**

Jo Wheldon and Jo Astley from the University of Derby gave an overview of activities the University are undertaking to help with the Government's Social Mobility Aims; one area is the Social Mobility Unit within the University that support students to achieve the best outcomes and progression into successful careers and a better future for the next generation. This encompasses both widening participation and retention, and both young and mature students.

Building Graduate Employability was discussed and how businesses can engage in work experience and link students with opportunities or mentoring.

A request for intake figures for students from South Derbyshire joining the University in comparison to other areas. A further request for information was 'What is the graduate level of employment, which sector of industry'? **ACTION: University of Derby to pass figures/information to Sally Cope.**

A suggestion to meet separately to look at social mobility data, bringing together relevant parties to gather information and explore underlying issues. Those interested in Social Mobility involvement to contact: - [sally.cope@south-derbys.gov.uk](mailto:sally.cope@south-derbys.gov.uk). Charlie Foster Phillips from Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire collaborative outreach programme to be invited plus representatives from the University, public health and DCC research team (Mick Evans).

Presentation slides to be forwarded to the Board Members. **ACTION: SC.**



## Welfare Reform

Ben Taylor from Housing Services at the District Council gave an overview of change in the welfare system in particular, Universal Credit and how the Council is dealing with the changes for housing management and tenants.

An explanation was given of the SD Employability Grant Fund application for a £525k funding pot which will enable local organisations to bid for funding to deliver 'back to work programmes'; this is currently awaiting final approval from Government.

The introduction of Universal Credit raises a number of challenges, including: IT skills, access to IT and to 'Free' wi fi, especially in rural areas. A point was raised about the digital access and the security of free wi fi in Cafés and Libraries including liability. Also the need for budgeting skills and an opportunity to promote the credit union.

Ben Taylor to identify 'How many residents from the wider area that are non-Council tenants will be affected by the changes. **ACTION: BT.**

A suggestion to all partners to consider preventative work to include social mobility, food bank, vulnerability risk, impact on health (including stress) and increase in criminal activity (including shoplifting). Local businesses can transfer 'best before' food to Food Banks which should help to reduce the risk of future shoplifting. **ACTION: All Partners/MH to take back to Public Health.**

The District Council co-ordinates a Welfare Reform Group focusing on addressing the impact of Universal Credit to get involved contact Ben Taylor (ben.taylor@south-derbys.gov.uk).

## Connectivity Survey

Nicola Lees, theme group lead of the Sustainable Development Group, shared the highlights of the Connectivity Survey undertaken to gain a better understanding of broadband, mobile phone coverage and travel needs across the district. A summary of the findings had previously been circulated.

Colleen Hempson from East Midlands Airport (EMA) provided the partnership with information on the growth aspirations of the Airport; to support the future workforce EMA runs an education and employment programme, ensuring that local people benefit from its growth and the economic benefits that brings.

The Airport is also working in partnership to develop reliable 24-7 bus links to the cities and towns and linking in many villages on route. Next step is to build a solid case for a route to the west to include Ashby, Woodville, Swadlincote, Newhall, Burton-on-Trent; including exploring new technology and demand responsive transport (DRT).



A discussion took place on the congestion situation around the airport and bus links. Allison Thomas informed the group of DCC's Bus Strategy and four key pieces of work that could be linked into going forward.

East Midlands Enterprise Gateway is a group looking at issues arising from the growth of the Airport and other schemes in the area including Roxhill. Contact Colleen Hempson for further information:-  
[colleen.hempson@eastmidlandsairport.com](mailto:colleen.hempson@eastmidlandsairport.com)

SDP/21. **SDP CONSTITUTION UPDATE**

It was agreed to defer item until the next Board Meeting in August. A request to respond to the questions emailed out which will be discussed at the next SCG. **ACTION: SC Questions attached for the response of Partners.**

SDP/22. **SDP BUDGET UPDATE**

The Board agreed for the SCG to undertake a review of the projects receiving financial assistance ahead of the next Board Meeting in August. The District Council has given £10,000 to the Partnership to support its activities in 2018/19; there is also approx. £5000 in the Partnership's reserves.

The following allocations were agreed:

£4000 to Sustainable Development Group, £4000 to Events and £5000 to Forums. The SCG to consider applications for funding, with authority delegated to the District Council's Chief Executive in consultation with the Partnership's Chair if any are projects are required to be approved prior to the next Board Meeting. **ACTION: Strategic Co-ordinating Group.**

SDP/23. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY – YEAR END**

The Theme Group's new reporting system highlighted areas that the partnership could add value to including:-

A discussion took place on anti-social behaviour in the Town Centre and at McDonalds, Belmont Street and how to engage the young people and parents into volunteering in the local area with co-ordinated litter picks, or help with any other initiatives partners may be involved in. Chris Smith to liaise with B&SDC and Derby University on any programmes of support available to engage the young people. **ACTION: CS.**

SDP/24. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Constitution to be deferred to the next meeting and to be reviewed by the SCG in order to update the role of the Board; part of the review to include the Membership.

**ACTION: Strategic Co-ordinating Group.**

Any issues that the Partnership can help with that needs a decision/help before the next meeting in August to be co-ordinated by Mike Roylance, Economic Development.

Mary Hague informed the Partnership that Public Health has been recently restructured and her role changed so she will not be attending the Board in future; MH to contact SC with the new representative once handover has taken place. **ACTION: MH.**

The Chair thanked Mary for the impact she has made on the Partnership and wished her well for the future.

SDP/25. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday 8 August 2018 – 10:00am**

Venue: - Oakland Village, Hall Farm Road, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE11 8ND.

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CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 12:15 pm.