

BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE
LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on 16th November 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Local Authorities Sector

Councillor Joyce Sanders (Derbyshire County Council), District Councillors Barrie Whyman M.B.E. (Chair) John Wilkins, and Mrs. Heather Wheeler and Frank McArdle (Chief Executive, South Derbyshire District Council).

Other Public Sector

Chief Superintendent Jack Russell (Derbyshire Constabulary) David Crooks substituting for Melanie Alsop (Learning and Skills Council).

Private Sector

Colleen Hempson (Nottingham East Midlands Airport), Karen Bradley (Toyota UK Ltd).

Voluntary/Community Sector

Pam Wood substituting for Jo Smith (South Derbyshire CVS), Glenys Williams (Old Post Regeneration Association Ltd), Gary Wain (Groundwork Erewash Valley) and Graeme Royall (South Derbyshire Citizens' Advice Bureau).

Also in Attendance

South Derbyshire District Council

Ian Reid (Deputy Chief Executive), Mike Greenway (Principal Policy Officer) and Frazer Powell (Democratic Services Officer).

Amber Valley CVS

Lynn Allison

Observer

Sue Smith (Community Transport)

LSP/26. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance at the Meeting were submitted on behalf of John Oake (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust), Melanie Alsop (Learning and Skills Council), Karen Jones (Trident Housing Association), Vicki Price (Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust), Jo Smith (South Derbyshire CVS) and Clive Keble (The National Forest Company).

LSP/27. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS ON AGENDA**

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Board resolved to appoint Councillor Mrs. Wheeler as Chair for the start of the Meeting.

At 9.35 a.m. Councillor Barrie Whyman entered the Meeting and resumed the Chair.

COUNCILLOR BARRIE WHYMAN M.B.E. IN THE CHAIR

LSP/28. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 21st September 2006 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair, subject to it being noted that Minute No. LSP/25 should read Thursday 15th March 2007 and not Thursday 17th March 2007.

LSP/29. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st September 2006.

LSP/30. **PRESENTATION: DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COMPACT**

The Board received a presentation on the work of Derbyshire County COMPACT from Lynn Allison the Chair of the Amber Valley CVS. The Board was advised that COMPACT and COMPACT Plus were national initiatives to improve and embed good working relationships between the statutory and voluntary sectors. The Amber Valley partnership had agreed to act as a custodian for the Derbyshire COMPACT principles, all key agencies, including the Amber Valley CVS had committed to the principles of the Derbyshire COMPACT.

The draft Action Plan had been agreed with key voluntary organisations following a meeting held on 23rd March 2006.

The Board received detailed information on the COMPACT draft Action Plan 2005/08 which included information on:

- Commitment to COMPACT principles
- Engagement
- Volunteering
- Funding

A document which detailed the work of COMPACT was circulated to all members present at the meeting .

The Chair advised that the District Council was working to the principles of COMPACT and would ensure that all the Council's partners were made aware of them.

Frank McArdle advised that the COMPACT document would be circulated to the District Council's Management Team to increase the understanding of the work and role of the organisation and that it would be included on the Council's website.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the presentation on the work of COMPACT be noted.***

- (2) That the Board note that the COMPACT document would be circulated to the Council's Senior Management Team so as to increase the understanding of the role and work of COMPACT.***
- (3) That information on the work and role of COMPACT be included in the Council's briefing note arrangements for circulation to all staff.***
- (4) That the Board note that following its consideration of the presentation on the Derbyshire County COMPACT each of the LSP partner organisations would have the opportunity to sign up to the COMPACT principles.***

LSP/31. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LSP BOARD: 7TH DECEMBER 2006 – DRAFT EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PLAN

The Board considered a report on the arrangements for a Special Meeting of the LSP on the 7th December 2006 in respect of the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan.

The Board was advised that the East Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) had prepared on behalf of the Government, a draft Regional Spatial Strategy (Regional Plan) that would set the strategy for growth across the East Midlands over the next twenty years. The Special Meeting would receive a presentation on the draft Regional Plan from Peter White, Chair of the Housing Advisory Group and the Three Cities Sub-Regional Strategy Group at EMRA.

The Regional Plan aimed to improve the quality of life for people in the East Midlands by tackling climate change, the need for new homes, employment, transport and other infrastructure and quality of local environment issues. EMRA had invited organisations and individuals to comment on the draft Regional Plan through a consultation exercise that would end on 20th December 2006. Following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the LSP it was proposed that a Special Meeting of the Board be held on 7th December 2006 at Bretby Conference Centre to discuss the Regional Plan.

The Regional Plan would have significant implications for South Derbyshire and it was considered important to invite stakeholders and the public so that they could participate in the discussion.

RESOLVED:-

That the Board

- (1) Notes the draft arrangements for the Special Meeting of the LSP to discuss the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan.***
- (2) Delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive following consultation with the LSP Chair and Vice-Chair to collate the findings from the Special Meeting and prepare and submit a response on the draft East Midlands Regional Plan to the East Midlands Regional Assembly by 20th December 2006.***

LSP/32. PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS FOR THE LSP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007

The Board considered a report on proposals for its Annual General Meeting in January 2007. The Annual General Meeting would take place on Thursday 25th January 2007 at the Toyota Visitor Centre, Burnaston. Following discussions at the Strategic Co-ordination Group, two particular issues had been identified for discussion at the Annual General Meeting:

- A presentation from the newly appointed Director of Public Health at the Derbyshire County PCT, this would give the LSP forum an insight into the new PCT arrangements and their implications for South Derbyshire.
- A presentation on the Environmental Audit which had been commissioned by the Sustainable Environment Working Group.

A programme of publicity to promote the event included an article in the forthcoming addition of the District Council's "The News" and media releases would be produced leading up to the AGM.

The Board was requested to delegate authority for the arrangements for the AGM to the Strategic Co-ordination Group.

The Board was advised of a request received from Clive Keeble, that it receive a presentation at its next meeting on the work undertaken at the Rosliston Forestry Centre and how this contributes to the LSP Community Strategy. The meeting was also requested to consider holding its next meeting at the Rosliston Forestry Centre. The Board agreed to both requests.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Board note the preliminary proposals set out in the report for the Board's Annual General Meeting on 25th January 2007.***
- (2) That the Board delegate authority for the arrangements for the LSP Annual General Meeting on 25 January 2007 to the Strategic Co-ordination Group.***
- (3) That the Strategic Co-ordination Group be requested to give consideration to future forum events being held on an evening in June and that there be an outdoor event.***
- (4) That the March 2007 Meeting of the LSP receive a presentation from Stuart Batchelor of South Derbyshire District Council on the work of the Rosliston Forestry Centre and how this contributes to the LSP's Community Strategy.***
- (5) That the March 2007 Meeting of the LSP be held at the Rosliston Forestry Centre.***

LSP/33. DEVELOPING AN APPRAISAL AND EVALUATION PROCESS FOR ALLOCATING RESOURCES TO LSP PROJECTS

The Board considered a report on the process for developing an appraisal and evaluation process for allocating resources to LSP projects. A framework was required to be in place for the allocation of resources to LSP projects, that

initially appraised them to ensure they contributed to the LSP priorities and the Community Strategy and monitored their performance once they started. The reasons for the LSP to have such a framework were:

- The Board should have confidence that a project proposed would deliver the LSP priorities and objectives based on a robust and independent assessment.
- There was clarity over funding and anticipated outputs and outcomes.
- There were transparent arrangements for monitoring performance and project delivery.

RESOLVED:-

That the Board agree to develop a project appraisal and evaluation framework and that a draft framework be presented to the LSP Board Meeting on 15th March 2007.

LSP/34. **DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP/LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT UPDATE**

Frank McArdle advised the Board that the Derbyshire Partnership Forum through the Local Area Agreement was seeking to develop closer working relationships with all LSPs and that funding opportunities would flow from the Local Area Agreements. County Councillor Joyce Saunders advised that the Derbyshire Community Strategy had been approved in September 2006 and had chosen four cross cutting priorities to focus on partnership working, these were:

- Safer and Stronger Communities – reducing anti-social behaviour.
- Children and Young People – engaging young people in positive activities.
- Healthier Communities and Older People – tackling obesity.
- Sustainable Communities – ensuring a cleaner and more attractive environment.

The Board was advised of the work of the District Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and it was requested that their contact details be included in the papers for the next LSP Meeting.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That the information provided in respect of the Derbyshire Partnership Forum and Local Area Agreement be noted.

(2) That the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership be requested to co-ordinate the publication of information relating to its own work particularly the District Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Unit so that it is made available to Parish Councils and is highlighted in the District Council's newspaper and at Area Meetings.

LSP/35. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

South Derbyshire Community Strategy Monitoring Report – September 2006

A copy of the South Derbyshire Community Strategy Monitoring Report was circulated to all Members present at the Meeting. A copy of the document is attached to these Minutes as Appendix A. The Board was advised that a

report on the Community Strategy would be circulated on a quarterly basis so that any issues for appropriate action could be drawn to the attention of members.

RESOLVED:-

That the content of the South Derbyshire Community Strategy Monitoring Report be noted and that it be circulated to the Sustainable Environment Working-Group.

LSP/36. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Board noted that future Meetings would be held on the following dates:-

Board Meetings

- Thursday 7th December 2006 – Special Meeting, Bretby Conference Centre.
- Thursday 25th January 2007 – Annual General Meeting, Toyota Burnaston.
- Thursday 15th March 2007 – Rosliston Forestry Centre.

Strategic Co-ordination Group Meetings

- Thursday 11th January 2007 – South Derbyshire District Council.
- Thursday 1st March 2007 – South Derbyshire District Council.
- Thursday 3rd May 2007 – South Derbyshire District Council.

B. WHYMAN M.B.E.

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 11.00 a.m.