

BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE
PARTNERSHIP

Sharpe's Pottery Museum, Swadlincote
on Wednesday 20 November 2019.

PRESENT:-

Local Authority Sector

Councillor Martyn Ford (Chairman), Councillor Kevin Richards, Allison Thomas (South Derbyshire District Council), Councillor Stephanie Marbrow (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils).

Other Public Sector

Vicky Smyth (Derbyshire County Council), John Beaty (Burton and South Derbyshire College), Chief Inspector Richard Lambert (Derbyshire Constabulary), Vivien Sharples (The Pingle Academy).

Private Sector

John Harrison (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust), Kim Coe (Swadlincote and District Chamber of Trade), Louise Driver (The National Forest Company).

Voluntary/Community Sector

Dr Claire Teeling (Grow Outside C.I.C.), Matt Buckler (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust), Rev. Dr. Mike Firbank (Churches Together in Swadlincote/CVS), Barry Woods (Friends of Newhall Park/Old Post Centre), Sally Eccles (Home Start Derby and South Derbyshire).

Also in Attendance

Mike Roylance, Chris Smith, Nicola Lees and Sally Cope (South Derbyshire District Council), Roger Moors and Cathy Miles (South Derbyshire CVS), Kate Mclaughlin (Derbyshire Fire and Rescue), Dave Symcox (Citizens Advice Mid Mercia).

SDP/91. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from:
Kerrie Fletcher (South Derbyshire CVS), County Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton (Derbyshire County Council), Lena Ratcliffe (Derbyshire County Council), Brenda Nolan O'Shea (NHS Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group), Justin Holford (Derbyshire County Council), John Everitt (The National Forest Company).

SDP/92. **INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUES NOTED**

Introductions took place, a number of new representatives were present and welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies were noted.

SDP/93. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Item 6 - To consider the grant for the 50+ survey project. Declaration of interest was declared from SDCVS representatives, Kim Coe and John Beaty (CVS Trustee).

SDP/94. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 July 2019 were taken as read and approved as a true record.

SDP/95. **MATTERS ARISING**

(SDP 72) - Support for street drinkers. Chris Smith gave an update; there appears to be no outreach services for adult drinkers. Max Boyce the Council's Community Safety Enforcement Officer had provided enforcement in dispersing the groups of street drinkers in the Town Centre. Discussions with Bank House are to be arranged. It had also been noted that some of the street drinkers were also prolific shoplifters. Further work needs to be done. **(ACTION: CS)**

Noted - Swadlincote Town Centre Public Space Protection Order has been extended for a further three years.

No other matters arising.

SDP/96. **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT THEME:**

Overview of Theme

Nicola Lees the Theme Group lead provided the Board with an overview of the purpose of the Sustainable Development Group and explained the main themes of Business | Place | People.

Debt Issues

Dave Symcox from Citizens Advice Mid Mercia explained the services that can be provided, along with a summary of client outcomes for South Derbyshire, and an explanation of the challenges faced given rising demand for services. Demand for benefit advice has now surpassed that for debt advice.

Funding will cease 31 March 2020 for the digital support service currently offered which includes beginner IT classes (DigIT). A discussion took place with John Beaty from Burton and South Derbyshire College - the College delivers IT training at Level 2 and above; and would be unable to find funds for the provision of beginner IT training.

**ACTION: SCG (To review remaining provision).**

The group was informed of the appointment of a Derbyshire County Council funded Autism specialist to provide an early link to services.

Barry Woods asked whether the Secondary Schools and Colleges provide students with information on avoiding debt? Confirmation was given that tutorials on debt were provided to students.

Social Mobility

Cathy Miles from South Derbyshire CVS provided an update to the Board on the exploration of Social Mobility issues in South Derbyshire, following the formation of the 'Task and Finish group' led by South Derbyshire CVS and the research which has been carried out by its members. The next steps were discussed.

One action will be to organise a Social Mobility Conference to explore issues in more depth and engage with a wide range of partners to help develop an action plan. The date of the Conference has not yet been confirmed, the venue will be The Pingle Academy. CM to advise the Board of the date.

ACTION: CM/SC.

From January 2020 a new Enterprise Co-ordinator will be in post.

The Chairman thanked Cathy Miles and her colleagues for the interesting work that had been done on social mobility.

Social Investment

Roger Moors from South Derbyshire CVS presented an introduction to Social Investment, a snapshot of where the money comes from, what it can be invested in and what the investments can be used for. Roger Moors would be happy to deliver a masterclass for those interested at another time or provide advice. Dave Symcox endorsed the approach which had enabled Citizens Advice to expand and diversify its service.

The Chairman thanked Roger Moors and asked that the Board be kept informed of future developments.

National Forest Overview

Louise Driver, National Forest Company, provided the Board with an overview of the current activities.

Consultation on the '25 Year Vision' will be launched on 2nd December, Roadshow details will follow.

A suggestion was made to Louise to engage with the new QWELL service, a digital counselling support service available to parents and carers of children and young people across Derby and Derbyshire to access emotional wellbeing and early intervention support that looks to cover a range of mental health issues.

Louise requested to show a video at a future board meeting.

ACTION: LD/SCG.

The National Forest Timber Festival will take place on 3,4,5 July 2020. This is a weekend camping festival in the Heart of the Forest.

For more information: www.timberfestival.org.uk

All presentations can be viewed and downloaded by clicking this link: <https://southderbyshiredistrictcouncil.sharefile.eu/d-sd064a706cc1433fa>

SDP/97. **BUDGET UPDATE:**

The financial position of the partnership was noted.

The South Derbyshire CVS representatives were asked to leave the room.

The grant of £500 to the SD CVS for the 50+ Survey was approved.

The South Derbyshire CVS representatives re-joined the meeting.

SDP/98. **REFRESH OF THE PARTNERSHIP CONSTITUTION:**

The Board approved the changes to the Partnership's Constitution.

The formal adoption of the Constitution will be at the next meeting of the wider Partnership forum. **ACTION: MR.**

SDP/99. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY – QUARTER 1 – APRIL/JUNE 2019/2020**

The Theme Group's reporting system highlights areas that the Partnership could add value to:-

Safer Communities

A request for the Partnership to assist with promoting the various methods for the public to access local crime information (facebook, twitter and Derbyshire Alert).

Stronger Communities

The Stronger Communities group's first meeting was held on the 19th November, any organisation wishing to be involved in this group to contact Cathy Miles. Email: CathyM@sdcvs.org.uk

A request for the Partnership to assist with promoting the new social media platform to promote volunteering opportunities. **ACTION: ALL**

A request on Social Connectedness: Children and Young People's Wellbeing. Initial thoughts, suggestions and evidence requested on the three questions on page 58 of the agenda. **ACTION: ALL**

Healthier Communities

The Social Connectedness activities to be moved to Stronger Communities. **ACTION: VS/CM**

For information Jo Finnegan, has moved to cover Derbyshire Dales and has now been replaced with Brenda Nolan O'Shea.

Children & Young People

Apologies received from Lena Ratcliffe with a request to promote the locality partnership event – details to follow. **ACTION: LR/ALL**

Sustainable Development

A request to promote the Recruiting and Retaining Talent 2019 event on Wednesday 11 December at Toyota, Burnaston. **ACTION: ALL.**

SDP/01. **FEEDBACK AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Strategic Co-ordinating Group will discuss potential future agenda items at its next meeting, including:

- Raising Awareness with Autism

An invite to a future board meeting to be made to William Allitt School, Govenor, Jackie Cooper.

SDP/02. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date: Wednesday 29 January 2020
Time: 10:00am
Venue: Oakland Village, Hall Farm Road, Swadlincote, DE11 8ND.

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CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 12 Noon.