

South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership

Board Meeting 22nd July 2004

Agenda Item 6

Consultation Strategy

Business Since the Last Board Meeting

At the last Board Meeting on 24th June 2004 members received a report from Adam Jeffrey of Chimera Consulting regarding the consultation programme for the Community Strategy. It was resolved to establish a Steering Group, and a meeting was arranged for 6th July 2004.

Unfortunately the level of attendance of board members at the meeting was very low and not all constituencies of the Board were represented. However the meeting was attended by Councillor Wheeler, Adam Jeffrey and Geoff Birch of Chimera and Ian Reid and Sally Knight of the District Council.

The meeting reviewed the task in hand and resolved that the time required to produce a draft Community Strategy and a consultation programme from the work done to date would require the Forum to be postponed. Recognising that not all constituencies of the Board were represented, it was agreed that an update would be provided to a Board meeting called on the planned day of the Forum (22nd July) as board members would probably be available at that time.

The same thinking led to postponing the Forum meeting to the date of the next scheduled Board meeting on 19th August. This was communicated to all board members.

Proposed Consultation Arrangements

A report from Chimera Consulting is attached to this report at Annexe A which outlines their findings from their research about partner consultation work and makes suggestions for a consultation framework for the draft Community Strategy.

A presentation of this report will be made at the meeting by Adam Jeffrey.

Consultation Programme

It is important that the LSP details the proposed consultation exercises at the Forum meeting on 19th August. The District Council has attached to this report (Annexe B) the contribution it proposes to make to the programme. It would be helpful if all partners could bring to the meeting a similar proposal detailing their support for the consultation programme.

Recommendations

1. The Board agree an outline consultation framework for the draft Community Strategy.
2. Partners detail their support to the consultation work so that a detailed provisional programme can be prepared for the Forum meeting.
3. The proposed funding arrangements for the exercise for 'hard to reach' groups be agreed and partners commit financial support for it.
4. The Thematic Group leaders, agreed at the meeting on 18th March 2004, be authorised to undertake consultation work, within the framework, to develop and refine the priorities and indicative actions within their themes.
5. The Chair be delegated authority to approve the detailed consultation framework to be presented to the Forum, based on the decisions made at this meeting.

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