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## South Derbyshire Partnership

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To: See Overleaf

Dear Sir/Madam

### **BOARD MEETING**

A Board Meeting of the South Derbyshire Partnership will be held at Sharpe's Pottery Museum, West Street, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE11 9DG on **Wednesday 26 April 2017 at 10:00 am**. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

Stuart Batchelor  
Director of Community & Planning

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### **Local Authority Sector**

Councillor Mrs. Hilary Coyle (South Derbyshire District Council)  
Sheila Jackson (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils)  
County Councillor Trevor Southerd (Derbyshire County Council)  
Stuart Batchelor (South Derbyshire District Council)  
District Councillor Kevin Richards (South Derbyshire District Council)  
District Councillor Bob Wheeler (**Chairman**) (South Derbyshire District Council)

### **Other Public Sector**

Chris Lavelle (Derbyshire County Council – Children & Younger Adults Locality Manager)  
Vivien Sharples (Pingle School)  
Chief Superintendent Jim Allen (Derbyshire Constabulary)  
Mary Hague (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health)  
John Beaty (Burton & South Derbyshire College)  
Jane Hopkins (NHS Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group)

### **Private Sector**

Nick Freeman/Helen Hydes (Toyota UK Ltd)  
Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport)  
Ian Philliskirk (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust)  
John Everitt (The National Forest Company)  
Robert Coe (Swadlincote & District Chamber of Trade)  
VACANT

### **Voluntary/Community Sector**

Fred Cox (South Derbyshire Tenants & Residents Association)  
Tracey Harris (Homestart South Derbyshire)  
Michelle Skinner (South Derbyshire CVS)  
Stephen Spear (South Derbyshire CVS)  
David Symcox (South Derbyshire CAB)  
VACANT

# AGENDA

1. Introductions, apologies and to note any substitutes appointed for the Meeting.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 January 2017(attached).
4. Matters Arising.
5. State of the District Economy (Mike Roylance)
6. Sustainable Community Strategy Refresh Report (Michelle Skinner) (attached).
7. 2017/18 Action Plan and Budget (Stuart Batchelor) (attached).
8. Sustainable Community Strategy – Final Quarter – January/March (2016/2017) Appendix 1 (attached).
  - Sustainable Development
  - Health & Well-Being
  - Safe Communities
9. VCS Update (Michelle Skinner).
10. Thriving Communities Update.
11. Future Agenda Items.
12. Any Other Business.
13. Date of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 26 July 2017

Time: 10:00 am

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

**BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE  
PARTNERSHIP**

**Oakland Village, Swadlincote  
on Wednesday 25 January 2017.**

**PRESENT:-**

**Local Authority Sector**

District Councillors Wheeler (Chairman), Mrs Coyle, Rhind (South Derbyshire District Council), County Councillor Southerd (Derbyshire County Council), Sheila Jackson (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils) and Stuart Batchelor (South Derbyshire District Council).

**Other Public Sector**

Chief Superintendent Jim Allen (Derbyshire Constabulary), Mary Hague (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health), John Beaty (Burton & South Derbyshire College).

**Private Sector**

Helen Hydes (Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd), Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport), Kim Coe (Swadlincote & District Chamber of Trade).

**Voluntary/Community Sector**

Michelle Skinner and Steven Spear (South Derbyshire CVS), Tracey Harris (Home-Start).

**Also in Attendance**

Jean Sayers (Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd), Hannah Kearns, Jodie Hayes (Sporting Futures), Kevin Stackhouse, Mike Haynes, Mike Roylance, Chris Smith and Sally Cope (South Derbyshire District Council).

**SDP/42. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from:

Councillor Kevin Richards (South Derbyshire District Council), Vivien Sharples (Pingle School), Nick Freeman (Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd), Chris Lavelle (Derbyshire County Council), Deborah O’Conner/Jane Hopkins (NHS Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group), John Everitt (National Forest Company), Robert Coe (Swadlincote & District Chamber of Trade), Vicky Smyth (South Derbyshire District Council), Cath Walker (Derbyshire County Council), David Symcox (South Derbyshire CAB). Julie Heath (Derbyshire County Council).

**MATTERS ARISING**

SDP/43. **INTRODUCTIONS**

CS Jim Allen was welcomed by the Chair. CS Allen gave an overview on how Derbyshire Constabulary would maintain a continued working partnership.

The Chair gave thanks to Vicky Smyth for her hard work supporting Healthy Communities and wished her well for the future with DCC.

Introductions took place.

Apologies were noted.

Agenda Item 8 to be moved to Item 6.

SDP/44. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None.

SDP/45. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 October 2016 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

SDP/46. **MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

SDP/47. **DISTRICT COUNCIL BUDGET UPDATE - 2017/2018**

Kevin Stackhouse gave a brief overview of the Council's budget planning and projection over the next 5 years. KS directed the Board Members to the Council website for further details. KS gave an explanation on the 2018/2019 potential budget deficit of £0.8million when Central Government funding is reduced. The planned 1% increase to all voluntary bodies and to Parish Councils for concurrent functions 2018/19 was discussed along with a proposed increase in council tax.

SDP/48. **TOYOTA ROAD TO SUCCESS**

Helen Hydes from Toyota gave an overview of their charitable giving to local community organisations and charities. Up to 2 partnerships per year are planned each operating on 3 year basis with the company aiming to work together with local organisations to support projects. Sporting Futures is the first Pro-Active Partnership in South Derbyshire. Jodie Hayes and Hannah Kearns from Sporting Futures gave a presentation on the project aims. The employment project will offer an 8 week period of experience for 10-12 NEET young people aged 16 to 25 years of age aiming to gain a qualification and self-achievements and build self-confidence. The Board's support was requested in referrals, business/experience mentors, 'Sharks' to participate in exercises and work experience opportunities.

It was suggested Sporting Futures to be introduced to the Raising Aspirations Team and the three head teachers of the secondary schools in the District before Vicky Smyth leaves the Council. **ACTION: SB/VS**

Board Member support were given as follows:

Stuart Batchelor - A desk made available at the Council offices for use of the Sporting Futures team.

John Beaty - Space at the Burton & South Derbyshire College to work from and look at referrals for students to and from the programme. **ACTION: Sporting Futures to liaise with JB.**

Michelle Skinner - The volunteer centre could explore volunteer opportunities for the young people, happy to be a 'Shark' and small grants pot available.

CS Jim Allen - Derbyshire Constabulary could possibly offer referrals, assist in confidence building exercises and provide a 'Shark'.

Kim Coe - made an offer of business contacts from the South Derbyshire Chamber.

Colleen Hempson - Made an offer of alternative work environment experience and visit to the EMA Education Centre and a 'Shark' opportunity.

#### SDP/49. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY REFRESH**

Michelle Skinner gave a brief explanation of the background of the South Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy and explained the exercise undertaken to refresh the Strategy. MS requested that the Board Members complete an initial feedback form on the draft document and disseminate through their organisations for comment.

A discussion took place on whether the current measures are too health and crime based and should be more priority based and how the partnership could make a specific impact. Partnership's priorities needed to be clearer. Partnership should target its efforts/not spread too thinly. Mix of high level and very specific targets.

The final Strategy, following consultation would be signed off at the April Board Meeting. It was agreed that the feedback form would be completed via Survey Monkey, a link to be emailed separately. **ACTION: MS/SC**

#### SDP/50. **COMMUNITIES FUND AND GRESLEY OLD HALL HUB**

Stuart Batchelor gave a brief overview on the project to develop a Community Hub at Gresley Old Hall and to support the application to the 'Communities Fund'. The Board approved the £1000 to support the staging of community consultation events.

A suggestion was given to get School involvement to utilise the car park at Gresley Old Hall to set up a school crocodile walk. CS Jim Allen suggested Safer Communities look into the Modeshift Programme. **ACTION: CS**

Colleen Hempson (EMA) reminded the Board of the Airport's Community Fund which awards grants to support eligible projects that have a community benefit.

SDP/51. **COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES**

Mary Hague presented a report on behalf of the Project Lead Julie Heath. The objectives of Compassionate Communities was explained and how the project would be delivered, enhancing and adding value to current programmes.

A letter of support from the South Derbyshire Partnership highlighting existing schemes such as the SDCVS Befriending application was agreed. **ACTION: SB**

Mary Hague was requested to feedback to the CCG that the general public need to be kept informed and fully engaged with the project. **ACTION: MH**

Julie Heath to keep the Health & Wellbeing Group updated on the project. **ACTION: JH/VS**

SDP/52. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY – QUARTER 3**

The Partnership Newsletter gave an overview of each theme group's latest developments on their projects. The three theme group leaders gave a verbal update on Quarter 3 progress (October/December).

At a recent Safer Neighbourhood meeting the quality of information communicated via Derbyshire Alert was raised. **ACTION: CS/CS Jim Allen**

SDP/53. **VCS UPDATE**

Michelle Skinner updated the Board on the increasing challenge on the sector. A number of services are being tendered on a county-wide basis, with new providers operating in South Derbyshire and a need to ensure that the impact on residents is minimised. An update on new providers will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

SDP/54. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The future agenda items were agreed as follows:

- National Social Return on Investment Tool – Mary Hague
- CAB Budgeting & Financial Management/Skills Training - David Symcox
- School Sports Partnership
- Sustainable Community Strategy Refresh – Michelle Skinner

**ACTION: SB/SC**

SDP/55. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Thriving Communities is progressing well with some good news stories; next opportunity is to start to redesign services DC/NHS/CVS.

A suggestion to compare the progress on the Community Hub and Thriving Communities and use what we learn to inform future projects.

SDP/56. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday 26 April 2017 – 10:00am**

Venue: Sharpe's Pottery Museum, West Street, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE11 9DG.

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 11:50 am.

# South Derbyshire Partnership

## Report to the Board

**Date of meeting: 26 April 2017**

**Agenda Item: 6**

### **Sustainable Community Strategy - Refresh Report**

#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To inform the Board on the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy work to date.

#### **2.0 Detail**

2.1 Sustainable Community Strategy Report attached.

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# South Derbyshire

## Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2029

2017 refresh

### What is South Derbyshire Partnership?

The partnership brings together representatives of public services, local businesses, voluntary and community groups and residents to work together to help improve the district, concentrating on the things local people have said are important for a better South Derbyshire.

### What is the Sustainable Community Strategy and why do we need one?

The Sustainable Community Strategy is a document which sets out South Derbyshire Partnership's vision for the district, what we think our priorities should be, and how we will work together to achieve them.

Having agreed priorities helps us decide how best to focus our efforts and resources, not just as individual organisations and services but as a partnership.

By working together, bigger and better things will be achieved rather than if one organisation was working on its own.

### Our Vision for the future of South Derbyshire

Our vision is of a dynamic and caring South Derbyshire, able to seize opportunities to develop and empower successful communities, whilst respecting and enhancing the varied character and environment of our fast growing and diverse District.



The Sustainable Community Strategy has 4 themes:

- Children & Young People
- Healthier Communities
- Safer and Stronger Communities
- Sustainable Development

For each theme, the strategy describes:-

#### Our priorities

These are the broad outcomes that we have agreed we want to focus on;

#### Why this is a partnership priority

Why we thought this should be a priority for South Derbyshire, and why we think a partnership approach can make a difference;

#### Outcome measures

These are measures that we know are available, which we can use to see what the situation is now, and measure any changes in future. (A longer document which lists where this data comes from and where you can find it is available on request).

We may not always be able to show the exact relationship between our activities and these measures, but we would aim through working together to contribute to the difference made;

#### Examples of partnership activity

Where work is planned or taking place which contributes to the achievement of our priorities, we have included examples. This will provide important additional evidence and case studies to the Partnership, showing what works and what has been learned.

# Background and next steps

## Background

The original, 20-year strategy was developed by South Derbyshire Partnership in 2009.

Many of the key issues for the district remain the same. However there have also been new challenges over recent years. 8 years on, partners felt it was important to revisit and refresh the strategy.

Another challenge was that some of the measures we had planned to use to evidence the success of the original strategy were based on national data sets that had been discontinued, or different measures were now being used.

## What we did

The first step of the refresh was a review of all the evidence currently available. A group of partners from different sectors came together to discuss what we found and, based on this, to propose priorities for the partnership going forward.

The priorities agreed were those we believe are best delivered in South Derbyshire by a partnership approach (rather than the responsibility of any individual partner). They are long term aspirations, and to achieve some of them will involve wider partnerships. However,

we were looking for outcomes to which we could make a real contribution as a local partnership.

A draft strategy was presented to South Derbyshire Partnership and further revisions made. Following this, a further draft was made available for public consultation. The consultation responses were broadly supportive of our priorities, however further revisions were made in response to comments and suggestions received. The final, refreshed strategy was then formally agreed by South Derbyshire Partnership.

## What happens next

Each of the themes in the strategy will be overseen by a thematic group which will be responsible for developing and delivering its own Action Plan and reporting back to the Partnership. Each thematic group will report regularly on activity and progress in relation to priorities in the strategy.

In addition, the whole strategy will be reviewed every 3 years, to see what progress has been made and to assess the evidence. By doing this we will be able to check whether we are on the way to achieving our long term outcomes, and discuss whether any priorities need to be added or revised.

# The difference we want to make:

## Our priorities for CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

*Young people's aspirations are raised and they are supported to achieve their potential*

Because...	Outcome measures	Examples of partnership activity
GCSE achievement in the district is significantly lower than county and national average. There is a perception that aspirations amongst young people and families are low and the potential of young people not being achieved. We want to work across sectors to help young people and parents to engage with education and reach their potential in terms of education, employment, community engagement and creativity.	<p>% of young people achieving 5 GCSE grades A*-C</p> <p>% of young people not in employment, education or training</p> <p>Number of young people excluded from school</p> <p>Case studies of aspirational young people and their success stories</p>	<p>Delivery of Raising Aspirations programme</p> <p>Activities which engage young people in planning for their future such as the Jobs and Skills Fair</p> <p>Promotion campaigns around successful individuals and groups in the Swadlincote area who have aspired to significant achievement.</p> <p>Support for the Toyota/Sporting Futures programme</p>

*Children and young people are resilient and protected from harm*

Because...	Outcome measures	Examples of partnership activity
<p>All children should be safe from harm. We know that prevention and early intervention for children and families can keep young people safe and improve their wellbeing, resilience and achievement.</p> <p>Partners contribute towards protecting children through coordination and communication.</p>	<p>Numbers of children identified as 'in need'</p> <p>Numbers of children on child protection plans.</p> <p>(An increase is not necessarily a sign that things are getting worse; it could be that more children and families are getting the support they need).</p>	<p>Training for staff working with children and young people, in Improving Access to Psychological Therapies, mental health first aid and anger management.</p> <p>Successful roll out of 'Future in Mind' Programme</p>

*Families who are most vulnerable receive the support they need*

Because...	Outcome measures	Examples of partnership activity
<p>Supporting families, particularly those who are most vulnerable, leads to better outcomes for children and young people.</p> <p>Stronger families will contribute to improved quality of life and reduce pressure on public services.</p>	<p>Take up of funding for nursery places for 2 year olds</p>	<p>Professionals and volunteers from across different sectors are trained to deliver the Incredible Years Parenting Programme.</p> <p>Community based initiatives such as Home-Start 'Breathe' programme supports parents at risk of mental health issues.</p> <p>Raising Aspirations work targeting families.</p>

# The difference we want to make:

## Our priorities for HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

### *Health inequalities between different communities are reduced*

Because...	Outcome measures	Examples of partnership activity
<p>People in the least deprived areas of South Derbyshire live for 7 - 8 years longer than those in the most deprived areas. We want people across the district to have the same chance of a long and healthy life</p>	<p>Average life expectancy Differences in life expectancy between different areas</p>	<p>Partnership developments supporting prevention of health inequality within identified populations. Establishment of Community Hubs in targeted locations where people can access local information, services and support.</p>

### *People make choices in their lifestyles that improve their physical and mental wellbeing*

Because...	Outcome measures	Examples of partnership activity
<p>Nearly a third of adults in the district are physically inactive. Only 57% do the recommended weekly amount of physical activity. Over a fifth of reception age children, and nearly a third at Year 6, are overweight or obese. Nearly 70% of adults are overweight or obese. Partnership working can contribute towards increasing physical activity and healthy eating.</p>	<p>% of adults doing the recommended amount of exercise and decreased % who are physically inactive % of children and adults who are overweight or obese Incidence of diseases such as diabetes.</p>	<p>Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Strategy delivers activity to support people to increase healthy lifestyle choices. Development of a South Derbyshire Mental Wellbeing Action Plan and initiation of new activities.</p>

### *Older people, people with dementia and other long term conditions and their carers have good quality of life, retain their independence for as long as possible, and receive the support they need at the end of their lives*

Because...	Outcome measures	Examples of partnership activity
<p>The population of South Derbyshire, like many other areas is ageing, and this impacts on diagnoses of dementia and other diseases associated with later life. We want people to live well, get the support they need and be as healthy as they can be. This is better for individuals, carers and families, as well as reducing pressure on other services. The Partnership can together improve public understanding of, and engagement with, dementia sufferers.</p>	<p>Health status score of people aged 65+, reported from GP patient surveys Life expectancy at age 65</p>	<p>South Derbyshire Dementia Action Alliance Action Plan delivered; more people and businesses trained and signed up as Dementia Friends. Community based initiatives which support people to retain their independence and wellbeing such as befriending, transport, practical support and social groups. 'Compassionate communities' end of life support project established</p>

# The difference we want to make:

## Our priorities for SAFER & STRONGER COMMUNITIES

*Young people are more aware and informed about risks to their safety from Child Sexual Exploitation, sexting and drugs*

Because...	Outcome measures	Examples of partnership activity
All children should be safe from harm. We want to make sure children are warned about these risks, make safe choices and get help if they need it.	Number of young people participating in educational activities.	Awareness raising education sessions for young people such as Chelsea's Choice, Assemblies and 'Know More' events.

*More people feel safe and secure in their home and in the community, particularly those who are most vulnerable*

Because...	Outcome measures	Examples of partnership activity
Crime levels in the district are generally low, but we want to support preventative activity to reduce these further. Fear of crime is disproportionately high in some parts of the district, so we also need to address perceptions of crime and help people feel safer. Crime reduction is a shared responsibility and partners can work together to reduce actual crime and perception.	Incidence of burglaries, robberies, vehicle crimes and drug related offences. Number of Anti-Social Behaviour calls to service received by the Police. % of residents who are worried about crime	Safer Homes visits to secure the homes of vulnerable people and give home safety advice. Neighbourhood Watch schemes and Victim Support. Liberation Day for older people to find out about sources of information and support. Initiatives to encourage and empower communities to communicate with the police.

*People and communities benefit from the contribution of volunteers and participation in volunteering*

Because...	Outcome measures	Examples of partnership activity
Volunteering has proven benefits, both for individuals who participate and communities who benefit from their contribution. All partners rely on volunteers to a lesser or greater extent and coordination will help recruit and retain this workforce.	Number of hours contributed by local volunteers. Numbers of volunteers recruited and opportunities offered.	Strategic Volunteering Partnership develops new volunteering activity and promotes and celebrates volunteering.

*Increased voluntary and community sector activity within the district*

Because...	Outcome measures	Examples of partnership activity
South Derbyshire has a relatively high number of small, grassroots charities and voluntary groups. We want them to continue and thrive, as well as supporting people to develop new activities and groups.	Number of registered charities in South Derbyshire and their annual income.	Development of new voluntary and community sector groups and initiatives through community development activity and by providing advice, support and funding.

# The difference we want to make:

## Our priorities for SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

*A more prosperous, better connected, increasingly resilient and competitive South Derbyshire economy*

Because...	Outcome measures	Examples of partnership activity
Unemployment is generally low. The challenge will be to sustain this with a rapidly growing workforce and to make sure businesses and individuals have the resources and skills they need.	Unemployment levels in the district (%) % of adults qualified to NVQ level 2 or above Additional employment floor space developed Number of vacant units in Swadlincote town centre	Annual Jobs and Skills Fair promotes local employment opportunities, skills development and volunteering.

*A better place to live, work and visit at the heart of The National Forest*

Because...	Outcome measures	Examples of partnership activity
We want to make South Derbyshire an attractive place to live, work and visit, and make the most of the opportunities offered by The National Forest to improve the environment and attract visitors.	Increased National Forest planting in the District Increased areas of biodiversity importance Spend by visitors to The National Forest Number of areas with poor air quality	Support for The National Forest Outdoor Activity Partnership

# **South Derbyshire Partnership**

## **Report to the Board**

**Date of meeting: 26 April 2017**

**Agenda Item: 7**

### **2017/18 Priority Actions and Budget**

#### **1.0 Recommendations**

To note the proposed Actions for 2017/18 and approve the allocation of funds to support the delivery of that programme.

#### **2.0 Purpose of the Report**

The District Council acts as accountable body for the South Derbyshire Partnership. This report outlines the current financial position and proposals for expenditure and the proposed activity for the Theme Groups in 2017/18.

#### **3.0 Details**

### **2017/18 Action Plans**

The work of the three theme groups for the year is summarised as follows:

#### **Sustainable Development**

In 2017/18 the Sustainable Development Group will focus on the following three priorities:

- Business support, access to finance and innovation
- Recruitment, employment and skills
- Infrastructure for economic growth

#### **Health and Wellbeing**

The 2017/2018 Healthy South Derbyshire plan is a refresh of the 2013-2016 locality plan, with the following priorities:

- Reducing health inequalities within families and young people living in the urban core around Swadlincote
- Supporting health of older people in their own home
- Supporting individuals and families living in rural areas experiencing health inequality
- Supporting healthy lifestyle choices with a focus on increasing physical activity
- Supporting people's mental wellbeing

## **Safer Communities**

The new 2017-2020 Safer South Derbyshire Partnership plan was published in April 2017. It will be reviewed and refreshed annually.

Priorities for 2017/18 are:

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Communicating with the Public
- Protecting Those Most at Risk
- Alcohol-Related Harm and Substance Misuse
- Acquisitive Crime and Offender Management
- Domestic Abuse and Serious Sexual Violence

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## **Budget**

There is currently £14,000 in the Partnership's Reserve which was carried over from previous years.

The only income received by the South Derbyshire Partnership Board from the partners for supporting the general operation of the Partnership is an annual allocation of £10,000 from the District Council.

This means the funding available to the Partnership is **£24,000**.

Two of the above Themed Groups have significant levels of funding available to deliver actions, in particular the Safer Communities and Health and Wellbeing Theme Groups. However the Sustainable Development Group and a number of the sub groups require support from the Board to deliver their actions during 2017/18 as well as the need to support several key projects with partnership funding to match further external sources. The breakdown is as follows:

**Raising Aspirations** – project fund across the South Derbyshire Partnership Board and Theme Groups to support the proposed Raising Aspirations in communities identified through the indices of deprivation. **£1,000**

**Cultural Events** – financial support for a range of events including, South Derbyshire Day and National Play Day. These two events have become significant events in the South Derbyshire calendar and each targeting a specific age group. In particular National Play Day has increased in size significantly and attracts several thousand young people, accompanied by parents and grandparents. **£3,000**

**Environmental Forum** – support for the operation of the Forum and its annual work programme. **£1,000**

**Volunteer Development / Celebration** – funding to allow the Strategic Volunteering Group to deliver works that will increase the number of, and opportunities for, volunteers. Also to celebrate volunteering during Volunteers Week. **£1,000**

**Swadlincote Cultural Partnership** – Development of a partnership which is pulling together environmental, cultural, heritage and educational opportunities in the Swadlincote and wider area. **£2,000**

**Sustainable Development Theme Group** – funding to support the delivery of the theme groups work which includes, business advice service, business breakfasts, employment skills and training, town centre promotion and environmental improvements. **£4,000**

**South Derbyshire Community Forum** – support for the development of this community infrastructure group. **£1,000**

## Summary

Raising Aspirations Project	£1,000
Cultural Events	£3,000
Environmental Forum	£1,000
Volunteer Development	£1,000
Swadlincote Cultural Partnership	£2,000
Sustainable Development Theme Group	£4,000
South Derbyshire Community Forum	<u>£1,000</u>
Total	£13,000

The above figures are estimates which will be available to support work and in most cases be to cover costs if alternative funds cannot be found or be used as matched funding against other sources. The Theme Group Chairs will be given responsibility for ensuring the appropriate use of the funds.

The remaining balance will be **£11,000** which will fund the day to day expenses of the partnership and further bids for funding towards emerging projects.

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# South Derbyshire Partnership

## Report to the Board

Date of meeting: 26 April 2017

Agenda Item: 8

### Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan – Quarter 4 – January/March (2016/17)

#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To inform the Board on the Theme Groups work to date.

#### **2.0 Detail**

2.1 As previously reported the performance monitoring for the work of the Theme Groups is now provided as narrative reports which will contain information about what has been achieved; any challenges faced and highlight stories/case studies to demonstrate what we are delivering in each of the theme areas. These are attached as Appendix 1.

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**South Derbyshire Partnership  
Community Strategy Action Plan 2016/17  
End of Year (April 2016 – March 2017)**

**Sustainable Development**

***Raising Aspirations:*** *Raising aspirations and assisting unemployed groups into employment and training, particularly amongst younger people and in the more deprived areas of the District.*

**Swadlincote Jobs & Careers Fair 2016** was staged in the Sports Hall at Green Bank Leisure Centre in April led by Swadlincote Jobcentre plus. Fifty exhibitors offered over 1,500 job opportunities, plus a range of apprenticeships, training courses, volunteering places and self-employment support. 644 members of the public attended, seeking to improve their skills and employment prospects. The early part of the day was reserved for school pupils to 'have a go' at new skills, explore future education and training opportunities and learn about local employers. 238 young people attended from the William Allitt, Granville and Pingle secondary schools.

The **South Derbyshire Young Enterprise** initiative commenced with William Allitt School in May. Pupils took part in an exercise to develop their own business idea and discuss it with Business Advisers from the South Derbyshire Business Advice Service. As part of Swadlincote Market's support for 'Love Your Local Market' (a national campaign to promote the market industry, culture and entrepreneurship), the pupils then had market stalls in the town centre and implemented their business ideas, raising money for charity.

**Work Clubs** were delivered by the Old Post Centre from the Centre in Newhall, as well as at Oakland Village, the CAB offices, Woodville Children's Centre and Etwall Library. The Clubs help those seeking assistance searching and applying for jobs, including CV writing. Many of those seeking support are new to looking for work online or lack confidence or IT skills. Seventy sessions were delivered, achieving 226 participations (to 121 individuals), and preparing 88 CVs. Feedback included: "I can't read or write and have been passed around from pillar to post. I have to fill out lots of forms and needed a CV. The work club had been the only place to take the time to help me and not make me feel stupid"; and, "Nice community centre, I got a good CV and computer help. I will use the computers here again".

The ALICE (**Accessible Learning in Community Environments**) project led by South Derbyshire CVS has provided more intensive support to help individuals get closer to more formal training or work. The project exists to offer flexible, innovative and enjoyable learning opportunities for people who are unlikely to engage with more formal learning, leading to improved health and economic benefits through progress into community volunteering or paid employment. Each learner received an initial assessment to develop a flexible personalised learning plan, and to discuss and agree their individual needs and aspirations. 30 individuals have been supported by the Alice project during 2016/17, with 15 achieving an accredited outcome such as gaining a volunteer passport.

An **Employer Engagement Event** was hosted at Burton & South Derbyshire College's Swadlincote Campus in partnership with the Derby & Derbyshire Skills & Employment Board. The event aimed to understand the issues and barriers to preparing and engaging young people in the world of work, including qualifications, work experience, enterprise skills, careers advice, apprenticeships, pupil aspirations and employer needs and expectations. The focus was on the area's key sectors and participants were brought together from local businesses, secondary schools and training providers.

***Promoting Town Centres:*** *Working with local businesses and organisations to attract visitors and investment, enhance the physical environment and promote the vitality of town centres.*

The **Swadlincote Townscape** programme is now well underway with a range of activities being delivered with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund. A grant scheme of some £300,000 is assisting property owners to improve historic buildings in the town centre, together with a programme of community and educational activities engaging schools, businesses and members of the public. During Building Maintenance Week in November gutters were cleared and free maintenance advice was offered to property owners. Proposals for the redesign of the Diana Memorial Garden on Grove Street have been drawn up, working with local participatory community arts organisation People Express, and works to clear the site have commenced. Grants have been awarded to the first of the beneficiary businesses, with works underway to these and to the Town Hall.

**Swadlincote Wedding Fair 2016** was staged in April by Swadlincote Town Team with the active support of numerous town centre businesses. A large number of wedding-related businesses opened on the Sunday for the event, from florists to travel agents. The Town Hall staged a catwalk display of wedding outfits and wedding suppliers took stalls at the Ski Centre and Sharpe's Pottery. The event was well-attended with the 50+ businesses participating reporting good sales on the day and appointments for future business. The attractive event marketing materials were created by a design student from Burton & South Derbyshire College, helping them to gain practical work experience.

**Swadlincote Farmers' Market** operated on the last Thursday of the month through to December. During 2016 it included cooking demonstrations from the Food Saver Champs – part of the Sainsbury's Waste Less, Save More initiative to reduce food waste in Swadlincote. There were also exhibitions from OLIO, a free app which connects neighbours with each other and local shops so that surplus food can be shared. Following the Winter break, the farmers' market was replaced with a **Makers Market**. This was launched with a successful event in March, and is planned to operating once a month on a Saturday (March – Sept) offering both food & drink and arts & crafts stalls.

**The National Forest Walking Festival 2016** was held in May, with the numbers of walkers significantly up on 2015 at 1,394. Evaluation forms revealed that for 56% of walkers the Festival was their main reason for visiting the area. The Festival was supported by more than thirty organisations and voluntary groups which led individual walks. Funding for the event was received from the National Forest Company, Leicestershire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council. Eighty-five walks took place over the two weeks, ranging from short health walks to full day rambles.

The **Swadlincote Festival of Transport** was staged in May by the Box Motor Club & Rotary Club of Swadlincote, with a mix of historic and contemporary vehicles, including cars, motorcycles, campervans, buses, lorries and tractors. The ever growing number of exhibitors attracted a huge audience to the event, to the benefit of town centre retailers, food & drink outlets and local charities.

A **Town Centre Guide** was launched by Swadlincote Town Team at a tea party in June. The Guide is an encyclopaedia of over 200 places to shop, eat, visit and enjoy in Swadlincote town centre, together with details of local markets, attractions and free car parks. The Guide has been well received by local businesses which are now helping to distribute it to both residents and potential visitors.

A **Shopping Day** was staged by Swadlincote Town Team in August at the start of the new football season to attract shoppers who had 'had enough of sport on TV!'. The initiative promoted the new Town Centre Guide and encouraged the use of the social media hashtag: #SWADOFFERS by businesses to feature their products and services. The Town Team also promoted the national **Small Business Saturday** initiative in December, which encourages consumers to 'shop local' and support small businesses.

The Chamber of Trade's Swadlincote Town Centre **Scarecrow Hunt** took place over two weeks in August, with prizes for both adults and children. Scarecrows are hidden in shops and businesses around the town centre to encourage visitors to explore the whole of the town centre and what it has to offer. Some 30 businesses and organisations created scarecrows for the event and 130 families or other groups of visitors entered.

The **Swadlincote International Food & Drink Festival** took place in October attracting thousands of visitors to the town centre over a long weekend. Entertainment included singers, performers and demonstration chefs including TV chef James Strawbridge and 'Wild Chef' Ralph Skripek. Some one hundred stalls offered food, drink, arts and crafts from around the world.

A Swadlincote **Xmas Mega Market** was held in December bringing together around fifty traditional, food & drink and craft & vintage stalls. The Delph market square and High Street also featured a Santa's Grotto, carol singers and mini fairground rides. In February, the **Swadlincote Pancake Races** attracted some forty local businesses and organisations, together with house teams from Belmont Primary School. Burton Albion Community Trust won the Mascot Race and JB Kind Limited the team race. The event was supported by Active Nation, Evisa Personal Fitness Club, Sainsbury's, Swadlincote Tourist Information Centre and Swadlincote Markets.

***Encouraging Enterprise:** Encouraging entrepreneurship, supporting the formation and development of businesses, and maximising the take-up of advice and financial assistance.*

**South Derbyshire Business Advice Service** staged a Cybercrime Breakfast Seminar at Foston in April with guest speaker David Benford MSc of Derby University, attracting some fourteen business attendees. The event was very well-received, focusing on higher level protection, and exploring current threats from internal and external sources to businesses, their customers and supply chain. The Service has seen an increase in uptake by existing businesses, interested in grants and other assistance.

The Burton, Swadlincote & Uttoxeter (Burton Mail) **Business Awards** received over one hundred entries from around fifty companies. The eleven awards categories attracted entries from new start sole traders through to some of the largest multinational businesses in the area. The Gala Awards Evening in October saw South Derbyshire businesses pick up numerous awards, including the overall prize which went to Two Twenty staircases of Foston. Other winners included Bright Side Vets (best customer service and small business with less than 10 employees), Chameleon School of Construction (young employee and small business 11-20 FTEs), First Fence (use of innovation/technology) and Hi-Tech Fabrication (manufacturer).

A '**Thinking of Starting a Business?**' workshop was held for prospective entrepreneurs in November at Sharpe's Pottery Museum by the South Derbyshire Business Advice Service. The evening event attracted sixteen participants considering self-employment. A similar event held in March, attracted fifteen participants and excellent feedback.

A **business breakfast** was held alongside the launch of the new South Derbyshire Economic Development Strategy in November at the Odeon Cinema at The Pipeworks. The event provided an overview of new sources of advice and financial assistance for businesses and attracted almost 80 attendees. A host of partner organisations exhibited at the networking session that followed the presentations. Breakfast was provided by the 'Food Saver Champs' as part of the Sainsbury's Waste less, Save more initiative.

**The National Forest Tourism Business Forum** took place in March at Calke Abbey. The event was aimed specifically at the Forest's tourism sector, providing a unique opportunity for the industry to come together, network and discuss current issues. The well-attended event reflected on the first 25 years of The National Forest and looked ahead to the opportunities that will be created for the sector in the future.

## Health and Wellbeing Update: Full Year 2016/17

17 projects have been supported throughout 2016/17. All projects were developed to support the priorities:

- Reducing health inequality across urban and rural areas
- Improving health of older people
- Improving physical activity

Evaluation data is still being collated and an end of year report from Public health will be available to the partnership in May as part of the County Locality programme.

**However...Key headlines emerging:**

- Majority of activity delivered has worked with individuals and families vulnerable to poor health outcomes
- Over 1500 known beneficiaries
- Over 700 sessions across projects targeted across issues:
  - debt recovery and money management support
  - social isolation reduction/ mental wellbeing farming community
  - education/basic skills, and self-confidence support towards training and employment
  - physical activity participation focussed on preschool families
  - Support to young people "disengaged" and at risk of disengagement, supporting priority: Raising Aspiration
  - Support to older people
  - Support to adult carers
  - Support to parents - parenting
- Over 1000 hot meals - to individuals and families - Holiday Hunger, Community Food Hub projects
- Awareness of health issues across partners - training (dementia champions, positive parenting), Breastfeeding Welcome Here Award, *emerging* health in planning (eg. built environments to support Activity/Active Design, planning processes)
- Match funding of £23,000. Additional inkind match from staff time and capacity

## Project examples:

**Community Job Club and ALICE** (ALICE: non-traditional learning to raise self-esteem, self-confidence) - joint funded through Public Health and South Derbyshire District Council. The Job club project delivered by the Old Post Centre is targeted at people who need a high level of basic support and skills to access training and/or employment. This may include CV writing, interview skills, how to look for a job, IT skills. Delivered in Newhall, Woodville, Swadlincote and Etwall. 121 individuals, 26 people up to date secured new employment. ALICE providing intensive support to individuals has worked with 30 people, 15 achieving an accredited outcome, 10 achieving new employment and/or voluntary work.

## **Challenges and Opportunities into 2017/18**

- Funding cuts and uncertainty into the future
- Reiteration of work focus "without money" - strengthening influence and sustaining partnerships eg. health and planning policy and decision-making, training support with partners, developing partnerships with Place, Raising Aspirations partnership. Sustaining local programmes that show benefit.



## **Case Studies from 2016/2017 projects**

- "We could not have managed to do the back garden on our own. It was reassuring to know that the man who came was approved by the CVS and that if we had a problem with anything we could contact them again. This is such a valuable service to a lot of people who are physically unable to maintain their gardens or do DIY, or may not have family to help them out." *Gardening and low level Maintenance Project*
- The chaplaincy continues to visit and support a farmer recovering from an outbreak of TB. The impact on the business and the mental health of the farmer has been significant. The farmer is now making progress and combined with a recent modest increase in the milk prices the situation is now improving. *Agricultural Chaplaincy project*
- "I like to use the café as they have some nice sofas which are comfy for breastfeeding and located at the side of the café so I could feed discretely. The staff are always very keen to help – bringing drinks to the table". *Breast Feeding Welcome Here Award*
- Name was referred by a Community Engagement Worker to attend the Volunteer Passport Course. She was successful in obtaining the qualification, but really struggled to interact with others and had very low confidence. We supported her throughout the course. Following the course the Alice worker discussed with Sarah the opportunity for further training through the ALICE Project. In particular, she was interested in the "Making and Using Story Sacks" course delivered through the project. This course engages learners in an activity to create a themed story sack, containing a book, and puzzles, toys and games which all relate to the story. Learning activities include creative craft activities, budgeting, and learning about how to improve interaction with your child, as well developing basic skills - English, Maths and IT. Sarah really flourished in the small group setting and was delighted to give the Story Sack to her 6 year old son for his birthday. *ALICE*





## Case studies

- "I have worked with two families that now use positive play 4 times a week. These parents were not having any play time with their children. They have noticed changes and improvements in their behaviour at home. One parent said that it has given her the confidence to be able to use consequences for her child's behaviour. She said she felt much more in control as a parent and her child is no longer having meltdowns. Her little girl is now coming to school every morning without crying and is much happier. I have seen great results so far and have had positive feedback from parents. I am looking forward to running the course permanently in school for our parents and other parents in the community".  
*Positive Parenting*
- first came to FoodHub meals at Woodville Childrens Centre where she was amazed to find her kids loved our vegetable dishes (on that day we had 5 different veg in a Thai-style coconut sauce, with noodles). She has since been to as many of our daytime meal sessions as she can manage, always getting involved with the cooking. But behind the scenes, having seen her kids beginning to eat better, and having a new look at how to cook good food she began an A level in nutrition. Having completed that, she applied for, and won, a place at Nottingham University studying a degree in Nutrition. This is a major turn-around for her and her children's lives, and the boost to her self-esteem from getting into University (a first in her family) has transformed her. She says "This has been a fantastic place to try new foods and learn to cook them. ...This group really inspires me" *FoodHub*



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## Q4 Update 2016 /17

**CSE Awareness Training** – On 4th March local sports coaches and other reps from local sports clubs were invited to attend a training session on Child Sexual Exploitation. The feedback from those attending was positive and a further course is planned for later in the year.

**Know More** – on 13th January the Partnership held a multi-agency education event at Pingle School. The year 9 students were split into 3 groups and received talks on cyber crime, mental health wellbeing and sexual consent. Feedback was positive and it is hoped the event will be rolled out to the other secondary schools later in the year.

**International Women's Day** – The 4th annual South Derbyshire International Women's Day event was held on 3rd March at Oaklands Village. Pupils from the 3 Swadincote secondary schools attended and talks were given from Sally Goodwin, Director of SV2 (Sexual Violence Support Agency), Heather Wheeler MP, Emily Harrison from Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service and Skye Adams, UK Motorcross Champion and pupil at Pingle School. There were also 20 information stands from local agencies and a drumming workshop with Tribal Vibes.

**Gresley Old Hall Community Day** – On 10th April SDDC, CVS and the Trustees of Gresley Old Hall are holding a Community Family Day at Gresley Old Hall. The event which will also act as a consultation event to increase community use at the Old Hall, the day will have sports sessions, bouncy castle, arts and crafts, entertainment from the colliery band and a chance to try indoor bowls.

**Partnership Plan 2017-2020** – The new Community Safety Partnership Plan is currently being produced. The plan highlights the priorities that our communities and partners have identified as most important for us to focus on over the next three years. It provides information on how the partnership has performed over the last three years and gives an insight into the structure of Community Safety Partnership working in Derbyshire and South Derbyshire.

**Safer Homes** - **270** properties were secured through the Safer Homes Security Project. The scheme is open to elderly and vulnerable people, victims of burglary and domestic abuse victims. The scheme works by installing additional door and window locks and other appropriate equipment free of charge .

In addition to the home security measures, the gardens of 31 housing tenants have been tidied to improve their quality of life. Tenants who are unable to tidy their own gardens due to illness, injury or old age are referred on by their Housing Officers.