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BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE  
PARTNERSHIP

Sharpe's Pottery Museum, Swadlincote  
on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:-**

**Local Authority Sector**

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

**Other Public Sector**

Alison Davis (East Midlands Housing Group), Chris Lavelle (Derbyshire County Council – Social Care & MAT), South Derbyshire Police Inspector Kate Bateman (Derbyshire Constabulary), Mary Hague (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health), John Beaty (Burton & South Derbyshire College).

**Private Sector**

Helen Hydes (Toyota UK Ltd), Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport), Cllr Mrs Hilary Coyle (Sharpe's Pottery Museum).

**Voluntary/Community Sector**

Michelle Skinner (South Derbyshire CVS), Tracey Harris (Homestart), Steve Spear (SV2), Fred Cox (S D Tenants & Residents Forum).

**Also in Attendance**

Mike Roylance, Vicky Smyth, Chris Smith, Mike Haynes, Kevin Stackhouse and Sally Cope (South Derbyshire District Council), Charlotte Land and Clare Talati (Derbyshire Education Business Partnership), Cllr Carol Hart (Chairman LSP Erewash – observing).

SDP/89. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from:

Chief Superintendent Jack Atwal (Derbyshire Constabulary), David Symcox, (South Derbyshire CAB), Ailsa Daykin (East Midlands Housing Group), John Everitt (The National Forest Company), Nick Freeman (Toyota (UK) Ltd), Ian Philliskirk (Sharpe's Pottery Museum), Michael Fitzgerald (Northgate Public Services), Vivien Sharples (Pingle School).

**MATTERS ARISING**

SDP90. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions took place.

Welcome given to Cllr Carol Hart, Deputy Leader and Chair of the LSP at Erewash Borough Council who was observing the meeting.  
Thanks expressed to Sharpe's Pottery Museum for the use of the venue.

Apologies were noted.

SDP/91. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None.

SDP/92. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

SDP/93. **MATTERS ARISING**

A letter of thanks had been written to Tony Hurrell.

The invitation to the Pingle School, Headteacher to be represented on the Board would be discussed at Agenda Item 8.

SDP/94. **BUDGET CONSULTATION**

Kevin Stackhouse, the District Council's Director of Finance and Corporate Services gave a presentation on the proposed budget 2016/17 and medium term financial position of the District Council to 2021. The financial position has stabilised with a balance budget for this year and next with a good level of reserves. An explanation was given on the anticipated budget deficit from 2017/18 and the significant challenges ahead with Central Government cuts. The core funding was explained and the projected phasing out of the revenue support grant. The shift of resources to upper tier Authorities and in particular to Adult Social Care and Children's Services was discussed and the service risks and pressures was explained.

Proposed changes to retained business rates were discussed with further details from Central Government awaited.

A briefing took place on capital investment projects currently taking place.

A discussion took place on the mechanisms for monitoring South Derbyshire's share of DCC spend and how to develop and influence strategies. Co-ordinating activities and ensuring partnerships work effectively on issues was discussed as a way forward.

The Chairman explained the position with the Combined Authority and a discussion took place on local authority boundaries and joint working.

Mary Hague informed the Board of the DCC review of the involvement of the voluntary sector in adult care and the potential links to opportunities. It was encouraged that South Derbyshire should influence the review and that the links should be effective and strong.

Michelle Skinner gave an explanation of the current voluntary sector budgets and requested that the Partnership make a case for increased investment.

SDP/95. **LOCAL PLAN AND FACILITY STRATEGY UPDATE**

Stuart Batchelor distributed a Summary Leaflet and gave a brief explanation on the South Derbyshire Local Plan with comments invited on Part 2 by 12<sup>th</sup> February. The consultation document can be downloaded from: [www.south-derbys.gov.uk/localplanpart2](http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk/localplanpart2)

Cllr Sheila Jackson raised that the website was unavailable last night. SB to raise with the website provider. **ACTION:SB**

SDP/96. **RAISING ASPIRATIONS UPDATE**

Clare Talati from Derbyshire Education Business Partnership invited Charlotte Land to update on the progress of the 'Raising Aspirations' project. Charlotte updated on the parental engagement and the offsite activities that had taken place along with a brief explanation on the employability sessions.

A discussion took place on the legacy of the Raising Aspirations project and how to engage with Burton and South Derbyshire College on Apprenticeships.

SDP/97. **BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE**

Stuart Batchelor requested Members approval to agree that dormant Board Members are approached to ascertain their desire to remain on the Board. The Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service have agreed to give up their public sector board place as they already attend the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership and will remain a key organisation. This will allow the formal invite of a Secondary School Headteacher Mrs Vivien Sharples (Pingle School).

The structure of the South Derbyshire Partnership was discussed and the main change of the reintroduction of the Strategic Co-ordinating Group was explained. This group would be responsible for analysing issues in the District, reviewing performance of the Theme Groups and proposing future agenda items and will be chaired by Michelle Skinner.

SDP/98. **EAST MIDLANDS ENTERPRISE GATEWAY**

Colleen Hempson provided background information on a report to provide a five year framework for future development of the public transport network serving the East Midlands Enterprise Gateway. The Skylink Network was explained together with Pop-up Groups which will take forward proposals for new routes and services. Colleen suggested a South Derbyshire Pop-up Group be set up to explore links with Ashby, Woodville, Swadlincote and Burton. **ACTION:CH**

SDP/99. **DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE**

Vicky Smyth, Health Partnership Manager gave an update on a new project to establish a Dementia Friendly Community. The plans for the Dementia Action Alliance were explained and the next steps to progress the project. A launch event and training session is planned for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at Oakland Village.

Sheila Jackson suggested an invite be sent to all Parish Councils and the Dementia Elite Nurse based at the Queen's Hospital, Burton on Trent.  
**ACTION:VS**

VS requested the Board to consider signing up the Partnership and their organisations.

The Board agreed to sign up and individual partner organisations requested to consider signing up.

SDP/100. **VOLUNTARY SECTOR UPDATE**

Michelle Skinner gave a brief update on the VCS with their future role uncertain given the threat to adult care finance.

The CVS is currently updating the voluntary and community service directory and developing a Volunteer Strategy for South Derbyshire District which will be presented in a future Agenda item. **ACTION:MS**

SDP/101. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY – QUARTER 3**

The Partnership Newsletter gave an overview of the theme group's latest developments on their projects. The three theme group leaders had nothing else to add on their actions to date.

SDP/102. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mary Hague made the Partnership aware that over the next 2 weeks notification should be confirmed of the public health grants nationally and for Derbyshire. Next year public health investment into locality will be retaining the 3 headline priorities.

The Swadlincote Jobs & Skills Fair will take place on Thursday 28th April at Green Bank Leisure Centre. It will feature upcoming vacancies and "Have a Go" activities. Partners and local employers are invited to attend to highlight what South Derbyshire businesses and organisations have to offer.

Stuart Batchelor on behalf of John Everitt, National Forest Company briefed the Partnership on the work being done as part of the National Forest Outdoor Activity Partnership.

A future Agenda Item was requested on Children's Services. **ACTION:SB**

A discussion took place on Public Health claims on Section 106 funds. The development of improved links with the CCG is progressing.

SDP/103.**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – 9:30 am

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

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 11:50 am.