

BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE  
PARTNERSHIP

Held at Sharpe's Pottery Museum, West Street, Swadlincote  
on Friday, 30th September 2011 at 9.30 a.m.

**PRESENT:-**

**Local Authority Sector**

District Councillor John Harrison, Sheila Jackson (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils), County Councillor Mike Lacey (Derbyshire County Council), District Councillors Kevin Richards and Bob Wheeler (Chairman).

**Other Public Sector**

Ailsa Daykin (East Midlands Housing Group), Maureen Evans (Connexions Derbyshire), D. Buckley (Derbyshire Fire and Rescue), J. Atwal (Derbyshire Constabulary) and V. Price (Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust).

**Private Sector**

Nick Freman (Toyota UK Limited), Tony Hurrell (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust) and S. Evans (The National Forest Company).

**Voluntary/Community Sector**

Tracey Harris (Homestart South Derbyshire), Jo Smith (South Derbyshire CVS) and Glenys Williams (The Old Post Regeneration Association).

**Also in Attendance**

Stuart Batchelor, Mike Roylance, Chris Smith and Debra Townsend (South Derbyshire District Council), John Porter (Northgate Public Services) and Emma Bates (Financial Inclusion Derbyshire Manager).

SDP/16. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Dawn Ward (Burton and South Derbyshire College), Fiona Francis (Sight Support Derbyshire), Jackie Spencer (Citizens Advice Bureau), Jude Wildegoose (Derbyshire County Council), Vipul Patel and Kim Mason (Northgate Public Services) and Frank McArdle (South Derbyshire District Council).

SDP/17. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th May 2011 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

SDP/18. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC CO-ORDINATING GROUP – 18th SEPTEMBER 2011**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Co-ordinating Group, held on 7th September 2011 were noted,

**SDP/19. PRESENTATION**

A presentation was given by Emma Bates (Financial Inclusion Derbyshire Manager).

Financial inclusion was where people did not have access to appropriate financial services and products, and lacked skills, information and confidence to make sound financial decisions.

Leagues tables that illustrated financial exclusion and access to affordable credit were provided. Information was also provided on the Financial Inclusion Derbyshire strategy, and it was confirmed that there was wide cross sector involvement with over 60 organisations across the County.

Further details were provided on access to banking, and a table of priority areas for South Derbyshire was included within the report.

An objective for Financial Inclusion Derbyshire was that financial inclusion be mainstreamed and embedded in strategic plans/LSP priorities. Contact details were provided for Emma Bates as follows: 01629 821929 or 07584 237937, email e.bates@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk.

**SDP/20. CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING AND HEALTH PROMOTION ARRANGEMENTS IN SOUTH DERBYSHIRE**

Members were advised that there had recently been a change to services that could provide and deliver support to children, young people and families, provided by Derbyshire County Council and The Children's Trust. Support would be delivered via the Multi-Agency Teams (MATs). MATs would consist of core staff, and provided locality working, working closely with other community services. In addition they would also work with specialist services such as child protection, youth offending and disability services.

MAT's provided support and advice, and enabled appropriate access to universal services for children, young people and families. They also identified and supported children, young people and families with emerging additional needs and provided family support. This enabled better commissioning and planning of services at a local level.

It was asked if further counselling would be available for young people in Newhall, as it had recently been withdrawn. Maureen Evans responded that unfortunately there was no longer funding in this area, however it might be possible to consider this with the young people on an individual basis.

**SDP/21. HEALTH PROFILE 2011**

Vicki Price reported that a Health Profile was produced annually, which gave a picture of health in the local area. It was designed to help Local Government and the Health Service understand the community's needs, so they could work to improve people's health and reduce health inequalities.

Details were provided on health in South Derbyshire, and further information was provided on significant indicators such as self-harm and road injuries and deaths.

A table showed a health summary for South Derbyshire, and compared the health of people in this area to the rest of England.

It was confirmed that further information could be found at [www.healthprofiles.info](http://www.healthprofiles.info)

#### SDP/22. **2012 LONDON OLYMPIC PLANS**

Members were shown a video, which demonstrated that Derbyshire was an active participant in the plans for the 2012 Olympics. Information was provided on the South Derbyshire Sport, Olympic and Paralympic programme. In addition, a 'design a South Derbyshire torch' competition had been run, with the winning design made into a 3-D image by a local company. This would be used at school competitions and festivals from January 2012, and the South Derbyshire Torch Relay would start on 19th May 2012.

Events had already taken place, and included the 'Dance in the Forest' event, 'Breath of Fresh Air' weekend and 'One year to go – Forest Frenzy'.

#### SDP/23. **SAFER COMMUNITIES EVALUATION DOCUMENT**

A project evaluation document was circulated to all Members. The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership was a statutory partnership made up of many different partner agencies, including the Police, South Derbyshire District Council, Derbyshire County Council, the Fire Service, Probation, the Police Authority and NHS Derbyshire. The partnership worked together to combat all types of crime and disorder that occurred across the District. A Safer Communities team were based in the District Council offices, and full details were provided on the officers working within this team.

A list of priorities and objectives were provided. Details were also provided on various schemes, including the Alert Box, Next Step, Neighbourhood Watch, Safer Neighbourhoods and Liberation Day.

With regard to Liberation Day, it was requested if, for future events, the voluntary sector could be offered their stall either at a reduce price or free of charge, especially in the current economic climate. C. Smith agreed to look into the feasibility of this.

#### SDP/24. **NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGAGEMENT – MERGER OF AREA FORUMS AND SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETINGS**

A report was submitted which detailed the proposal of a review of Area Forums together with arrangements for future Meetings. This followed the Electoral Review of the ward boundaries of South Derbyshire by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, effective from the District/Parish elections 2011. The Council had recently consulted on proposed amendments to the Area Forum boundaries as detailed within the

report. These proposals provided that each ward was situated in one area only, rather than the current arrangements where some wards were spread across up to 3 different areas.

The proposed new boundaries also applied to the existing Safer Neighbourhood Meetings. This meant that these Meetings and the Area Forums could be held on the same evening at the same venue. It was felt that this arrangement avoided duplication and achieved savings in costs and officer time, as well as avoided the need for residents to attend two Meetings on separate evenings.

The proposed revised boundaries had been subject to a consultation process and the comments received were detailed within the report.

SDP/25. **DEP – CONSULTATION ON ECONOMIC STRATEGY FOR DERBYSHIRE BY D2N2 THEMES**

A report was submitted which consulted Members of the Partnership on South Derbyshire priorities for an Economic Strategy for Derbyshire. The Strategy would use the recently completed Derbyshire Local Economic assessment (LEA) as base data. This document drew together a huge number of data sources which could now be accessed via the Derbyshire Observatory website. The key challenges in driving economic growth in the County had been identified, and following this, the South Derbyshire District Council's Economic Development Strategy identified priorities which closely aligned with those of the Partnership's Sustainable Community Strategy.

Further consultation was due to take place and the Derbyshire Economic Partnership proposed to use the themes previously adopted by D2N2 – The Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, as the basis for the consultation. Derbyshire Economic Partnership was seeking responses from LSPs, identifying District priorities, by 1st November 2011, with a view to a draft Economic Strategy being prepared by Christmas.

A draft response had been prepared, based upon South Derbyshire District Council's economic development strategy, and was attached to the report. Any comments would be collated and submitted on behalf of the Partnership.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That Members be consulted on an Economic Strategy for Derbyshire and that a response be submitted on behalf of South Derbyshire.***

SDP/26. **THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

Members were advised of a list of proposals and services currently available to Armed Forces personnel, which could be packaged, and marketed as part of a Community Covenant. Details were provided on proposals from South Derbyshire District Council, Derbyshire County Council, the voluntary and community sector, the Citizens Advice Bureau and also Sight Support Derbyshire.

In addition, a brochure was circulated “Meeting the healthcare needs of Veterans”.

Any further suggestions could be passed to Stuart Batchelor who would produce a Covenant for the Partnership to endorse.

SDP/27. **DERBYSHIRE PARTNERHIP FORUM UPDATE AND NEW STRUCTURE**

This item was withdrawn.

SDP/28. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY MONITORING REPORT 2011 – 2012 (Qtr 1)**

A report was submitted detailing performance for quarter ending 30th June 2011, in relation to the Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan.

Key achievements during the first quarter for each of the key theme groups were outlined within the report, along with actions that were at risk.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the Partnerships key achievements and performance for the quarter ending 30th June 2011 were noted.***
- (2) That where performance had failed to achieve the specified target the response be noted.***

SDP/29. **STAYING HEALTHY AND INEQUALITIES BOARD UPDATE**

It was reported that the Staying Healthy and Inequalities Board were unable to maintain the budget for this coming year due to the economic climate. This meant a reduction in budget by a significant amount. Stuart Batchelor advised that it was being considered how this might affect services.

SDP/30. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report was issued for information only, as the Strategic Co-ordinating Group had approved the allocation of funds to the identified actions.

The District Council acted as an accountable body for the South Derbyshire Partnership, and the report outlined the Partnership’s current financial position and proposals for expenditure for 2011/12.

There was currently £16,350 in the Partnership’s Reserve, which was carried over from previous years. The only income received by the South Derbyshire Partnership from the partners, for supporting the general operation of the Partnership was an annual allocation of £10,000 from the District Council. There had been £2,700 of expenditure, which related to South Derbyshire Day in April. The total funding currently available to the South Derbyshire Partnership was £23, 650.

A number of the theme groups within the Action Plan had significant levels of funding available to deliver actions, in particular the Safer Communities and Healthier Communities theme groups. However, the Vibrant Communities Group, Sustainable Development and Strategic Co-ordinating Group did not have specific budget allocations, or partnership funding, and required funds to be able to deliver key actions. A financial breakdown was provided within the report.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That allocation of funds be noted.***

SDP/31. **COMPACT UPDATE**

It was confirmed that an annual survey would shortly be distributed.

SDP/32. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

N. Freeman (Toyota UK Limited) reported that Toyota carried out a number of educational visits. South Derbyshire schools had not previously engaged in this, but Toyota were attempting to rectify this. In addition, it was reported that they were installing solar panels and hoped to be able to engage the wider community in this project.

Jo Smith reported that there would be a Voluntary Sector AGM on 18th October 2011 at 9.30 a.m.

Jack Atwal (Derbyshire Police) reported that the structure of the Police was currently being considered and a scoping project was taking place.

Vicki Price reported that this would be her last Meeting, and the role would be taken over by Mary Hague. The Chairman passed on his best wishes to Vicki, and added that working with her had been a very positive example of partnership working.

Darren Buckley (Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service) reported that Derbyshire Fire Service was to continue recruiting retained fire-fighters. He added that there had been some interest in this, and would provide updates when possible.

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 11.50 a.m.