

BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE
LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Held in the High Chamber, Repton School, Repton
on 24th June 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Local Authority Sector

Sheila Jackson (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils), Frank McArdle (Chief Executive, South Derbyshire District Council) and District Councillors Kevin Richards, Mrs. Heather Wheeler (Chairman) and Bob Wheeler (substitute for District Councillor John Harrison).

Other Public Sector

Melanie Alsop (Learning and Skills Council), Superintendent Andrew Hough (Derbyshire Constabulary), Vicki Price (Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust) and Leslie Williams (Trident Housing)(substitute for Karen Jones).

Private Sector

Karen Bradley (Toyota UK Ltd), Tony Hurrell (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust) and Clive Keble (The National Forest Company).

Voluntary/Community Sector

Sylvia Green (Derbyshire Rural Community Council). Jo Smith (Vice-Chairman) (South Derbyshire CVS) and Glenys Williams (Old Post Regeneration Association Limited).

Also in Attendance

Mark Alflat, Martin Guest and Debra. Townsend (South Derbyshire District Council), Helen Bovey (Icarus Consulting) and Maureen Evans (Derbyshire County Council (Children and Young People).

Cathy Twigg (Director of Marketing and Development) at Repton School welcomed everyone to Repton School, and gave a brief overview of their aspirations for the 2012 Olympic Games.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor John Harrison (substituted by District Councillor Bob Wheeler), Nick Chischniak (Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce), Jon Hockley (East Midlands Airport), Karen Jones (Trident Housing Association) (substituted by Leslie Williams), Graeme Royall (South Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau) and Derbyshire County Council.

LSP/1. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th March 2009 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to an amendment of LSP/82 to read 'Clive Keble (The National Forest Company)'.

LSP/2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC CO-ORDINATING GROUP**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Co-ordinating Group held on 16th June 2009 were noted.

LSP/3. **MATTERS ARISING**

It was reported that Vicki Price had agreed to be the LSP Compact Champion.

LSP/4. **2008/09 YEAR END REPORT**

A report was provided giving a summary of the work of the South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership (SDLSP) over the last year, 2008/09. This report included a summary of the Community Strategy Action Plan, examples of significant achievements, financial implications and the general improvement work upon which the LSP Board had undertaken on behalf of the SDLSP.

During the last year, the LSP, through its theme groups had delivered the annual Community Strategy Action Plan. A table was provided illustrating performance against targets, and the main achievements were summarised under the following headings:-

- Safer South Derbyshire Partnership.
- Healthier Communities.
- Sustainable Development.
- Vibrant Communities.

In addition, in order to develop the effectiveness and impact of the SDLSP, an Improvement Plan had been produced, which identified a number of areas for development during the year. The principal element was the production of the new Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). The SCS was set to replace the Community Strategy with its focus being on a much longer vision. The work required to produce the strategy had been significant and a multi-agency project group under the Chair of Jo Smith, Chief Executive of South Derbyshire CVS, had been charged with completing the task. A summary of the work already undertaken was included within the report.

In 2008/09 the SDLSP had an allocation of funding for the general work of the Partnership and a number of the Theme Groups had specific funding to deliver their work. A full breakdown of this funding was summarised within the report. It was confirmed that further funding would be identified and included in a formal year-end report.

Tony Hurrell expressed his concern about how it could be demonstrated that achievements contributed to a target, as he felt that the report did not reflect

this. He asked if any of the actions had made a difference, and felt that this information was missing. It was agreed that this was a relevant point, and accepted that it was very difficult to establish baseline information. It was pointed out that within the new strategy, National Indicators would be applied, which would provide more measurable data. Clive Keble responded that although targets were important, they must be relevant and he felt that the LSP should not be stifled by them.

RESOLVED:-

That the achievements of the Partnership over the past year be noted.

LSP/5. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

A report was submitted to consider the Sustainable Community Strategy and Action Plan of the South Derbyshire Partnership. Over the past nine months the new Sustainable Community Strategy for the South Derbyshire Partnership had been developed. This included:-

- Consultation with a large number of groups across the District.
- Analysis of existing information through the development of an Evidence Base for South Derbyshire.
- The 'Fit for the Future' Event, which was held at Toyota in February 2009.

This work had been brought together in a new Sustainable Community Strategy and Action Plan for the District, to commence in 2009. The strategy reflected the needs and priorities identified by the communities of South Derbyshire, and by organisations across the District.

In consideration of this, a proposed vision had been developed: **“Our vision is of a dynamic South Derbyshire, able to seize opportunities to develop successful communities, whilst respecting and enhancing the varied character and environment of our fast growing district”**, with a shorter strap line to use on South Derbyshire Partnership material of **“Fit for the Future”**.

Five themes had been identified in the Strategy and provided a focus for delivering the vision, these were:-

- Healthier Communities.
- Safer Communities.
- Sustainable Development.
- Vibrant Communities.
- Children and Young People.

The Action Plan, which was included as an Annexe to the report, set out the blue print of how the South Derbyshire Partnership would deliver added value in terms of outcomes for the people who lived, worked and visited the District. This would be a rolling 5-year Action Plan starting with 2009 to 2014 and would be reviewed annually.

A budget of £10,000 was allocated to provide support to produce the Strategy and Action Plan and would be used to employ Icarus Consulting to provide support in the production of this document, funding for the 'Fit for the Future' event at Toyota and would cover the costs of design and production of the final document. This work was expected to be delivered within budget.

It was requested that some reference to fuel poverty be made in the document, and also that there was an acknowledgement of commitment to renewable energy.

Tony Hurrell expressed concern at the use of words such as 'improve' and 'promote' etc. He pointed out that these words were very difficult to measure. Helen Bovey of Icarus Consulting responded that all activities were well aligned and therefore targets and outcomes should be able to be quantified. It was accepted that it was very difficult to measure all performance levels accurately. Martin Guest responded that the LSP should consider innovative ways to have a big impact. He added that the documents would be finalised, along with an Action Plan for the first year, in more detail and would be provided to the Board in a draft format.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Strategy and Action Plan be approved.***
- (2) That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman be authorised to make any final changes to the Strategy and Action Plan prior to publication and distribution.***

LSP/6. **BREATH OF FRESH AIR (BOFA). THE CULTURAL OLYMPIAD AND ROSLISTON/THE NATIONAL FOREST**

A report was submitted, informing the Board of recent success in attracting funding to create a legacy in South Derbyshire from the 2012 Olympics, and requested matched funding for a Cultural Olympiad event at Rosliston in July 2009.

Working with the Big Lottery Fund, Groundwork East Midlands secured £100,000 to support projects aimed at creating an Olympic legacy over the period to 2012. Branded 'Breath of Fresh Air' (BOFA), the concept was to support projects which left a legacy of self sustaining open air activity that filled one or more agreed themes:-

- Living Landscapes
- Health and Activity
- Culture and Community

In addition, each activity should encourage an opportunity for community engagement and volunteering, with training provision and to provide a celebratory event of County significance, which would incorporate a high quality arts/physical activity element and would increase visitor numbers to the sites.

The National Forest Company, working with SDDC and Rosliston Forestry Centre successfully submitted a bid which resulted in the approval of a four year programme, involving week-long community-based activities, culminating in a weekend event at Rosliston Forestry Centre in the summer of each of the four years leading up to 2012.

BOFA was linked with the Cultural Olympiad, which was intended to become the largest ever celebration of culture that had been seen in the region. The idea was to use Rosliston in July 2009 to promote the East Midlands Cultural Olympiad at an event over the weekend Friday, Saturday, Sunday 24th – 26th July 2009.

BOFA was to provide £12,000, which would be matched by the National Forest Company over the period up to 2012. EMDA was to provide £5,000 to support the Cultural Olympiad launch event in July. A proposed breakdown of the current budget was included within the report.

Details of the activities planned to take place at both Rosliston and the Glade in the Forest were also given.

RESOLVED:-

That details of the project be noted, and where possible the LSP Board agrees to support its delivery over the next four years.

LSP/7. **STRATEGIC APPROACH TO TACKLING INEQUALITIES IN DERBYSHIRE**

The PCT submitted a report advising it's partners of their approach to tackling inequalities in South Derbyshire. The PCT acknowledged the need to work with partners to address the wider determinants of ill-health leading to inequalities and to engage local people in areas where there was the most potential to make a difference. The report described two approaches to tackling inequalities, the universal approach which involved driving up quality and access equitably across the County as a whole, and the targeted approach focusing particular attention on the most deprived 20% of the County population based on super-output areas.

As part of the world class commissioning strategy, the PCT had committed to reducing health and inequalities in Derbyshire. This commitment was to:-

- Reduce the mortality gap between the most deprived 20% and the average by 3% over 5 years.
- Reduce the strength of association between deprivation and mortality by 20% over five years.

The report:

- provided the framework for tackling health inequalities.
- highlighted the importance of:-
 - (a) delivering uniform access to high quality services.

- (b) the need to work with partners in local communities to engage them in raising aspirations and to tackle the wider determinants and root causes of ill health.

In addition the report introduced some of the challenges in both measuring health inequalities across Derbyshire and the limitations and available information to target efforts. It also described the limitations of evidence in predicting the health outcome benefits of the investment and work done both within the NHS and with partners.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) ***That the strategic approach to tackling inequalities in Derbyshire be noted.***
- (2) ***That the two-pronged approach be endorsed – equitable access and utilisation of services, and the targeted 20% approach – working in partnership to strengthen individuals and communities and tackle the underlying determinants of health.***
- (3) ***That the inequality agenda as described within the framework be appropriately reflected in the new community strategies.***
- (4) ***That the most appropriate partnership model be considered for the geographical areas, that contribute to the Derbyshire 20% based on local intelligence, that will engage local communities in identifying priorities and in delivering solutions to the most pressing health issues facing the local population.***

LSP/8. **DERBYSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL – WHEELS TO WORK**

A presentation was given on the “Wheels to Work” scheme, which was a scheme that enabled people over 16 to access work, training or education where transport was a barrier. “Wheels to Work” in Derbyshire was one of over 50 schemes operating throughout the country. The scheme encompassed both Wheels to Work (W2W) and Bike to Work (B2W).

B2W offered those people over the age of 16 and who fitted the eligibility criteria, for a contribution of £5 per week, a push-bike or for £10 per week, a power assisted bicycle. B2W Derbyshire also provided travel planning and advice and cycle safety information and essential safety equipment including a helmet, high-visibility vest, lock and lights for the cycle, plus cycle training upon request and ongoing support.

W2W offered a scooter loan service for up to 6 months, for anyone over the age of 16 who lived in Derbyshire and fitted the loan criteria. For those who had a provisional driving licence, for a contribution of £15 per week W2W could provide travel planning and advice, payment for the Compulsory Basic Training (CBT), a 50cc scooter on loan for up to 6 months including scooter insurance, tax, breakdown cover, full servicing, maintenance and protective clothing, a chance to save for own transport plus ongoing support.

Partners were requested to assist in gaining referrals from South Derbyshire, and contact details were given as follows:-

Wheels to Work Derbyshire
telephone number 01629 821923
email: s.abberley@derbyshirercc.org.uk,
website: www.wheelstowork.org

It was requested that a copy of the newsletter be circulated with the Minutes.

LSP/9. **FINANCIAL REPORT 2009/10**

The Local Strategic Partnership had an available budget of £36,300, an allocation of which was required to support the delivery of the 2009/10 Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan and the general operation of the Partnership. There was also currently £26,300 in the LSP's reserve, which was carried over from previous years. In addition, the only income received by the LSP from the Partners for supporting the general operation of the Partnership was an annual allocation of £10,000 from the District Council.

A number of the Themed 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 and Strategic Co-ordination Group did not have a specific budget allocation or partnership funding and required LSP funds to be able to deliver key actions. The actions from these two groups along with other actions from which partners' funding wasn't available and the running expenses of the Partnership required support from the LSP's budget. A breakdown of this funding was included within the report.

The total of this funding was £14,500, however, these figures were estimates that would be available to support work, and in most cases be to cover costs if alternative funds could not be found or used as matched funding against other sources. The Theme Group Chairs were given responsibility for ensuring the appropriate use of the funds.

The remaining balance was £21,800. During the year it was expected that there would be further requests for funding linked to the delivery of the LSP Improvement Plan contained within the Strategic Co-ordinating Group's work and the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

RESOLVED:-

That the decisions of the Strategic Co-ordinating Group to allocate funds to these items be noted.

LSP/10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Glenys Williams advised the Meeting that the Old Post Centre had won Sainsbury's Support to Charity Award. Jo Smith reported that the CVS had had a quality assessment, and the assessor had commented that they were very impressed with the area of partnership working, particularly in regard to

the South Derbyshire District Council. Chief Superintendent Hough reported that a Family Justice Centre had been launched, which was available to all victims of domestic violence in the County. In 2010, Nottingham prison would change to a Community Prison and would double its population. He added that the prison was very keen to work with communities.

Councillor Mrs. Wheeler thanked Helen Bovey (Icarus Consulting) for her work with the LSP. She also thanked Repton School for their hospitality, and requested a letter be sent from the LSP expressing their thanks.

LSP/11. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Dates of future Meetings were confirmed as 16th September 2009 and 2nd December 2009. Venues to be confirmed.

MRS. H. K. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 11.45 a.m.