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Date: 3rd October 2018

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 10 October 2018 at 10:00 am**. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allison Thomas".

Allison Thomas
Strategic Director – Service Delivery

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Local Authority Sector

Councillor Martyn Ford (**Chairman**) (South Derbyshire District Council)
Sheila Jackson (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils)
Allison Thomas (South Derbyshire District Council)
District Councillor Kevin Richards (South Derbyshire District Council)
County Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton (Derbyshire County Council)
District Councillor Andrew Billings (South Derbyshire District Council)

Other Public Sector

Lena Ratcliffe (Derbyshire County Council – Childrens Services)
Vivien Sharples (The Pingle Academy)
Chief Inspector Malcolm Bibbings (Derbyshire Constabulary)
Vicky Smyth (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health)
John Beaty (Burton & South Derbyshire College)
Joanne Finnegan (NHS Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group)

Private Sector

Nick Freeman/Julie Langley (Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK Ltd)
Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport)
Ron Lane (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust)
John Everitt (The National Forest Company)
Kim Coe (Swadlincote & District Chamber of Trade)
VACANT

Voluntary/Community Sector

Richard Seal (Homestart South Derbyshire)
Michelle Skinner (South Derbyshire CVS)
Stephen Spear (South Derbyshire CVS)
David Symcox (South Derbyshire Citizens Advice South Derbyshire and City)
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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 8th August 2018 (attached).
4. Matters Arising.
5. SAFER & STRONGER COMMUNITIES Theme:
 - 1) Safer South Derbyshire Partnership Update (Chris Smith)
 - 2) Operation Advenus by Derbyshire Constabulary (Sgt Stuart Kershaw)
 - 3) Young People's Drug Outreach Service by Derbyshire CGL (Mick DeCarteret)
6. Update on review of South Derbyshire Partnership (SDP) Constitution (Mike Roylance)
7. Sustainable Community Strategy – Quarter 2 – July/Sept (2018/2019).
Appendix 1 (attached).
Safer & Stronger Communities
Healthier Communities
Children & Young People
Sustainable Development
8. Strategic Co-ordinating Group Update (Michelle Skinner)
9. Feedback and future Agenda Items.
10. Date of Next Meeting.

Date: Wednesday 30th January 2019

Time: 10:00 am

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

BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE
PARTNERSHIP

Oakland Village, Swadlincote
on Wednesday 8 August 2018.

PRESENT:-

Local Authority Sector

Councillor Martyn Ford (Chairman), District Councillor Kevin Richards, District Councillor Andrew Billings, County Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton (Derbyshire County Council), Sheila Jackson (Derbyshire Association of Local Council), Allison Thomas (South Derbyshire District Council).

Other Public Sector

Chief Inspector Malcolm Bibbings (Derbyshire Constabulary), Vicky Smyth (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health), Joanne Finnegan (NHS Southern Derbyshire CCG).

Private Sector

John Everitt (National Forest Company), Kim Coe (Swadlincote & District Chamber of Trade), Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport).

Voluntary/Community Sector

David Symcox (Citizens Advice South Derbyshire and City), Richard Murrell (South Derbyshire CVS).

Also in Attendance

Mike Roylance, Nicola Lees, Chris Smith and Sally Cope (South Derbyshire District Council).

SDP/26. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from:

Paula Lievesley & Shelley Cooper (Derbyshire County Council – Children's Services), John Beaty (Burton & South Derbyshire College), Ron Lane (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage & Arts Trust), Michelle Skinner (SD CVS), Richard Seal (Homestart South Derbyshire), Vivien Sharples (The Pingle Academy), Keith Bull, Kevin Stackhouse (South Derbyshire District Council), Julie Heath (Derbyshire County Council).

SDP/27. **INTRODUCTIONS**

The new Chairman of the Board Councillor Martyn Ford introduced himself and welcomed members to the meeting. All other introductions took place.

Apologies were noted.

SDP/28. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared.

SDP/29. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 April 2018 were taken as read, approved as a true record.

SDP/30. **MATTERS ARISING**

Agreed to hold the Summer Board meeting at the beginning of July before the Schools break for holiday in future.

No other matters arising.

SDP/31. **HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES THEME:**

Place Based Locality Working

Vicky Smyth who had taken over from Mary Hague, Derbyshire County Council Public Health gave a review of progress on the locality approach in 2017/18 and the health needs in South Derbyshire, plus an overview of the Healthier Communities priorities and action plan for 2018/19.

Joanne Finnegan gave an insight into the Place-based approach and Joined up Care Derbyshire (Sustainability and Transformation Plan) and the Place priorities. The high level of synergy between the outcomes sought by Joined Up Care Derbyshire and the South Derbyshire Partnership's Healthier Communities theme was noted.

A comparison of East Staffordshire's adult obesity levels compared to South Derbyshire was requested. **ACTION: VS.**

For information Samantha Elks is the new Public Health Development Worker for South Derbyshire having replaced Jamie Dix.

A discussion took place on the SDP Board's views on what the current year's £10,000 small grants scheme for other locality projects to address health and wellbeing needs should target; these views would be put forward to the SCG to be discussed further.

- Access to sanitary items for young women from deprived backgrounds.
- To make a difference to activity levels in 65-85 year olds and to encourage a rise in activity levels for the middle aged before reaching age 65.

- An idea was put forward from the Strategic Director to encourage the workforce to raise activity levels in order to live a healthy life and reduce sickness absence.
- Raise awareness of prostate cancer.
- Encourage smoking cessation to the parents of the children taking part in the Summer activities. Look into 'smoke free' playground/parks etc.
- Drug awareness in Schools given the current issue with drugs such as Mamba/spice and criminal gangs 'cuckooing' properties.
- To get the infrastructure in place to get people more active (NFC).
- To encourage School and work place travel planning.
- Communication stream or strategy for these initiatives:
 - GeoApp for mobiles to communicate location of the nearest activity, walks, health centres etc.
 - Information communicated to parents via school bags and Surgeries.

Any information the partners wish to promote, the portal is the Healthier South Derbyshire website: - www.healthiersouthderbyshire.org

A Focus on Debt

David Symcox, Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Advice South Derbyshire and City gave an overview of the growing issue of debt and benefit issues in our community and how Citizens Advice can provide the support to help people to find a way forward.

Debt issues are greater in South Derbyshire than in neighbouring areas and the capacity of services to address them is more limited.

A discussion took place on Universal Credit and concerns regarding its impact; an event will take place on Wednesday 26 September from 11:00 am until 1:30pm at Oakland Village; here Partners will be available to offer support and advice on the new benefit payment and associated issues.

The impact of Universal Credit roll out is being addressed by the Welfare Reform Group.

SDP/32. FEEDBACK ON SOCIAL MOBILITY WORKSHOP

Mike Roylance updated the Board on the need to support further research on social mobility issues in South Derbyshire. **ACTION: SCG**

SDP/33 SDP CONSTITUTION REFRESH

Comments on the proposed changes and further amendments to the Constitution are invited from partners by mid-September. **ACTION: ALL/SCG**

SDP/34. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY – QUARTER ONE**

The Theme Group's new reporting system highlighted areas that the partnership could add value to:-

Safer & Stronger Communities

An update and discussion took place on criminal gangs 'cuckooing' properties and the Mamba/spice issues in the Town Centre.

An update on the intermittent ASB issues at the Midway Community Centre.

A discussion took place on South Derbyshire/Derby City – Policing areas.

Sustainable Development

The Sustainable Development group next meet on the 27 September; where a review of the town centre vision will be discussed.

A South Derbyshire Skills Festival is proposed for November 2018 to ensure young people leaving school and college have an understanding of the career opportunities available across South Derbyshire and beyond.

SDP/35. **SDP BUDGET UPDATE**

Mike Roylance updated the Board on the funding allocations made to projects and to note the current financial position.

If any partners wish to apply for the remaining funds to support a project, initial contact to the SCG is required and then completion of an application form.

Two possible project ideas were suggested: free meals in the school holidays for those who would normally receive a 'free' meal at school.

To purchase PC's and mi fi units to improve access to IT and the web.

ACTION: SCG

SDP/36. **FEEDBACK AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Elections to represent the Voluntary & Community Sector on the SDP Board will be held shortly, more details will be provided at the next meeting along with the CCG budget cut decision: **ACTION: MS**

The EMA Noise Action Plan was discussed and clarification was given by Colleen Hempson of EMA on some of the issues raised.

An update on the town centre and rural area drugs issues was requested at the next meeting. **ACTION: CS**

Any issues that the Partnership can help with before the next meeting in October to be co-ordinated by Mike Roylance, Economic Development.

SDP/37. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 10 October 2018 – 10:00am

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

M FORD

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 12:15 pm.

South Derbyshire Partnership

Report to the Board

Date of meeting: 10 October 2018

Agenda Item: 7

Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan – Quarter 2 – July/Sept (2018/19)

1.0 Purpose of Report

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

2.0 Detail

2.1 Performance reports for each of the Theme Groups are attached as Appendix 1. These provide a summary of progress against priorities in the Sustainable Community Strategy, note issues that the Partnership could add value to, and highlight any action required of partners such as attendance at or promotion of an event.

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**Highlight summary of progress against priorities in the Sustainable Communities Strategy.****Young people are more aware and informed about risks to their safety from child sexual exploitation, sexting and drugs:**

Dates have been set for the four secondary schools to hold Prison Me, No Way events. The schools get to choose five sessions each for delivery to their year group. The sessions include: street scene anti-social behaviour, Fire Service, prison life-cell van, choices and consequences – serving prisoner, knife crime and CEOPs (Online Safety).

A new Child at Risk of Exploitation (CRE) Group has been set up and has met twice. The group discusses individuals who are most at risk of exploitation and any local concerns where children could be exploited.

As part of the Children's Locality Partnership Group, a new Children at Risk of Exploitation action plan has been produced. This will be worked on over the year and will be discussed at the CRE group.

SV2 (Sexual Violence Charity) still have funding to deliver their 'Consent Workshops' into secondary schools. We have contacted all secondary schools to promote the service and William Allitt have confirmed an interest in booking the session.

The Police have produced a Knife Crime Action Plan and held a briefing last week. The Community Safety Partnerships have been asked to assist with the delivery of the plan, including liaising with schools around any concerns, education for pupils in schools, promoting force-wide Op Zao campaign and delivering theatre in education performances. The Police will also be conducting knife sweeps in local parks and carrying out knife test purchase operations.

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

There was a large increase in referrals to the Safer Homes scheme in Q1, while Q2 figures have remained high. Liberation Day was thought to have helped boost Q1 figures.

Cuckooing victims continue to be discussed in weekly Police tasking meetings. Six individuals have now been imprisoned for their involvement in cuckooing in and around Swadlincote.

Increased Voluntary and Community Sector Activity in the District

Midway Community Centre – A local volunteer is due to start running a Monday night youth club in October. The People Express art sessions are due to commence again soon and the CVS is trying to get more local people involved through an afternoon tea session.

Gresley Old Hall – The trustees of Gresley Old Hall have a number of projects in the pipeline. The Community Partnership Officer is assisting in identifying funding to assist with these. CVS continues to develop groups and initiatives at the centre as well as supporting existing staff. They are currently working towards a community café project with the existing grow outside project. The concept is to base it around 'grow it, cook it and eat it', and will work with the food project at the CVS to develop the drop-in type café.

The CVS is also providing free training for volunteers at the Old Hall through their highly motivational and successful three-day volunteer passport course. The sessions run from 10am to 3pm on November 20th and 27th and December 2nd. For more information contact CathyM@sdcvs.org.uk.

Issues that the Partnership could add value to (time will be given at the board meeting for partner input/solutions to each theme group).

Liberation Day – The organisers of Liberation Day would like to increase the size of the steering group in order to get fresh impetus into the event.

After 17 years of holding Liberation Day, numbers over the last few years have dwindled and the event has largely remained the same. There is huge potential for the event to impact positively on local older people but we need fresh ideas in terms of the structure and agenda of the day and which support services should attend. The existing steering group is very small and is mostly made up of local volunteers with little or no representation from local services.

The event, usually held in May, is aimed at over-60s and provides information on local services, entertainment and a variety of safety messages.

We would like the event to really target local issues that older people face and to get relevant organisations involved in the planning. We also have a large number of repeat attendees and would like to target the event at new people and those that would benefit the most from it.

If you are interested in contributing please contact Chris Smith or Rachel Holmes at SDDC.

Any action required of partners i.e. attendance or promotion of an event.

Hate Crime Awareness Week takes place between October 13th and 20th. The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership will be promoting the campaign via social media and the Police SNT teams will be visiting taxi firms, fast food eateries and local shops to promote Stop Hate UK and to encourage them to report any hate incidents.

Area Forums are again taking place in October, dates are :

- Etwall Area Forum – Tuesday, October 9th, at Sutton on the Hill Village Hall.
- Repton Area Forum – Wednesday, October 10th, at Ticknall Village Hall.
- Melbourne Area Forum – Tuesday, October 23rd, at Melbourne Sports Park.
- Swadlincote Area Forum – Wednesday, October 24th, at Goseley Community Centre
- Newhall Area Forum- Wednesday October 3rd, at Newhall Old Post Centre.
- Linton Area Forum – Thursday, October 18th , and Linton Brick Room.

All meetings take place from 6.30-8pm.

If you work in the voluntary sector, the Police and Crime Commissioner invites you to join him at a FREE conference to learn from industry and police experts about the everyday cyber risks your organisation faces.

This event is aimed at trustees, managers and team leaders and a maximum of two places are available to each organisation. It takes place on Friday, November 2nd, between 9.30am and 4pm at The Post Mill Centre, South Normanton.

Bookings are via the online booking system at <http://bit.ly/CCNov18>

Closing date for bookings is Friday, October 19th, and places will be filled on a first come first served basis, so book early to avoid disappointment.



Highlight summary of progress against priorities in the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Significant work has been taking place to agree outcomes of new locality funded projects. Below is a selection of examples of work taking place to support current health and wellbeing priority area:-

Health inequalities between different communities are reduced.

Community Based Work Club

The Health and Wellbeing Group and Sustainable Development Group are match funding an additional year's delivery of the successful Community Based Work Club. The project, delivered by the Old Post Centre, aims to support local job seekers who are ready to re-enter the workforce but need additional support, help and guidance in accessible non-threatening venues located in the heart of some of the most deprived areas in South Derbyshire.

This year there is a particular emphasis on supporting those who may be affected by the implementation of Universal Credit.

Support and help consists of building confidence and motivation, developing / increasing IT skills, CV writing, interview skills, improved letter writing and form completing skills, support setting up and using email accounts and Universal Job Match.

Sessions will be delivered at key locations throughout the urban core of Swadlincote (Newhall, Swadlincote Central, Woodville). The project will also link with partners engaged by the Welfare Reform Group at South Derbyshire District Council to ensure vulnerable clients at risk of Universal Credit are directed to the service.

Delivery will be via a combination of bookable one to one specialist sessions, supporting the most vulnerable, and 'drop in' group sessions across the 3 locations above.

For more information contact Samantha Elks, Community Health Development Officer. Samantha.Elks@derbyshire.gov.uk

People make choices in their lifestyles that improve both their physical and mental wellbeing.

Mental Wellbeing Small Grants - *additional funding available

To support our priority of improving mental wellbeing, Derbyshire Public Health have allocated an additional £10,000 a year/for 2 years to the South Derbyshire Partnership Health and Wellbeing Group.

This money will form part of an emerging Community Wellness Approach, by delivering a grants fund that local voluntary sector organisations can bid into to deliver against one or more of the “5 Ways to Wellbeing” which are: Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give. [New Economics Foundation '5 Ways to Wellbeing'](#)

The scheme will be administered by South Derbyshire CVS in accordance with the model used for the existing Small Grants pot (a further £10,000 pot of funding for 2018/2019)

This funding will build on, and enhance existing local activity of the Health and Wellbeing Group and other local partners.

Outline criteria:

- Applicants must be voluntary sector organisations (or in event of an underspend as determined by the PH MH team).
- Delivery staff from the applicants' organisation must have attended, or must sign up to attend, Mental Health Awareness training or Mental Health First Aid training.
- Applications must be aimed at increasing the understanding of and participation in the 5 Ways to Wellbeing by people who are at higher risk of developing mental ill-health (Appendix 1).
- Applications should demonstrate an understanding of the needs of the target group.
- Applications should be for a maximum of £1,000.

For more information contact vicky.smyth@derbyshire.gov.uk or RichM@sdcvs.org.uk

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

Self-Care Pilot

South Derbyshire CVS are working hard to divert people away from Adult Social Care, Primary Care & Acute Services by supporting people to access the support and services they need in their communities

The new Self Care Pilot will identify gaps and capacity in services and support the development of community led solutions, particularly for people who do not fit neatly into services. This will be facilitated through a combination of social prescribing, community development and building of social capital and volunteering in our community.

The pilot aims to combat challenges in the System (austerity/funding, growing demand for services, changes in the system) by thinking differently about how we work together – unlocking the potential of communities and individuals through social action, by adapting a whole system approach.

Integration between the voluntary sector and care pathways will improve to meet shared Place priorities.

The Health and Wellbeing group is supporting this project with match funding of £10,000.

For more information contact Pam Wood, Service manager, South Derbyshire CVS.
pamw@sdcv.org.uk

Issues that the Partnership could add value to (time will be given at the Board meeting for partner input/solutions to each theme group).

Any action required of Partners i.e. attendance or promotion of an event.

Promotion of both the main Small Grants fund and the Mental Wellbeing Small Grants fund where possible.

CVS are administrating both of these funding pots on behalf of the Partnership.



Highlight summary of progress against priorities in the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The South Derbyshire key priorities, linked into the Derbyshire Childrens partnership and a summary of the last three months (July to September) is highlighted below:

- **Promoting emotional health and wellbeing**

Work around Drug and alcohol prevention and intervention is ongoing, Training has been offered for MAT and schools exploring current trends, exploring parental substance misuse and drug usage. We are in the process of arranging 2 workshops for front line practitioners and school staff on current Drug trends, identification & support and children affected by parental substance misuse.

Consideration has been given to Public Health Funding or 'Holistic Health Funding' for Tier 2 substance misuse. The Young Person's Health Group discussed the required outcomes for funding and have agreed to use it to acquire an additional resource. Discussions have taken place with Pingle and Granville schools regarding how we can meet the set outcomes.

It was agreed that DCC would employ an additional specialised Tier 2 drugs worker. The vacancy is currently out to advert run for 3 months. It is not known whether the funding will be renewed for next year. It was identified that this is an ambitious plan and funding runs from the financial year.

We have development of a resilience programme to be delivered on a one to one basis in primary schools to increase self-esteem and confidence. 10 primary school children 1:1 input from sports worker through Lee English and sports mentoring money.

The 'Working for Marcus' CSE prevention and awareness programme by Loudmouth Education and Training, includes YP's sessions and pre and post-performance lesson plans. There have now been 14 performances in secondary schools and 1,781 KS 2 pupils have viewed the play. Feedback from pupils and teachers has been unanimously good, this is set to continue.

CAMHS are offering a mental health support service for age 6-18. South Derbyshire have 2 wellbeing practitioners, where individual support is offered to children and young people through school clinics. There is a high demand for this service as part of the future in mind initiative.

- **Children at risk of CSE and substance misuse**

Chris Smith (Communities Manager SDSC) is developing a programme around safer internet use for 2019 working within schools to promote this further.

Derbyshire localities have developed a monthly meeting around supporting vulnerable children, the children at risk of exploitation meeting (CRE) is in its early stages inviting key agencies to share local knowledge around risks and themes, with information highlighting our most at risk young people through police tasking and tactical missing persons meetings. Derbyshire child protection manager for vulnerable children gathers this information and links into locality to share information to support local action plans and reduce risks. The links between CSE and missing are also explored at the CRE meeting along with agreement that formal strategy meetings would be held by social work team managers where a child going missing more than 3 times within 30 days.

- **Targeted family support including 0-5**

Incredible Years Parenting Programme has been a continuing success with multi agency teams and schools working together with families delivering targeted parenting support. This parenting programme is delivered into two areas, 8-13 and 2-8 with equal demand for both courses. We are currently establishing the trainers we have across South Derbyshire within schools and MAT to set up a further training programme for 2018/19.

School readiness road shows are being supported by Angela Devine South Derbyshire 0-5 co-ordinator. This will promote the 10 keys to unlocking school readiness, from making friendships, potty training, emotions, following instructions and sharing books. The South Derbyshire roadshow is 3rd April 2018 at Woodville Youth Centre and it is hoped following success that further dates will be approved.

Work around 'little acorns to mighty oaks' outline from birth to school age offering support to parents around the early help services available, this is linked with health and supporting those crucial years to develop all aspects of development and learning. This is with particular focus on communication and language, personal, social and emotional development and physical development.

Work is also ongoing around linking in with health mapping out the key shared services that are provided to families

Issues that the Partnership could add value to (time will be given at the Board meeting for partner input/solutions to each theme group).

We need greater representation within the partnership working groups for the following priority areas:

- Aspiration
- Children effected by domestic violence

The working groups have completed their plan for the next 12 months, these seek to identify any gaps or duplications in partnership service provision and set targets within their theme group for the year. The working groups report their progress and impact to the LCP.

There have been good partnership representation within some of these working groups and assistance in promoting this further is requested.

Any action required of Partners i.e. attendance or promotion of an event.

Promotion of Derbyshire Youth activity grants, county wide grants to support the development of youth activity, to build and expand the voluntary sector and build on existing youth services.

Derbyshire have 500 universal grants up to £500 each and 250 targeted grants up to £500 for vulnerable young people, this replaces the 'UTHINK we Grant' programme previously known.

Would like to promote this within the voluntary youth sector, applications can be 6 times per year and are approved though the Locality Childrens Partnership youth grant sub group.

Promotion of the Locality Childrens Partnership which seeks to have a strategic overview of all services that are offered to children and young people in the locality. It assists us in recognising duplication and gaps in service provision. It also provides a forum for information sharing around new services in the locality that all partners can utilise and draw upon.

Locality Childrens partnership is moving towards inviting youth leads to attend the meetings to ensure we receive a young person's perspective on the themes and priorities.

Lena Ratcliffe



Highlight summary of progress against priorities in the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Priority - A more prosperous, better connected, increasingly resilient and competitive South Derbyshire economy.

Work Club (led by Old Post Centre) – an SLA is now in place for the programme to support individuals with CV writing and job searching. As part of the offer there will be some pre-employment sessions in the lead up to Swadlincote Job Opportunities event in April 2019.

ALICE (led by South Derbyshire CVS) – the Accessible Learning in Community Environments works with unemployed residents facing multiple challenges to entering the workforce. An SLA is now in place to cover the service up until March 2019.

SD Skills Festival – the new South Derbyshire Skills Festival will be taking place on 28th November 2018, 3pm at Green Bank Leisure Centre. The event is aimed at young people and their parents to help them understand the world of work, and make informed decisions about their future careers. Invitations and booking forms will be circulated shortly for anyone who's interested in showcasing their sector and raising the profile of opportunities available across the district.

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

National Forest Walking Festival May 2018 – There were a total of 1505 walkers who took part in 95 walks across the whole of The National Forest area in this year's festival, this is up 5% on the previous year.

'Our National Forest' Campaign – The National Forest Company have launched a new marketing campaign which aims to raise brand awareness of the National Forest. Audiences will be targeted with a series of themed stories told by people who live, work and visit the National Forest. The first story is about outdoor learning and will be used to help launch the campaign. As the campaign gains traction, new content reflecting the other aspects of our work will be created and shared. For more details about the offer visit <https://www.nationalforest.org/creating-a-forest-for-learning>

Issues that the Partnership could add value to (time will be given at the Board meeting for partner input/solutions to each theme group).

Investing in People – businesses are increasingly struggling to fill opportunities within their organisations due to skills shortages across a range of sectors including, engineering, hospitality, and healthcare. The SD Skills & Employment Group are working with schools, colleges, The Department for Work and Pensions, and businesses to develop and implement solutions that will raise aspirations amongst young people and their parents, as well as support for those furthest from the labour market to meet the needs of local businesses.

In addition to low level interventions it was highlighted at the previous partnership board that there is an increasing demand for additional support for those with more complex needs, along with the requirement to build capacity within our communities to provide preventative models that can respond to ever-growing demands from our residents.

Investing in Place – Access to employment and training opportunities is an ongoing issue and the Sustainable Development Group is continuing to work with East Midlands Enterprise Gateway (EMEG) – Access to Work Partnership, and local public transport providers to address this. The partnership can help by influencing changes in policy, as well as assisting in generating contributions for sustainable infrastructure off the back of new housing and commercial developments, to ensure communities are better connected to the opportunities available across the district and beyond.

Increasingly employment land and premises provision is becoming an issue across the district, there have been a number of businesses seeking to grow or move in to the south of the district and have struggled to find suitable land or premises. The Woodville Regeneration site is in the planning process, and is unlikely to be available for another year or two, and Drakelow which will provide over a 100 acres of commercial land, requires the new bridge to be implemented to unlock the site.

Any action required of Partners i.e. attendance or promotion of an event.

SD Skills Festival is taking place on Wednesday 28th November, 3pm at Green Bank Leisure Centre. Flyers and invites will be available shortly, but should you have any queries in the meantime or offer support please contact Nicola Lees, Economic Development Officer, 01283 595755 or email nicola.lees@south-derbys.gov.uk.

The National Forest Company are recruiting for a Woodland Business Adviser and Woodlands Communities Adviser, to help create vibrant working woodlands, supporting community groups and businesses to make the most of the National Forest. If you know anyone who may be interested or if you would like to know more about the two new posts visit their website <https://www.nationalforest.org/about/who-we-are/jobs>.