

BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE
PARTNERSHIP

Sharpe's Pottery Museum, Swadlincote
on Wednesday 26 April 2017.

PRESENT:-

Local Authority Sector

District Councillor Wheeler (Chairman), Councillor Kevin Richards (South Derbyshire District 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), Chris Lavelle (Derbyshire County Council – Children's Services), Jane Hopkins (NHS Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group).

Private Sector

Helen Hydes (Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd), Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport), Kim Coe (Swadlincote & District Chamber of Trade), Ron Lane (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage & Arts Trust).

Voluntary/Community Sector

Michelle Skinner and Steven Spear (South Derbyshire CVS).

Also in Attendance

Julie Heath (Derbyshire County Council – Adult Care), Mike Roylance and Sally Cope (South Derbyshire District Council).

SDP/57. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from:

Councillor Mrs Coyle (South Derbyshire District Council), County Councillor Southerd (Derbyshire County Council), John Beaty (Burton & South Derbyshire College), Tracey Harris (Home-Start), Vivien Sharples (Pingle School), Nick Freeman (Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd), John Everitt (National Forest Company), Robert Coe (Swadlincote & District Chamber of Trade), Cath Walker (Derbyshire County Council), Fred Cox (South Derbyshire Tenants & Residents Association), Chris Smith and Shaun Woodcock (South Derbyshire District Council).

MATTERS ARISING

SDP/58. **INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman informed the Board that Fred Cox representative from the South Derbyshire Tenants & Residents Association has resigned. The Chairman recorded his thanks for his support over many years. A record of thanks to be sent on behalf of the Board Members. **ACTION: SB/SC**

Introductions took place.

Apologies were noted.

SDP/59. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None.

SDP/60. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 January 2017 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

SDP/61. **MATTERS ARISING**

Michelle Skinner gave an update on the Community Fund bid; A substantial bid for Gresley Old Hall had been unsuccessful. Plans to submit bids for smaller funds ongoing. SB gave an update on the success of the Community Fun Day held at Gresley Old Hall, the event was also a consultation event to increase community use of the Old Hall.

Compassionate Communities currently out to tender. An update to be provided by Julie Heath at the next meeting. **ACTION: JH**

SDP/62. **STATE OF THE DISTRICT ECONOMY**

Mike Roylance, Economic Development Manager gave a presentation on the State of the District Economy; the Unemployment (Claimant Count) figure for March 2017 was 0.8%. The South Derbyshire Economic Development Strategy for 2016-21 vision was highlighted along with the population growth of the District and the way forward in terms of Business, Skills and Infrastructure. A discussion took place on Brexit and the effects on migrant employees. Further discussions took place on unemployment amongst those aged 18-24 years which aligns with the Raising Aspirations work being done.

Kim Coe gave an update on two projects that the Swadlincote & District Chamber of Trade are currently working on at Goseley Estate and Woodville with the introduction of senior citizen's coffee club and young people's homework club and out of school activities throughout the summer.

Steve Spear highlighted Swarkestone Causeway both as a restriction on movement and an untapped tourism asset. He also highlighted concerns that Chellaston Academy could stop accepting pupils from Melbourne due to capacity issues.

Presentation slides to be circulated. **(ACTION: SC)**

SDP/63. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY REFRESH REPORT**

Michelle Skinner and Mary Hague gave an overview on the refresh of the Strategy. A full consultation report is available - See MS.

One additional theme group is the Children & Young People. A three year review cycle for the Strategy is proposed to check on progress.

The Board to focus on a Theme at a time in rotation to examine actions and impacts including case studies.

Partners were asked to adopt the Strategy and share within their own governance structures.

Partners asked to encourage member organisations to attend a proposed Partnership event in the Autumn to showcase partnership working.

A discussion took place as to whether some issues were adequately highlighted in the Strategy including fear of crime, volunteering and older people (all are covered in the Action Plans).

A letter of thanks on behalf of the Board to be sent to Kerrie Fletcher who had done a lot of work on the Strategy. **ACTION: SB**

SDP/64. **2017/18 ACTION PLAN AND BUDGET**

The Board approved the allocation of funds to support the delivery of the theme group's work programmes.

SDP/65. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY – FINAL QUARTER**

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 the final Quarter.

Mary Hague to circulate a report on the 2017/2018 Projects when available in May. **ACTION: MH**

MH informed the Board of the new Health Partnership Manager – Shaun Woodcock who will continue Vicky Smyth's work.

MH to pass on information to Sheila Jackson on the development of carers projects. **ACTION: MH**

SB gave an update on Safer Communities: ASB Officer post secured for the next 3 years. Phil Marriott has now retired and the team is currently looking at how to support Neighbourhood Watch areas.

SDP/66. **VCS UPDATE**

Michelle Skinner gave an update to the Board; the Shopmobility Service in Swadlincote has closed and transferred assets to the CVS; who are working with SDDC on a way forward for the service. The new Bank House service providers are due to meet with Michelle Skinner who will update the Board at the next meeting. **ACTION: MS**

SDP/67. **THRIVING COMMUNITIES UPDATE**

An update report on Thriving Communities had been circulated separately to the Agenda. SB gave an update on the progress of the Project to date.

SDP/68. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The future agenda items were agreed as follows:

- Sustainable Community Strategy – Focus on a Theme Group.
- SDCCG Expand Physical Activity Policy.
- CAB Budgeting & Financial Management/Skills Training - David Symcox.
- School Sports Partnership.

ACTION: SB/SC

SDP/69. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

An update was provided by John Everitt, National Forest Company. **ACTION: SC** to circulate.

SDP/70. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 26 July 2017 – 10:00am

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

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 11:50 am.

UPDATE FROM THE NATIONAL FOREST COMPANY – AGENDA ITEM SDP/69.

- Forest for Learning – We will be running a launch event on 7 June for our Creating a Forest for Learning project to get every primary school engaged in outdoor learning. This will be taking place in Charnwood Forest and include a series of workshops. Schools and learning professionals from South Derbyshire will receive formal invitations in the next week or so.
- Tourism - Following the National Forest Tourism Business Forum in March, we are finalising our Tourism Growth Plan to focus effort on growing the visitor economy across The National Forest.
- Outdoor Activity - Changes at Sport England mean that we are no longer able to pursue a solicited bid for the next phase of work of the Outdoor Activity Partnership. We will be coming back to the Partnership with proposals for taking forward this work and be supporting bids to Sport England’s competitive grant funds being progressed by others.

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