

# **South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership**

## **Report to the Board**

**Date of meeting: 17 December 2007**

**Agenda Item: 13**

### **BUDGET**

#### Issue

The Local Strategic Partnership is underspent in the current financial year (2007/08).

#### Background

The District Council acts as accountable body for the South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership. This report outlines the LSP's current financial position.

#### Details

There is currently some £23,427 in the LSP's Reserve. This will be carried over to next year if not spent in the current financial year.

In addition, the LSP has £9,180.43 unspent in the current financial year, which will be lost if not spent by 31 March 2008.

The LSP has also received £6,250 from Derbyshire County Council. It is understood that this funding has to be spent on projects in 2007/08 that meet the following general eligibility criteria:

#### **Examples where monies can be used:**

- To develop and promote the community strategy.
- To develop the LSP.
- To assist in reaching targets of the local community strategy, the county community strategy and/or the Derbyshire LAA.
- To performance manage the LSP.
- To better engage the public in the work of the LSP especially hard to reach groups.
- To undertake research relating to LSP areas which will highlight future areas for development.
- To train staff and members to create opportunities for community development.
- To better engage the voluntary sector.
- To develop cultural opportunities for the local community.

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- Work to develop partner engagement with the Community Strategy or LSP.

Projects supported with Derbyshire County Council funding include: Bolsover LSP Cultural Forum event; Chart LSP development and delivery of Community Action Plans; Derbyshire Dales and High Peak LSP undertaking voluntary and community sector consultation for the Community Plan; and, South Derbyshire undertaking an environmental audit. Monies cannot be used to supplement core costs, support other partnerships or support projects that do not add value to existing activities. Examples of unsuccessful applications are: payment of building rent; starting new LSP projects; payment of staff; attendance at conferences by LSP members or staff; travel expenses; and, stationery.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Board: -

1. Requests that Theme Groups Chairs consider where the available funds could facilitate the achievement of actions in the current SDLSP Action Plan 2006-2008 (eg. those current identified as amber/red); Following this, actions that will contribute to the Community Strategy and which can be delivered in 2007/08.
2. Task the SCG with considering and prioritising proposals received early in the New Year.

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