

BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE
LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Held at the Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust, Egginton
on 4th June 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Local Authority Sector

Christine Barker (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils), District Councillor John Harrison, Frank McArdle (Chief Executive, South Derbyshire District Council), County Councillor Clive Moesby, District Councillor Kevin Richards and District Councillor Heather Wheeler.

Other Public Sector

Melanie Alsop (Learning and Skills Council), Maureen Evans (Connexions Derbyshire), Superintendent Andrew Hough (Derbyshire Constabulary), Karen Jones (Trident Housing Association) and Vicki Price (Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust).

Private Sector

Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport) and Clive Keble (The National Forest Company).

Voluntary/Community Sector

Gill Farrington (Swadlincote District 50+ Forum) and Jo Smith (South Derbyshire CVS).

Also in Attendance

Stuart Batchelor, Neil Betteridge and Martin Guest (South Derbyshire District Council), Faye Nicholls (Derbyshire County Council) and David Crookes (Learning and Skills Council).

LSP/42. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that the voluntary/community sector would be re-electing its representatives to the Board in September 2008, shortly before the next Board Meeting. Accordingly, it was agreed that District Councillor Mrs. Wheeler should continue as Chairman and the matter would then be considered at a future Board Meeting.

LSP/43. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Karen Bradley (Toyota UK Ltd), Nick Chischniak (Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce), Graeme Royall (South Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau) and Glenys Williams (Old Post Regeneration Association Ltd).

LSP/44. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Further to Minute No. LSP/42 above, it was agreed that Jo Smith (South Derbyshire CVS) should continue as Vice-Chairman and the matter would then be considered at a future Board Meeting.

LSP/45. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th March 2008 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the inclusion of the apologies for that Meeting and the amendment of Minute No. LSP/38 to read as follows:-

‘Vicki Price (Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust) advised that a group had been established within the PCT relating to the implementation of NICE guidance. It was requested that where NICE related to public health action with partners, this should be actioned via LSPs. She requested a mandate for the Healthier Communities Theme Group to consider future NICE guidance of this nature and report to the Board on any action required.’

LSP/46. **MATTERS ARISING**

With regard to the resolution under Minute No. LSP/35 (2), the time scale on the Local Development Framework was queried and it was suggested that the Planning Policy Manager could attend the next Meeting to report on progress.

With regard to Minute No. LSP/39 regarding the Theme Groups, it was noted that the ‘Stronger Communities’ Theme Group had now been renamed as the ‘Vibrant Communities’ Theme Group.

LSP/47. **DERBYSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT**

The Board received details of the 35 Derbyshire Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets, which would be integrated into the emerging Theme Action Plans from April 2009. The targets had been negotiated by Derbyshire County Council with the Government Office for the East Midlands on behalf of all partner agencies in the County, all of whom had had the opportunity to be involved in identifying the appropriate priorities. Where possible, actions in each of the new Theme Group Action Plans would be linked to one of the 35 Derbyshire Local Area Agreement indicators. This would help in indicating the contribution to the countywide priorities. Progress would be made to ensure that priorities which were not in the 35 LAA targets would be measured by other local indicators, primarily from the newly established 198 national indicators. This information would be available to partners and the Derbyshire Partnership Forum to indicate where the activity also linked into the countywide service delivery.

Following a visit to the Government Office on 3rd June 2008, it was advised that 12 targets had now been referred to Central Government. Vicki Price (Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust) advised that the PCT would be leading on indicators NI 120 (all age, all cause mortality rate), NI 129 (End of life care), NI 56 (Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6), NI 53 (Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks from birth), NI 112 (Under 18 conception rate), NI 39 (Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates) together with local indicator 37 (Adult drug users).

RESOLVED:-

That the final indicators be noted and incorporated in the emerging Theme Group Action Plans from April 2009.

LSP/48. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY TIMETABLE AND CONSULTATION**

It was reported that the Local Strategic Partnership was required to publish a new Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) from April 2009. In line with the approach adopted by the County Council, it was proposed that the SCS should be developed following the principles and timescales outlined in a report to the Derbyshire Partnership Forum Executive on 7th May 2008, which was attached to the report. It was suggested that a two-stage approach with a detailed analysis of existing information be utilised to develop the new strategy. This process should be planned in conjunction with the Derbyshire Community Engagement Group to ensure that, wherever possible, existing mechanisms and planned communications were utilised and duplication avoided.

Following discussions at the last Meeting, a diagram was circulated indicating the link between the LAA and the LSP. Several queries were raised relating to the Cross-cutting Filter Group together with communication lines to the LAA and it was suggested that these be clarified at the next Meeting.

RESOLVED:-

That an Officer Group be tasked to develop the approach and timetable outlined above in order that the analysis and consultation can be undertaken to formulate the new vision, themes and priorities for the new South Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy from April 2009.

LSP/49. **FINANCIAL REPORT 2008/09**

It was reported that the Local Strategic Partnership had a budget of £39,571 for the current financial year, from which funding of £6,500 had been allocated by the Strategic Coordinating Group to support the delivery of the 2008/09 Communities Strategy Action Plan. The total funding comprised of £23,427 in reserves carried over from previous years, £3,019 unspent from the last financial year, £3,125 from Derbyshire County Council to be spent on specific projects and an annual allocation of £10,000 from the District Council.

A number of the Theme Groups within the 2008/09 Action Plan had significant levels of funding available to deliver actions, particularly the Safer Communities, Healthier Communities and Sustainable Development Theme Groups. However, the Vibrant Communities and Strategic Coordination Groups did not have specific budget allocations and required LSP funds to be able to deliver key actions, as outlined to Board Members. These totalled £6,500, of which it was anticipated that the County Council would agree the use of its allocation of £3,125 when the projects had been detailed further. The remaining balance would be funded from the LSP budget.

During the year, there would be future requests for funding linked to the delivery of the LSP Improvement Plan contained within the Strategic

Coordinating Group's work and the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

RESOLVED:-

That the allocations identified in the report be noted and a further report be submitted on funding issues arising from the Strategic Coordinating Group.

LSP/50. **COMMUNITY STRATEGY MONITORING REPORT 2007/2008 (4TH QUARTER – 31ST MARCH 2008)**

The Board received the year-end monitoring report as at 31st March 2008, which had been considered by the Strategic Coordinating Group at its Meeting on 14th May 2008. It was noted that the target completion rate was 92%.

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

LSP/51. **COMMUNITY STRATEGY ACTION PLAN 2008/09**

The Board considered the 2008/09 Action Plan for the South Derbyshire Community Strategy. This had been approved by the Strategic Coordinating Group (SCG) on 14th May 2008 and the Plans were set out under the revised Theme Group structure as initially agreed by the Board and detailed by the SCG. A work programme for the SCG was also included within the Plan, which had been taken from the Improvement Plan developed following the Visioning Day. This would be developed by the Working Group responsible for the restructuring of the Theme Groups and development of the 2008/09 Action Plan.

Several minor amendments suggested to Actions SD2.1 (include tourism), SD5.1 and 5.3 (include National Forest Company) and HC2.3 (delete "tea") were agreed.

RESOLVED:-

That the new Action Plan be noted and the Theme Groups, Strategic Coordinating Group and its Working Group be requested to progress its delivery.

LSP/52. **LSP THEME GROUP STRUCTURE**

Following the last Board Meeting, it was reported that the Review Group had now met to confirm arrangements for the new structure of the LSP's Theme Groups. The proposed structure was illustrated in a diagram attached to the report, and it was noted that the Stronger Communities Group had now been renamed as the Vibrant Communities Group. As this Group was incorporating the work of two and a half of the previous Theme Groups, it was agreed that the Theme Group should act as an 'Executive' which coordinated the work of a series of sub-groups. The Executive would have a minimum of three representatives from the areas of Environment, Culture and the Voluntary and Community Sector and the suggested membership of the proposed Group was also attached to the report.

RESOLVED:-

That the new structure be noted and the workings of the new Theme Groups be supported.

LSP/53. **DERBYSHIRE CHILDRENS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST**

The Board received a presentation from Maureen Evans (Connexions Derbyshire) on this subject. The priorities for 2008/09 included provision for children and young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities; support and challenge to families; improving quality through the development of a Quality Assurance and Evaluation Framework; narrowing the gap in attainment and attendance, reducing exclusions and offending and promoting achievement for all; provision for 11 – 19 year olds; and reducing health inequalities, particularly tackling obesity and reducing teenage pregnancy.

The purpose of the Trust was to improve the well-being of all the children and young people who lived, were educated or found work within the District by working together to improve the five outcomes for children, young people and their families. These outcomes related to being healthy, staying safe, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution and economic well-being. Areas relating to each of these outcomes were outlined to Board Members.

RESOLVED:-

That the presentation be noted.

LSP/54. **VOLUNTEERING WEEK**

The Board received a presentation by Jo Smith (South Derbyshire CVS) on 'Volunteering Week', which was an opportunity to promote and thank volunteers. Volunteering was popular with the young and old and 63% of 16-19 year olds were involved in volunteering of some kind. 73% of adults were involved in volunteering, which was good for health and contributed to the development of life chances and skills. This also related to GOEM priority 5 on creating opportunities in our region. One target of the Vibrant Communities Action Plan related to raising the profile of volunteering in the South Derbyshire area.

With regard to the promotion of volunteering, apart from the traditional methods of leaflets and posters, this needed to be supplemented by information in local communities, supermarkets and the need to have high profile, well respected public figures who were well known as volunteers. There were still negative perceptions and associations with volunteering and people were not always given sufficient support or recognition. The presentation dealt with issues concerning diversity, practicalities, matters particular to South Derbyshire and funding issues.

The LSP could assist in the following areas:-

- Support the adoption of the Compact Volunteering Code of Practice, which was circulated to Board Members.
- Acknowledge the true cost of managing volunteers when thinking about projects and allocating funding.

- Acknowledge the issues particular to South Derbyshire due to its rural nature.
- Publicly recognise the contribution that volunteers make to the quality of life in South Derbyshire.
- Support employee-volunteering schemes within our own organisations.
- Identify what we can do to support a thriving third sector in our area.
- Identify a Volunteer Champion.

It was felt that this issue could be addressed in the next Community Strategy and thanks were expressed to all those involved in the annual Liberation Day at the Bretby Conference Centre.

RESOLVED:-

That the presentation be noted.

LSP/55. **HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

The Board received a presentation from Vicki Price (Derbyshire County PCT) on a profile of health in South Derbyshire. Over the next 20 years, the resident population was projected to increase at twice the national average rate. Life expectancy was significantly lower in deprived areas in South Derbyshire compared to the East Midlands average. All age mortality ratios for all individual diseases except cancer were slightly above the national average, but not significantly. The Newhall and Stanton Ward had the highest premature mortality rate in the district for all causes, all circulatory diseases and cancers. The prevalence of obesity in adults was higher than the England average with the highest observed on practice registers in Wards with the highest deprivation, demonstrating a direct link with deprivation. Teenage pregnancy rates had increased in South Derbyshire, although not significantly compared with increases in other Derbyshire districts, with the rate remaining below the England average.

The projected rise within the older resident population (65 +) of 65% over the next twenty years would increase the burden on health services. The prevalence of obesity in adults was above the national average and there appeared a direct link with deprivation in practices. Immunisation rates in children were above the national average and the South Derbyshire Practice Based Commissioning Consortium had a higher than expected premature mortality rate for CHD, although CHD prevalence and admissions to hospital were not high. Breast feeding initiation rates were significantly lower than both the Derbyshire and national averages and a clear link with deprivation was indicated.

A Health Needs Assessment was circulated and it was anticipated that the final document would be available very shortly.

RESOLVED:-

That the presentation be noted.

LSP/56. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chief Executive of the District Council advised that the newly elected Chairman of the Council had chosen 'Women's Work' as the theme for her year of office.

Clive Keble (National Forest Company) advised that a woodland scheme was to be launched with grants of £6,000 - £10,000 per hectare available and further details could be obtained from him.

MRS. H. K. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 11.10 a.m.