

BOARD MEETING OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE
PARTNERSHIP

Committee Room, Civic Offices,
Civic Way, Swadlincote
on Thursday 17th January 2013 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Local Authority Sector

District Councillors Bob Wheeler (Chairman) and Harrison and Sheila Jackson (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils).

Other Public Sector

Ailsa Daykin (East Midlands Housing Group), Chief Superintendent Jack Atwal (Derbyshire Constabulary), Vicky Smyth (substitute for Mary Hague, NHS Derbyshire County) and John Beaty (Burton and South Derbyshire College).

Private Sector

Tony Hurrell (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust).

Voluntary/Community Sector

Tracey Harris (Homestart South Derbyshire), Jo Smith (South Derbyshire CVS) and Glenys Williams (Old Post Regeneration Association Limited).

Also in Attendance

S. Batchelor, J. Little, M. Roylance, C. Smith and D. Townsend (South Derbyshire District Council) and J. Porter (Northgate Public Services).

SDP/22. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from County Councillor Mike Lacey, F. McArdle (South Derbyshire District Council), District Councillor Kevin Richards, Mary Hague (NHS Derbyshire County), Nick Freeman (Toyota UK Limited), Sophie Churchill (The National Forest Company), Lindsay Robinson (P3), K. Mason and M. Guest (Northgate Public Services).

SDP/23. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th September 2012 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

SDP/24. **MATTERS ARISING**

In regard to Minute No. SDP/18, the Chairman reported that Alan Charles had been elected as the Police and Crime Commissioner, and planned to make visits throughout the County over the ensuing months. Stuart Batchelor also reported that Alan Charles intended to maintain his budget commitment for the ensuing year, however, further years were currently unknown.

SDP/25. FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

A report was submitted which responded to Members concerns regarding financial capability, raised at the September Meeting of the South Derbyshire Partnership Board.

It was proposed to deliver a series of financial capability learning sessions in order to better equip local residents with financial skills. These sessions were expected to target those who were particularly vulnerable in the increasing complex financial environment, and would be delivered in community venues. South Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) had previous experience of delivering financial capability sessions, and this work would complement their existing activities, and those of a number of other agencies, such as Midlands Community Finance, who included elements of financial capability work within their main activity. The cost of a 5 hour training session had been calculated at £200, and it was proposed that the Partnership provided £600 to fund 3 initial sessions, following which the demand for further training would be assessed. John Beaty added that the College might look at the course content, as they may be able to become involved and gain additional funding.

RESOLVED:-

That the allocation of funds to undertake financial capability work be approved.

SDP/26. TROUBLED FAMILIES

Members were advised that the Government wanted to tackle 120,000 troubled families by 2015. A Troubled Families team was based within the Department of Communities and Local Government, and had cross Government support. In addition, there would also be a Troubled Families coordinator within each Local Authority. The criteria for a “troubled family” was provided, and expected outcomes were also summarised within the presentation. It was hoped that the scheme would raise aspirations, giving children the best possible start in life.

It was reported that Maureen Evans was the contact at Derbyshire County Council, and it was also requested that the presentation be available to all South Derbyshire Partnership Board Members.

It was requested that Maureen Evans be asked to attend a future South Derbyshire Partnership Board Meeting and provide an update on the work of the Multi-Agency Teams.

SDP/27. PREFERRED GROWTH STRATEGY / LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

A presentation was provided which gave an update on the South Derbyshire Local Plan (2008-2028), and also the Preferred Growth Strategy Consultation.

Background to the overall Growth Strategy was provided, along with details of the proposed locations for housing around Derby and the Swadlincote area. Infrastructure issues were discussed, and future steps were also outlined.

SDP/28. **SWADLINCOTE TOWN CENTRE**

A report was submitted which updated Board Members on the Swadlincote Town Centre Vision and Strategy, and also provided an opportunity to contribute views towards an “Our Town First” action plan.

A new Vision and Strategy for Swadlincote Town Centre was adopted in 2012, which set out a shared vision for the future with a dynamic Town Centre, where further investment would complement unique heritage. Proposals were set out as a series of Masterplans. 3 themed Masterplans, focussing on Townscape, Movement and Investment had been drawn up using the assessment work undertaken and feedback from the public and businesses, to inform and inspire new ideas and solutions. Accompanying the Masterplan was an action plan which identified a series of measures that, if pursued by the public, private and voluntary/community sectors working in partnership, would contribute to the realisation of the vision over the coming years.

An update was also provided on “Our Town First” – Town Team Partner Funding which aimed to give towns which produced quality bids, the opportunity to get some of their plans off the ground. Members were shown the Youtube video which had been submitted, following which the Government had awarded Swadlincote £10,000 from this initiative. Action plan proposals were included within the report and further ideas were requested. West Street was suggested as an area that might need to be considered, and a conversation also took place with regards to whether Swadlincote should be marketed as a Market Town or a Heritage Town. It was also pointed out that further marketing of the area should be considered, as it was vital to draw people into the town centre.

SDP/29. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY ACTION PLAN 2012/13**

Performance monitoring for the work of the theme groups was provided as an appendix to the report, which contained information about what had been achieved, challenges faced, and highlighted stories/case studies to demonstrate what was being delivered in each of the themed areas.

SDP/30. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY ACTION PLAN 2013/14**

Members were requested to approve the 2013/14 Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan, which was attached as an annexe to the report.

RESOLVED:-

That the 2013/14 action plan be approved.

SDP/31. VOLUNTARY SECTOR UPDATE

It was reported that two representatives on the South Derbyshire Partnership, Fiona Francis and Jackie Spencer had both left their respective organisations, and elections for new representatives would be held shortly. It was also reported that 'Make a Difference Day' had been held, which was a skill share event. However, it was unfortunately very poorly attended.

In addition, an update was given on the 'Shout Out' group, which had recently been set up and was a learning disability group. It had started very well and there were some very good plans in place for the future.

SDP/32. DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM UPDATE

This item was withdrawn.

SDP/33. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that Stuart Batchelor had met with the Clinical Commissioning Group, who would like to be represented on the Board. It was proposed that they would take the place of the PCT when it moved over to Derbyshire County Council.

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 11.20 a.m.