

DSP Strategic Partnership Chairs meeting
3rd January 2008

Minutes

Present: Rod Blackshaw, Peter Lacey, Sally Foxhall, Duncan Wood, James McInnes (Caroline Rae)

Apologies: Vaughan Lindsay

The meeting developed as a general discussion about the role of the group. The local leadership role of the district LSP could cause tension with the role of local councillors. However, In West Devon the LSP priorities are the same as the Local Authority priorities, so the Local Authority involvement gives more power to deliver. The role of the LSP is not just about dealing with problems but also taking advantage of opportunities.

This group is importance as a link between county and district needs; it provides an interface role between a bottom up evidence base and a top down structure. There is now a need to work on the process and consultative role.

There was a request for Roland Pyle or John Smith to attend the next meeting to give an update re the Local Area Agreement

Date of Next Meeting: 3rd April 2.00 – 4.00 (to be confirmed). Post meeting note – having canvassed participants this date was confirmed – although not good for everyone, was the best available)