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**Devon Strategic Partnership Delivery Board
Meeting 1st May March 2008
Teignbridge District Council, Forde House, Newton Abbot**

Minutes

Present: Bob Spencer, Devon and Cornwall Police (Chair)
Paul Netherton, Devon and Cornwall Police
Mark Williams, East Devon District Council
John Smith, Devon County Council (for Phil Norrey)
Neil Gibbins, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue
Steve Pitcher, North Devon District Council
Nicola Bulbeck, Teignbridge District Council
David Incoll, West Devon Borough and South Hams District Councils
Chris Roberts, LSC
Jenny Wallace, Torridge District Council
Karen O'Donnell, GOSW
Carl Budden, SWRDA
Phil Weeks, Jobcentre Plus
(Roland Pyle, DCC, Devon Strategic Partnership)

1) Minutes of Last meeting – approved.

2) Matters arising - The Chairman introduced ACC Paul Netherton. The Chairman explained that he will be changing roles within Devon and Cornwall Police and that the selection of a new chairman should be discussed at the 5 June Board meeting.

3) Sustainable Community Strategy update

The Delivery Board considered a report which included revised text for the Sustainable Community Strategy booklet. John Smith explained that Devon County Council's Executive had approved, at its meeting on 30th April 2008, the Sustainable Community Strategy ten year (2008-2018) outcomes from a County Council perspective as accountable body for the Sustainable Community Strategy. The DCC Executive had also asked that the DSP revisit the presentation and style of the booklet.

The Board discussed the implications of an economic downturn on achieving the SCS priorities and LAA targets for a "growing economy" and its impacts on jobs and affordable housing. Karen O'Donnell will check with CLG about how this might be handled in Government's assessment of Devon's performance. A risk assessment would need to be undertaken.

4) Devon Local Area Agreement 2008-2011

The Board noted that the DCC Executive had, at its meeting on 30 April, approved the draft LAA subject to the inclusion of a priority in relation to tourism; the need for the LAA to take account of the impacts of accessibility for children and young people's achievements and attainment and the identification of relevant lead partners. The Board shared the view that the LAA should clearly identify the body(ies) leading and contributing to improving performance over the three years.

The Chairman noted that the sets of national performance indicators for local authorities and their partners includes indicators in relation to violent extremism (NI 35) and protection against terrorist attack (NI 36) and that the polices, together with other DSP partners, has an important role in community cohesion. Both NI 35 and NI 36 are new indicators which will be subject to trialling and evaluation during 2008/09 and it will be important to consider performance against them as part of reviews of the LAA.

Chris Roberts thanked all those involvement in the development and negotiation of the LAA for the "terrific job" they had done.

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5) **Budgeting for the LAA**

The Board agreed the Chairman's suggestion that this should be deferred to the 5 June 2008 meeting particularly as Jo Tennant (Devon and Cornwall Police), who had been unable to attend this meeting, had raised this at the DSP Partnership Board meeting on 16 April.

6) **A Partnership Approach to Reducing Carbon Dioxide Emissions**

The Board considered a report on the important leading role that DSP members (as local partner organisations) can play in carbon management and the contribution that this will make towards the SCS priorities and LAA targets to reduce CO2 emissions.

Mark Williams highlighted EDDC's carbon management programme and work with LGIU. The Chairman highlighted the Devon and Cornwall Police's green agenda particularly in relation to the 21.5million miles of travelled annually by Force. Chris Roberts highlighted the LSC's national policy on carbon neutral buildings and asset management. The Board discussed the difficulties of quantifying the outcomes of carbon management and the need to assess cost-effectiveness. The Board noted the valuable work being undertaken by the University of Exeter's Centre for Energy and Environment.

The Board agreed John Smith's offer that Devon County Council put experts in touch with the relevant person in each DSP organisation to capture information about what is possible and the support/solutions available. [Colin Papworth is the Devon and Cornwall Police contact point]

7) **Self assessment methodology – project update**

The Board discussed the progress report and:

- Noted that the project had evolved into a helpful and meaningful approach to affordable housing in the south Devon cluster area.
- Expressed some concerns that if this approach were to be adopted elsewhere or for other issues it would become a very resource intensive exercise in which not all partners would, for practical reasons, be able to participate.
- Whilst recognising the project's ambition there is a need to ensure that the resource requirements are proportionate to the intended outcomes

8) **Any other business**

The Board noted John Smith's update that the some of the offers of contributions to the DSP Resource Hub had been followed up.

Dates of next meetings

Thursday 5 June 2.00 – 4.00 Mayoralty Room, Town Hall Tiverton,
(Mid Devon District Council).

Thursday 3 July 2.00 – 4.00 Exeter City Council (May need to change
or cancel due to clash with LGA Conference)

Consider move to Board meetings every two months

Other currently diaried dates are

Thursday 7 August 2.00 – 4.00 Fortescue Room, County Hall, Devon County
Council

Thursday 4 September 2.00 – 4.00

Thursday 2 October 2.00 – 4.00

Wednesday 5 November 2.00 – 4.00

The meeting closed at 14.37hrs