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Devon Strategic Partnership Delivery Board

Meeting 1ST June 2007
East Devon District Council The Knowle, Sidmouth

Minutes

Present: Bob Spencer, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary (Chair)
Paul Young, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue
John Sunderland, North Devon District Council
Nicola Bulbeck, Teignbridge District Council
Philip Bostock, Exeter City Council
David Incoll, West Devon Borough and South Hams District Councils
Paul Sadler, Environment Agency
Phil Norrey, Devon County Council
Kevin Snee, Devon PCT
Mark Williams, East Devon District Council
Steve Hindley, Midas Group
Elizabeth Raikes, Torbay Council
John Van De Laarschot, Torridge District Council
Karen O'Donnell, GOSW
Phil Weeks, Jobcentre Plus
Peter Hancock, Mid Devon District Council
(Caroline Rae, DCC, Devon Strategic Partnership)
(Sara Cretney, DCC, Local Area Agreement)
(Ian Hobbs, Devon County Council, David Rolls, CCD – to support item 6)

Absences: Nick Atkinson, Dartmoor National Park Authority
Sue Brownlow, SWRDA
Barry Keel/ Carole Burgoyne, Plymouth City Council
Phil Collins, Natural England
Chris Roberts, LSC

1. Notes of Last meeting and Action list - approved

2. Matters arising:

- a. **Feedback** about conversation with GOSW about degree of Govt control over local priorities in Local Area Agreement - Phil Norrey had spoken to GOSW, who had said that they would do everything in their power to be as flexible as possible over the next Local Area Agreement.
- b. **Project Plan for Sustainable Community Strategy/Local Area Agreement.** Paper presented and comments requested. The group endorsed the principles of the paper. A resources paper will be presented at the next meeting, and communications is being considered, as these are vital to the success of the work of the Delivery Board re SCS/LAA. Karen O'Donnell from GOSW spoke of the pilots that are currently happening relating to the new LAAs - lessons from them would be drawn across to help all areas. Risk register – currently 2 high risk areas, relating to how issues relating to Children and Young People and Older People feed into the Devon Strategic Partnership, and the potential impact of losing key staff. To be added: the impact of a possible Exeter unitary authority and the impact of the review of social care.

3. Update from other partnership tables:

- a. **DSP Partnership Board 30th May 2007** update given including the discussion around a vision for Devon, where amendments will be made to the draft that was tabled, and agreement reached shortly.

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- b. **Devon Futures 25th April** - recommendations to Delivery Board re Climate Change tabled and discussed. Agreed that:
 - 1. Karen O'Donnell would clarify the situation re Local Councils' ability to impose green targets when giving planning permission.
 - 2. After discussion agreed that 20% reduction in carbon emissions on 1990 levels by 2010 was the right target, but should be reviewed annually. It would be helpful if domestic, business and transport can be disaggregated.
 - 3. Tony Norton should be invited to Devon Futures, particularly to link transport and climate change in their next discussion.
 - 4. The action plan that John Sunderland is preparing with DSEN will contain targets that are specific and achievable
 - 5. Those present will continue to look at 'greening' their organisations
 - c. **Election of new Chair for the Devon Strategic Partnership** Delivery Board noted their role in seeking and nominating potential candidates.
4. **Safer Devon Partnership structure.** Paper was discussed; recognition that more work still needs to be done re CDRPs; there may need to be more clarity re their role in this document. Discussion re role of elected members – Phil Norrey would take to members. Bob Spencer would discuss with Chair of Police Authority re role of Police Authority/ force. Recommendations:
- a. Recommendation 1: Agreed
 - b. Recommendation 2: Agreed subject to knowing where the proposals will come back to - should be as wide as possible.
 - c. Recommendation 3: Agreed - other discussions happening elsewhere will feed into this e.g. idea of a resource hub for all themes; there could be economies of scale to be gained.
 - d. Recommendation 4: Agreed
5. **Migrant workers.** Paper was introduced by Ian Hobbs (DCC) of Common Ground and David Rolls of CCD. The group warmly welcomed this balanced report. It was noted that:
- a. Future work was needed to look further at the cross cutting nature of the issue, for instance in regard to how the children of migrants link in with Children and Young People services.
 - b. Now it has been to Delivery Board there is a need also to take this work to elected members, perhaps through the DSP Partnership Board. David Incoll raised the point that such an important Report should first be considered by the Partnership Board. Their decision would then come to the Delivery Board for action.
 - c. The importance of linking in with business must be considered – migrant workers are having a big positive effect.
 - d. Resourcing – Kevin Snee (PCT) and Mark Williams (EDDC) offered to discuss resources. Devon County Council (Ian Hobbs/ Phil Norrey) would produce a resourcing plan and email it round.
 - e. Bob Spencer to pass details of National Community Tension Team to Ian Hobbs so links can be made.
6. **Children and Young People**
- a. **Review of CYPP/APA** It was noted that this paper is part of a process and is a rigorous and realistic assessment and it was agreed. There was a recognition that for 'mainstream' work Devon is performing very well; however recently there has been an increasing emphasis placed on the needs of Children and Young People with special needs and looked after children; this emphasis is unlikely to change over the next few years and budgetary limitations restrict Devon's ability to perform well in those areas. Discussion of producing cost benefit analyses of prevention measures; GOSW felt this may be more effective than simply identifying budget shortfalls. It was suggested that the data collection involved might be another area where a resource hub could work effectively. Agreed:
 - 1. Devon County Council would identify areas of underperformance linked to under-resourcing, and quantify the knock on costs involved.

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2. to re-write one part of the document that referred to the possible Exeter Unitary authority in a more acceptable way
 3. Devon County Council will ensure we are making the best use of the VCS in this area of work.
 - b. **Engagement with Children's Trust.** Agreed that there needs to be a better diagram in the governance document to reflect the wider picture and the relationship of the Children's Trust with the Devon Strategic Partnership. Re District level representation on Children's Trust (and likely to arise in other themes), agreed to refer to the District Forum to sort.
7. **Job Centre Plus changes to service** – Phil Weeks introduced the current consultation about proposed changes to service that included the closure of some branches. John Sunderland offered to discuss with him the possibility of using other premises in Ilfracombe; ditto Mark Williams re Exmouth. Phil Weeks would welcome other offers and would consider them seriously although he could not categorically confirm that if other premises were found, branches could stay open. The consultation has a further 4 weeks to run.
8. **Dates of Next Meetings.**

6th July 2.00 – 4.00	Larkbeare House, Exeter
2 nd August 2.00 – 4.00	Larkbeare House, Exeter
7 th September 2.00 – 4.00	SHDC, the Cary Room, Follaton House, Totnes