

**DSP Partnership Board
Meeting 9th July 2008**

Agenda Item 6a: Update from other Partnership Tables

Recommendations

1. That the DSP Partnership Board note this report

Partnership Tables

1. **DSP Delivery Board** Since the last DSP Partnership Board meeting in May 2008, this group has met once. Ch Supt Jo Tennant, BCU Commander for Devon and Cornwall Police was elected as chair of the Delivery Board to replace ACC Bob Spencer, who has retired from the police force. The meeting included consideration of how the Delivery Board would assist the delivery of the Local Area Agreement and performance manage it, and the desirability of aligning budgets where practicable and advantageous.
2. **Devon Futures** 13th May. After a break of some months, this group reconvened to review its role and future direction. DSP Partnership Board at its last full meeting had given its support for the continuing operation of the group. The group considered its remit which is *The Devon Futures Group will be a place where discussions about the social, economic and environmental concerns of the work we do can be meaningfully held in order to maximise opportunities for increasing sustainability and encouraging the synergy between themes. The group will do also do some 'blue sky' thinking about futures, trends and consider what these mean for Devon. Out of this may come some scenario planning; there may also be learning that will need to be cascaded throughout the partnership and beyond..... This group will be responsible within the overall Devon Strategic Partnership for identifying and understanding the facts and data relating to developments in economic, social and environmental sustainability. It will also consider and monitor the implications of global, national, regional, sub regional and local developments as they affect the work of the overall Devon Strategic Partnership and the balance of sustainability.*

It was agreed that the role does not need to be changed, but that the composition of the Group and the way that meetings are conducted may need to be revised to enable the role to be fulfilled. They agreed that future meetings would have a format involving a half or full day to ensure it was meaningful; they would not have a chair, but rather have facilitated meetings; and they would look to have some input at the next meeting from a recognised futurologist.

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