

DEVON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP DSP Partnership Board

15 May 2008

Present:-

Mrs Sally Foxhall (Independent Chair), Councillor Des Brailey (North Devon District Council), Supt. Nigel Boulton (Devon and Cornwall Constabulary), Councillor Brian Greenslade (Devon County Council), Mr John Bunting (Devon Consortium), Councillor James McInnes (West Devon Borough Council), Dr E Moffatt (Faith Sector), Tim Jones (Devon Economic Partnership), Councillor John Berry (Mid Devon District Council), Dr David Radford (Devon PCT), Mr Paul Gompertz (Environment Devon), Mr Chris France (Dartmoor National Park), Mr Roland Pyle (LAA Development Officer) Mrs Caroline Rae (DSP Development Officer)

1 **Apologies**

Karen O'Donnell	- Government Office South West
Steve Hindley	- Business Sector
Dr John Chudley	- Learning and Skills Council
Cllr Alan Connett	- Teignbridge District Council
Ian Thompson	- South West RDA
Nigel Hoskin	- Dartmoor National Park
Ch. Supt. Jo Tennant	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Councillor John Tucker	- South Hams District Council

2 **Devon Local Area Agreement**

The Chair advised delegates that the purpose of the meeting was to fine tune the Local Area Agreement, keeping a high strategic overview, before submitting the agreement to GOSW at the end of May and subsequent ministerial sign off at the end of June.

Mr Pyle advised delegates that whilst there was one or matters still to resolve, these related to clarification of national baseline figures, therefore there should be no obstacles that would prevent the agreement being concluded.

Delegates raised the following comments / suggestions on the LAA;

- Whether the letter, as agreed at the last meeting, had been sent to those partners who were interested partners, but did not necessarily have a 'duty to co-operate' under the legislation;
- Inclusion of Dartmoor National Park / Exmoor National Park and the importance of their plans within the LAA;
- What 'sustainability' really meant in terms of the LAA;
- Where 'increased participation' was appropriate wording in LAA 12;
- Whether the July 2008 date was achievable in LAA 15;
- Clarification of the reporting processes for LAA delivery;
- Whether there was flexibility in some of the improvement targets relating to LAA 15, due to the current economic climate;
- There was a general feeling that some subjects would be best dealt with at delivery plan level rather than within the LAA, for example, tourism, maritime and rail;
- That under LAA 24, a more sophisticated structure of indices were being developed to show a more accurate local position;
- The importance of reflecting 'Equalities and Diversity' and the relevant sectors;
- In relation to school achievement – clarification would be sought on the extent to which the targets for narrowing the gap / raising attainment levels focussed upon the upper age groups;

- That adults should also be included under LAA 28;
- The scale of internet based crime;
- Various additional partners to be added to certain targets (e.g. SIC, Children's Trust, Devon Consortium et al), as was discussed at the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED**;

(a) that the draft Local Area Agreement be approved for submission to Government Office for the South West, subject to the amendments and modifications agreed at the meeting;

(b) that the Chair be informed of any further changes made before submission to GOSW;

(c) that Bob Spencer (Devon and Cornwall Police) be thanked for all of his hard work as Chair of the DSP Delivery Board; and

(d) that a report on 'internet crime' be prepared and submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership Board.

3 Future Meetings/Dates

Further meeting dates were;

9 July 2008 (County Hall)

8 October 2008 (Venue to be agreed)

The meeting started at 13.00pm and finished at 14.10pm