

DEVON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

16 January 2008

Present:-

Mr John Chudley (Devon & Cornwall Learning and Skills Council), Councillor D Brailey (North Devon District Council), Mr T Jones (Devon and Cornwall Business Council), Chief Constable Steven Otter (Devon and Cornwall Constabulary), Ch Supt J Tennant (Devon and Cornwall Constabulary), Mr J Tucker (South Hams District Council), Mrs Rae (DSP Development Officer), Councillor B Greenslade (Devon County Council), Councillor McInnes (West Devon Borough Council), Mr M Weiler (Environment Agency), Karen O'Donnell (GOSW), Chris France (Dartmoor National Park), Jay Talbot (Devon Consortium), Alan Connett (Teignbridge District Council), Mr J Shepherd (Exeter City Council), Jane Campbell (Mid Devon District Council), Mr D Radford (Devon PCT), Ms Sally Foxhall (Independent Chair), Ian Thompson (SWRDA), Dr Moffatt (Faith Sector), Dr P Norrey (Devon County Council), Roland Pyle (LAA Development Officer)

1 Apologies

None received

2 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2007 and the Special Meeting on 15th November 2007 be signed as a correct record, subject to a minor amendment regarding attendance of P Collins.

3 Update from other Partnership Tables

Delegates received the following updates;

- That the next Devon Strategic Partnership Conference (28th March 2008 at Sandy Park 9.30 - 4.30);
- Since the last Partnership Board meeting, the Delivery Board had met twice and papers were available on the Devon Strategic Partnership website (www.devonsp.org.uk);
- The Strategic Partnership Chairs meeting had met on 3rd January. There had been discussion about the role of the group, the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement outcomes and priorities; and
- The Devon Futures group had met once and had considered strong and inclusive communities.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the contents of the report.

4 Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement

Delegates received a report on the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and the Local Area Agreement (LAA) and how the outcomes of the SCS related to the priorities of the LAA. This was then aligned to any potential national indicators, which came from an indicator set of 198. Devon was looking at a core of up to 35 targets (currently being negotiated), with an additional compulsory 16 targets. The report also outlined the criteria which had been used to select the proposed draft Devon LAA 2008-2011 priorities.

Each of the LAA priorities would be underpinned by a delivery plan which includes identification of the lead partner, the contributing partners, resource requirements,

governance arrangements etc. These plans are being developed and need to be completed by June 2008, when the LAA will be signed off by the Secretary of State.

Comments / Discussion

- the impact of the CYPS's plan on the priorities;
- that a paper was being circulated on the proposals for a health and social care partnership;
- that Government was expecting the equality and diversity agenda to be reflected; and that the equality strategy steering group had undertaken a lot of work;
- the need to use the money we have more smartly;
- the need to ensure the priorities have the right focuses in order to achieve funding;
- how the LAA process could be aligned / fitted in with budget setting;
- that a paper on the area based grant with a District breakdown was being presented to the delivery board;
- Whether there should be a 7th criteria called 'evidence base';
- Whether a local LSP page would be helpful;
- To include a reference to 'exploring new funding opportunities' (page 3);
- That SCS6 and LAA13 had a different focus and required separation;
- LAA2 – should there be a bigger focus on reduction of commercial waste;

It was **RESOLVED** that the DSP Board:

(a) Note the timetable for the Local Area Agreement produced by GOSW attached;

(b) Note the selection criteria as detailed in the report;

(c) Consider the Sustainable Community Strategy 10 year outcomes as recommended by the Delivery Board, with a view to agreement in principle; subject to the additions agreed at the meeting, and to

(d) Note and consider the developing Local Area Agreement priorities and incorporate the additions as agreed at the meeting

5 The Sustainable Community Strategy for Devon – Format and Structure

Delegates reviewed a report on the format and structure of the Sustainable Community Strategy. The proposal was;

1. A flyer which flagged the main facts - with signposting to further details;
2. A 20 page booklet (aimed at those who don't know about the SCS but need to); and
3. A multi layered website (with evidence and links to the work being done on the LAA)

Discussions / Questions

- the need to consider language options and Braille in line with diversity / equality requirements;
- the production needs to be carefully considered so that all parties can make use of the information;
- the use of email alerts to the website and website updates;
- ensure there is clarity on the target audience, use plain English and make it interesting to read;

Delegates were informed that there was a gap in the current Communications Strategy, but that this was being addressed.

It was **RESOLVED** that the DSP Partnership Board noted and agreed in principle the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy Booklet / Flyer and Website, but that further feedback and comments should be directed to the Development Officer's.

6 Representation of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue on the DSP Partnership Board

The Board were informed that the Fire Authority were currently represented on the DSP Delivery Board, but that no representative attended the Strategic Board meetings. The question was posed whether a representative of the Fire and Rescue Service or the Fire Authority should be invited to attend.

It was **RESOLVED** that a representative of the Devon and Somerset Fire Authority be invited to sit on the Strategic Board.

7 CLG – Principles of Representation Consultation Paper

Delegates were presented with a report on the consultation paper 'Principles of Representation; A framework for effective third sector participation in Local Strategic Partnerships. The document was intended to assist local third sector (voluntary) organisations 'to organise themselves to be effectively represented on LSPs' and within other aspects of public life.

The paper set out a series of principles for both third sector and statutory agencies to consider including accountability, equality, leadership, openness, purpose, sustainability and values.

The proposed responses to the posed consultation questions were also highlighted in the report.

Questions / Comments;

- the concern that Government was trying to treat such organisations as sectors;
- was there a need to feedback that the use of dictates was sometimes inappropriate for such organisations;

It was **RESOLVED** that;

(a) the proposed response should be a joint Devon Strategic Partnership response to Communities and Local Government; and

(b) Mr Talbot, Mr Moffatt and Ms Craythorn work together to feedback comments relating to the terminology and tone used within the report.

8 Role of the Strategic Partnership Chairs Group

The Chair led a discussion on the role of the Strategic Partnership Chairs group, highlighting that it was a diverse group of people all bringing valuable skills to the fore.

There had been some debate on communication issues and the role of local LSP's (as all were very different) and how this all should be brought together in order for all parties to understand and benefit.

Comments that were raised included;

- the subject matter needed to be interesting, focussing upon the 'delivery';
- the resource hub was working on putting communication links in place;
- the importance of raising awareness within organisations and keeping up a good information flow;

It was **RESOLVED** that further debate would be held in due course.

9 **AOB**

No items raised.

10 **Future Meetings/Dates**

The Partnership noted the dates for future meetings, as follows,

28th March 2008 - DSP Conference at Sandy Park Conference Centre

Further meeting dates were agreed as **10.00am**:

16 April 2008

9 July 2008

8 October 2008

The meeting started at 10.30am and finished at 12.15pm