

**DSP Partnership Board  
Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

**Agenda Item 4: Update from other Partnership Tables**

**Recommendations**

1. That the DSP Partnership Board note this report
2. That the DSP Partnership Board consider whether they wish to send any recommendations to Delivery Board or Devon Futures as a result of this report.

**Partnership Tables**

1. **Devon Strategic Partnership Conference** The next conference will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> October at Newton Abbot racecourse, 9.30 - 4.30. It will be facilitated by Sue Goss and Hywel Lloyd of OPM.
2. **DSP Delivery Board** Since the last DSP Partnership Board meeting this group has met 3 times. Papers including minutes are posted on the Devon Strategic Partnership website ([www.devonsp.org.uk](http://www.devonsp.org.uk)) Key activity includes:
  - a. Overseeing the project to develop the Sustainable Community Strategy and 2008 Local Area Agreement, including the preliminary prioritisation of issues to be discussed later in the agenda. A programme management approach has been agreed.
  - b. Receiving papers from three of the theme groups about structure, and issue papers or verbal items about migrant workers (referred to DSP Partnership Board); a DIP funded self assessment pilot project; Job Centre Plus; 2012 Olympics; the Sub National Review of economic development and regeneration; and digital switchover.
  - c. Work towards developing a joint resource hub. The Resource Hub will bring together staff and resources, by recruitment or secondment, for functions where joint centralised working could help effective planning and delivery of the Local Area Agreement (including its future refreshes) and bring benefits to partners. The functions currently under consideration are Business and Strategic Analysis, Communications, Financial Management, Information Management, and at a later date, Commissioning. These functions are those that most partners will be involved in to some extent, and it is intended that contribution to a centralised Hub could provide cost savings for all partners plus a more integrated approach to preparing and delivering the Local Area Agreement. This approach also aligns with the 'encouragement' offered by Government for greater partnership working and increased shared service provision.
  - d. Receiving recommendations from Devon Futures about a low carbon economy and transport issues. As a result of these recommendations green travel plans have been shared and a

workshop is planned to look at ways of reducing travel including space sharing.

3. **Devon Futures** This group has met twice to consider climate change and transport and their impact as future issues for Devon. It passed recommendations to the Delivery Board.
4. **Themes.** Once the Sustainable Community Strategy is agreed, it will enable DSP to make clear decisions about delivery arrangements for the Local Area Agreement. However, in the meantime the following groups have been looking at governance arrangements or how they may be fit for delivery:
  - a. **Children's Trust and Safer Devon Partnership** - papers showing revised governance have been to Delivery Board recently
  - b. **Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Partnership.** This is being set up
  - c. **Other groups.** Devon Strategic Housing Group, Environment Devon, Devon Economic Partnership and Stronger and Inclusive Communities group have all been considering their governance with a view to their future role under the Local Area Agreement.

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