
RUSHMOOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Notes of a meeting held on **Wednesday, 1st November 2006** at the Rushmoor Borough Council Offices at 4.00 pm.

Present:

Enterprise First	Mr John Mitchell (Vice-Chairman) Chief Executive
Farnborough College of Technology	Mrs Christine Davis Principal
First Wessex Housing Group	Mr Peter Hall Deputy Group Operations Director
Hampshire County Council	County Councillor Roger Kimber
Rushmoor Borough Council	Councillor Peter Moyle (Chairman) Leader
	Mr Andrew Lloyd Chief Executive
Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux	Ms Alex Hughes District Manager
Rushmoor Healthy Living	Mr Tony Docker Chief Executive

Absent:

Aldershot Garrison	a	Colonel Nigel Josling OBE Garrison Commander
Basingstoke Canal Authority	a	Mr Ian Brown Director
Blackwater Valley and Hart Primary Care Trust	a	Dr Olufemi Oduneye Director of Public Health
Guildford Diocese	a	Ms Clare Sewell North Hampshire Development Officer
Parity for Disability	a	Ms Alison Cooper

Rushmoor Voluntary Services	a	Ms Sally Saunderson Chief Executive
North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry	a	Mrs Valerie Cloke
North East Hampshire Police Division	a	Chief Superintendent Paul Netherton

In attendance:

Government Office for the South East		Mr David Hobbs
Aldershot Garrison		Major Jo Usher
Hampshire County Council		Mr Terry Rath Education Office
		Ms Cheryl Bosworth Hampshire Action Team Co-Ordinator
Rushmoor Borough Council		Mr Andrew Colver Head of Democratic and Facilities
		Miss Annie Denton Partnership Officer
		Mr Moray Henderson Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator
		Mr Jon Rundle Assistant Head of Strategy and Communications
		Mr Tim Richings Planning Policy and Conservation Manager
		Miss Jemma Gibbons Administrative Officer

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Colonel Nigel Josling (Garrison Commander, Aldershot Garrison), Femi Oduneye (Primary Care Trust), Richard Mann (Rushmoor Borough Council), Clare Sewell (Government Office for the South East) and Valerie Cloke (North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce).

1. **NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –**

The Partnership confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 6th September 2006.

2. **COMMUNITY SAFETY IN RUSHMOOR –**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Moray Henderson, Anti-social Behaviour Co-ordinator for Rushmoor Borough Council. Mr Henderson began by providing a background on Community Safety and explained that, although the Borough had comparatively low levels of crime, Rushmoor's figures for fear of crime and anti-social behaviour was relatively high. It was explained that the Community Safety Operations Team and the Community Safety Partnership had been established as a result of the introduction of the Crime and Disorder Act in 1998. Mr Henderson highlighted the Community Safety Partnership's purpose statement, which was "Working in Partnership to implement community safety legislation and measures to reduce crime and the fear of crime".

The Partnership noted the Community Safety Operations Team structure, which included community safety, anti-social behaviour, CCTV, the Community Patrol Team and Parks Development and Capital Projects Engineers. The Team also had a close working relationship with the Police, Youth Service, Youth Offending Team and housing associations.

The Partnership was advised on the 2006/07 Community Safety Action Plan, which focused on drug issues received through the Drugs and Alcohol Action Group and reducing overall crime and increasing feelings of safety. Mr Henderson explained that anti-social behaviour did not include domestic violence and instead focused on behaviour that caused harassment, alarm or distress to one or more people not in the same household as the perpetrator. This behaviour included noise nuisance, littering, substance misuse and begging.

It was explained that, with the Anti-Social Behaviour Act being introduced in 2003, the Community Safety Partnership had gained new powers such as being able to close premises connected with drugs, the ability to disperse groups and issue anti-social behaviour orders and penalty notices, enforce parental responsibilities and issue public orders for trespassing, noise and environmental offences.

The Partnership noted the anti-social behaviour framework, which included various legislation, resources and a guidance document. Mr Henderson highlighted that the legislation was constantly being updated to cover existing gaps in the framework. It was explained that the Guidance document was a reference guide, adapted by each local authority, which recommended addressing issues early to prevent them resulting in orders. This was achieved through a Partnership meeting approach, which planned the way forward through a number of improvement actions.

Mr Henderson advised that a range of methods were used in order to deal with anti-social behaviour and that many services in the Council were

involved. It was highlighted that a local presence was essential in the community and that Rushmoor had neighbourhood wardens in each of the deprived wards, a Community Patrol Team and Neighbourhood Policeman. Over the next year Hampshire Police would also be recruiting Community Safety Officers and Anti-Social Behaviour Officers.

Mr Henderson then explained that the CCTV cameras positioned around the Borough, in problem areas and town centres, had been a great asset and had enhanced people's feelings of safety. In response to a question, it was explained that the CCTV cameras were unable to record sound because they had such a large zoom range and therefore were not able to focus on one area of sound without interference. The Community Safety Team also had a community safety vehicle and portable cameras that could be positioned in different areas in response to complaints.

The Partnership was informed of the Anti-Social behaviour Order process and Mr Henderson explained the different types of interventions and highlighted that the use of orders was a last resort. Interventions included Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, Parenting Contracts, Parenting Orders and Reparations. The Partnership noted that there were only twelve acceptable behaviour contracts and fifteen anti-social behaviour orders currently issued in Rushmoor.

With regard to the future, Mr Henderson explained that an Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy was being finalised and that further finance was expected through the Hampshire Local Area Agreement. With further development of the CCTV and with the increasing uniformed presence it was hoped to improve response to community safety and incidents raised in the Borough. The Partnership thanked Mr Henderson for his presentation.

Action/Decision	Who	When
The Partnership noted the update on Community Safety in Rushmoor.	All	---

3. HAMPSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT –

The Partnership received an update on the Local Area Agreements (LAA) from Andrew Lloyd, Chief Executive for Rushmoor Borough Council. Mr Lloyd began by providing a background on the LAA and explained that it was becoming increasingly important with the introduction of the Local Government White Paper.

The Hampshire Local Area Agreement involved a three year agreement which had started in April 2006 and was based on eight priority outcomes, drawn from the twelve Hampshire Community Strategies. The Partnership noted that from the priority outcomes, four flagship initiatives had been chosen: Better Chances, Better Lives (the twelve Schools project), schemes that provided care at home, tackling domestic violence and the reduction of economic inactivity and unemployment.

Mr Lloyd then reported how LAA achievements would be measured. These included school national average results for English and Maths and work had already started in Rushmoor's areas of deprivation. Others included the number of people in employment, which was important to raise a person's quality of life, and recorded violent crime in public places.

Mr Lloyd explained that the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership's Chairman, Councillor Peter Moyle, was a Local Government Association representative for Hampshire Strategic Partnership. It was also explained that, if Rushmoor was not actively involved in the LAA, then activities currently receiving funding could be undermined and it may lead to a loss of support for the Borough.

Mr Lloyd then summarised future work for the Partnership and it was explained that the Hampshire LAA had received the first progress reports for the priority areas and was developing action plans and prioritising indicators. It was noted that future work for Rushmoor included reviewing the implications of the LAA for the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership and Rushmoor Borough Council through an alignment exercise. Mr Lloyd highlighted that this was essential to respond to the Local Government White Paper, Strong and Prosperous Communities.

Jon Rundle, the Council's Assistant Head of Strategy and Communications, also attended the meeting to explain the alignment exercise to the Partnership in more detail. Mr Rundle began by outlining the work that Rushmoor had already completed. This work had included identifying key elements from the Rushmoor Community Strategy, the Corporate Performance Plan and the LAA and mapping them against each other to check the alignment of major strands.

Mr Rundle circulated details and explained that the main elements of work had been mapped into five colour coded areas: red for 'Safe', yellow for 'Prosperous', green for 'Clean', blue for 'Quality' and orange for 'Your Voice'. The Map was split into four sections, under the headings: CPP (Corporate Performance Plan), LAA (Local Area Agreement), RSP (Rushmoor Strategic Partnership) and CYPP (Children and Young Person's Plan).

Mr Rundle highlighted 'grey' areas where strategies were missing and explained that the Partnership would need to consider changes to better match the alignment. The Partnership noted the additional areas for the LAA, which involved 'Educational Attainment', 'Regeneration', 'Clean Initiative and Conserving the Natural Environment', 'Community Pride and Promoting Greater Public Involvement in the Democratic Process and Elections' and 'Performance and Efficiency'. He explained that in the future, the Partnership would need to consider details, key priorities, projects, outcomes and targets and measures for these areas. This work and the provisions in the White Paper would inform revisions to the Community Strategy.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lloyd and Mr Rundle for their presentations.

Action/Decision	Who	When
The Partnership be asked to consider the alignment issues in the context of organisations priorities and report back to the Community Planning Team at a future meeting.	All	---

4. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY –

Mr Andrew Colver, Rushmoor's Head of Democratic and Facilities, gave an update on Rushmoor's draft Climate Change Strategy. A report on the draft Strategy had been presented to Rushmoor's Cabinet on 17th October 2006 and was scheduled to be adopted by the Council on 7th December. Mr Colver then summarised the Nottingham Declaration, which the Cabinet had been asked to endorse and sign. The declaration was a voluntary pledge to address the issues of climate change and represented a high level, broad statement of commitment that any Council could make to its community.

The Partnership noted that the Rushmoor Climate Change Strategy included how climate change affected the Borough, and the work that had already been done including the solar energy demonstration scheme at Farnborough Community Centre, sponsored by the Partnership. The report then outlined an action plan for addressing different aspect of climate change and stressed the need to deal with them effectively. Mr Colver highlighted the importance of the Partnership becoming involved and advised that they consider a realistic way forward.

The Partnership suggested that information and advice be provided for residents on energy saving. It was noted that advice existed on recycling domestic waste, however none really existed for businesses. Tony Docker recommended that Rushmoor Healthy Livings' Sustainable Schools project would be a good opportunity to advertise the importance of recycling to children. Terry Rath then explained that Hampshire County Council were in the process of running a pilot encouraging children to cycle and walk to school.

Action/Decision	Who	When
Consideration be given to the preparation of good practice notes for household and how the Partnership could be involved in the Action Plan.	All	---

5. PROJECTS REPORT –

(1) Accidents in the Home –

Tony Docker provided an update on the work of the Accidents in the Home Working Group. Mr Docker advised that the Working Group had considered

two project areas: preventing burns and poisoning in under four year olds and preventing trips and falls in over 75 year olds. Following the second meeting, the Working Group had decided it could make more of an impact in the community by preventing falls in the over 75's age group. After reviewing Primary Care Trust statistics, it had been agreed to concentrate on Heron Wood Ward, which had the most number of falls in the Borough at 112 falls between 2003/04 and 2005/06.

Mr Docker explained that a sub group had been set up to outline the project and consider ways to help reduce and prevent falls in Heron Wood Ward. One proposal had been to host a Slipper Swap Day through Age Concern, where elderly residents could come along to swap their old slippers for new, safer ones and receive free advice on preventing falls. The Partnership suggested that advice could also be presented to the Farnborough and Aldershot Senior Citizens Forums.

Mr Docker advised that he would be keeping the Partnership informed on the Working Group's progress and that it would be preparing an application for funding.

(2) Business in the Community –

Annie Denton reported back on the success of the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership Business Breakfast, which had been held at the Aldershot Garrison on 12th October 2006. The event, sponsored by Aspire Defence, included an exhibition and presentations from Andrew Lloyd and Trevor Sidebottom from Farnborough International. Miss Denton explained that the Chairman had launched the Local Business and Local People Competition, which recognised businesses that had sponsored and promoted projects that involved the local Community.

It was then highlighted that the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership Business Breakfast had featured in the Aldershot News and Rushmoor's Bulletin in October 2006, as well as Rushmoor Council's and the Partnership's websites.

Action/Decision	Who	When
The Partnership noted the updates and further updates would be made as appropriate.	Project Leader	As required

6. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –

Full Partnership Meetings:

Tuesday, 12th December 2006 – 4.00 pm at Rushmoor Borough Council

Steering Group Meetings: (*Please note that this date has now changed*)

Monday, 29th January 2007 – 10.00 am at Rushmoor Borough Council

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.
