



RUSHMOOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Notes of a meeting held on **Wednesday, 2nd July 2008** at the Rushmoor Borough Council Offices at 4.00 pm.

Present:

Basingstoke Canal Authority	Mr. Ian Brown Director
Enterprise First	Mr. John Mitchell (Vice-Chairman) Chief Executive
First Wessex Housing Group	Mr. Paul Ryrie Director of Housing
Hampshire County Council	County Councillor Roger Kimber Cheryl Bosworth
North East Hampshire Police Division	Mr. Mark Chatterton Chief Superintendent
North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Mrs Valerie Cloke
Parity for Disability	Ms. Alison Cooper Services Manager
Rushmoor Borough Council	Councillor Peter Moyle (Chairman) Leader
Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux	Ms. Alex Hughes District Manager
Rushmoor Voluntary Services	Mr. Greg Alexander Chief Executive

Absent:

Aspire Defence Services Ltd	Ms. Kath Cortizo Garrison Facilities Director
Aldershot Garrison	Garrison Commander
Farnborough College of Technology	Mrs. Christine Davis Principal

Guildford Diocese	Mr. David Tankinson North Hampshire Development Officer
Hampshire Primary Care Trust	Dr. Martin Ashton-Keys Area Director of Public Health
Princes Mead Shopping Centre	Mr. Duncan Coombes
Rushmoor Borough Council	Mr. Andrew Lloyd Chief Executive
Rushmoor Healthy Living	Mr. Tony Docker Chief Executive

In attendance:

Rushmoor Borough Council	Miss. Annie Denton Partnership Officer
	Miss Jemma Gibbons Administrative Officer
	Miss Joanne Little Policy and Performance Officer
	Mr. Jon Rundle Assistant Head of Strategy and Communications
	Mrs. Karen Edwards Head of Strategy and Communications
	Mr. Tony McGovern Extended Services Partnership Manager
	Mr. Richard Mann Strategy and Projects Officer

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Mr. Andrew Lloyd (Rushmoor Borough Council), Ms. Kath Cortizo (Aspire Defence Services Ltd), Dr. Martin Ashton-Keys (Hampshire Primary Care Trust), Mr. John Harrocks (North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry), Mrs. Christine Davis (Farnborough College of Technology).

1. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –

The Partnership confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 12th May 2008.

2. A PORTRAIT OF RUSHMOOR 2008 CONSULTATION –

Miss Joanna Little provided the Partnership with an update on the Rushmoor Portrait. She explained that the Portrait was an evidence-based document that examined social, economic and environmental aspects of the Borough. The Partnership noted that the Portrait was important because it promoted a shared understanding and overview of Rushmoor and could be used as a decision making tool and a common starting point.

The Partnership was provided with a flavour of the Portrait and noted, in particular, the areas of multiple deprivation in the Borough. Miss Little highlighted that Rushmoor was a much younger population when compared with the Hampshire population. The Partnership noted that the economic and environmental issues outlined in the document.

Miss Little explained that it was important to keep the Portrait up-to-date. The Partnership noted that a web-based version of the Portrait would be available on the Rushmoor Borough Council website. Miss Little advised that to make the Portrait as accurate as possible it would require partners' involvement. It would be helpful for feedback to be provided on missing information and this would need to be provided by the end of July 2008. A workshop would then be held during the next Partnership meeting, on 15th September, to identify and prioritise the challenges for Rushmoor. A public consultation, on the opportunities available, was also planned.

In response to a question, the Partnership was informed that the Portrait would be used as a reference document and would assist with bid and grant applications.

3. RSP REVIEW GROUP UPDATE –

Mrs. Karen Edwards, Head of Strategy and Communications, provided the Partnership with an overview of the first Review Group meeting. She reported that the meeting had gone well and that the Group had decided to focus on the three areas of deprivation in the Borough and aimed to resolve issues within a period of four years. It was also planned to manage the Partnership's performance and define partner's roles.

She also advised that the Partnership would be expected by Government to prepare a revised Community Strategy (the Sustainable Community Strategy) and that the Review Group would be taking on the task.

4. PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS –

Mrs. Karen Edwards advised that all the Partnership projects had been integrated in to one list so that it was easier to monitor the RSP's progress. She requested that the Partnership note the list and inform her if they would like to make any changes.

5. EXTENDED SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS – A LOCAL PROJECT –

The Partnership welcomed Mr. Richard Mann, Educational Attainment Project Officer, and Mr. Tony McGovern, Extended Services Partnership Manager, from Rushmoor Borough Council.

Mr. Mann began by explaining that extended services provided children and parents with access to breakfast clubs and out of hours tuition, after school clubs, family learning and parental support. He then outlined the core offer, which was to be in place in all schools by 2010. It was noted that the core offer was the minimum amount of extended services that all schools were required to have. The Partnership was reminded that Rushmoor had 38 schools and that a steering group had been formed between local schools and colleges to address this.

Mr. Mann highlighted that funding for school improvement programmes had become an issue because the grant, provided by central Government each year, was being distributed by Hampshire County Council in clusters of schools, rather than to individual schools. In 2007, £87,000 had been divided between the 38 schools. To rectify the issue, the schools had decided that it would be best for a lead body, such as Rushmoor Council, to allocate funding. Rushmoor Borough Council had then employed the Extended Services Partnership Officer to work closely with the schools and distribute the funds.

Mr. Tony McGovern, Extended Services Partnership Officer, advised that extended services filled the gap between home and school and that there was already many activities available for young children in Rushmoor. He reported that he had held a consultation with each of the 38 schools to inform them of the core offer. An action plan had also been created by the schools steering group, which would help decide which schools were most deserving of the funds.

The Partnership noted that it had been agreed to also fund a Project Officer, which would be in post by September 2008. Mr. McGovern reported that a workshop had been held to tackle some issues around bullying. Free minibus driver training was being offered to schools, which would allow for more school trips. Adverts for extended school services were being included on the website and hardcopies would also be available. In late September an event would be held at the Princes Hall, which was aimed at better supporting ethnic minority schools.

Mr. McGovern reported that every school had to reach 55% of the national core offer target before September 2008 and advised that Rushmoor had already hit its 55% target. The Partnership noted that there was an extended schools officer in each county to deal with specific county issues.

6. **IN BRIEF –**

Mr. Jon Rundle circulated an updated copy of the Hampshire Local Area Agreement (LAA). The document set out eight priorities areas. Mr. Rundle explained that in each area the Partnership's targets and the GOSE (Government Office of the South East) targets were set out. These needed to

be signed off by the Secretary of State. The Partnership noted the most important areas.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS –**

Mr. Jon Rundle reported that a letter had been received from Hampshire County Council about health and wellbeing. He advised the Partnership that a letter had been sent back acknowledging receipt of the letter. A formal reply would be sent in due course, once progress had been made with the LAA.

8. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –**

Steering Group – Wednesday 3rd September 2008 at 10.00 a.m. Members Room, Rushmoor Borough Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough.

Rushmoor Strategic Partnership – Monday 15th September 2008 at 4.00 p.m. Committee Room 1, Rushmoor Borough Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough.

The meeting closed at 5.10 p.m.
