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# RUSHMOOR LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP

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Notes of a meeting held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2003 at Rushmoor Borough Council offices at 4.00 pm.

Present:

<b>Rushmoor Borough Council</b>		Councillor John Marsh Leader
		Councillor Peter Moyle (Chairman) Deputy Leader
		Councillor Nigel Baines Cabinet Member for Borough Services
		Mr Andrew Lloyd Chief Executive
<b>Hampshire County Council</b>	a	County Councillor David Kirk Executive Member for Community Development and Regeneration
		County Councillor Rod Baulk
<b>Military</b>		Colonel Stephen Oxlade, Garrison Commander
		Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Jack Matthews Garrison Adjutant
<b>North East Hampshire Police Division</b>		Superintendent Joe Apps
<b>Hampshire Fire Service</b>	a	Mr Robin Furniss Fire Inspection Officer
<b>Blackwater Valley and Hart Primary Care Trust</b>	a	Ms Debbie Glenn Chief Executive
	a	Mr Phil Chapman Health and Partnerships Manager
<b>Pavilion Housing Association</b>		Mr Mervyn Jones Chief Executive
<b>Rushmoor Voluntary Services</b>		Ms Sally Saunderson Chief Executive
<b>Farnborough College of Technology</b>		Mrs Christine Davis Principal

<b>Blackwater Valley Enterprise Trust</b>		Mr John Mitchell Chief Executive
<b>North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry</b>	a	Ms Barbara Bryant Chief Executive
<b>Basingstoke Canal Authority</b>	a	Mr Leigh Thornton Chief Executive

**In attendance:**

<b>Rushmoor Borough Council:</b>	Mr Andrew Colver Head of Democratic Services
	Ms Maggie Weaver Administrative Officer
<b>Blackwater Valley and Hart Primary Care Trust</b>	Mr Nick Buchanan Planning and Partnerships Manager
<b>Government Office for the South East</b>	Mr David Hobbs
<b>Hampshire County Council:</b>	Ms Frances Martin

Apologies for absence had been received from County Councillor David Kirk, Mr Robin Furniss (Fire Inspection Officer), Ms Debbie Glenn and Mr Phil Chapman (Blackwater Valley and Hart Primary Care Trust), Ms Barbara Bryant (North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and Mr Leigh Thornton (Basingstoke Canal Authority).

**1. NOTES OF LAST MEETING**

The notes of the previous meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2003 were approved.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

It was noted that a letter from Hampshire County Council regarding “rural proofing” in community strategies had been received and would be taken into consideration in the Borough’s work.

The Partnership noted that Annette Williams of QinetiQ was unable to attend future meetings and further representation from local businesses was being investigated. The Partnership also noted that other organisations had already expressed interest.

Andrew Colver informed the Partnership that a regular fact sheet would be circulated to the Council and partners at approximately four weekly intervals.

It was agreed that either the Chairman or an officer of the Council would attend a forthcoming event on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2003 at the Regus Business Centre, Guildford on business engagement. It was expected that this event would be a useful networking opportunity.

A community planning seminar would take place on 24<sup>th</sup> September at the Rushmoor Borough Council for local councillors.

The following nominations were received for each of the proposed thematic groups:

**Safe and Secure**

- Superintendent Joe Apps, North East Hampshire Police Division
- Colonel Stephen Oxlade, Military

**Transport Choice and Access**

- County Councillor Rod Baulk, Hampshire County Council
- Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Jack Matthews, Military

**Healthy and Active**

- Colonel Stephen Oxlade, Military
- Mr Nick Buchanan, Blackwater Valley and Hart Primary Care Trust

**Planning for Prosperity**

- Mr Andrew Lloyd, Rushmoor Borough Council

**Green and Clean**

- Ms Sally Saunderson, Rushmoor Voluntary Services
- County Councillor Rod Baulk, Hampshire County Council
- Superintendent Joe Apps, North East Hampshire Police Division

**Learning and Skills**

- Councillor Peter Moyle, Rushmoor Borough Council
- Mrs Christine Davis, Farnborough College of Technology

**3. PROJECT CONNAUGHT – UPDATE**

The Garrison Commander, Colonel Stephen Oxlade, gave an update on Project Connaught. He confirmed that Aspire Defence Limited had been selected as the preferred contractor for the military development. It was hoped that the plans would be consolidated within the following month and, subject to planning permission being granted, it was expected that the project should commence on target in April 2004.

Andrew Lloyd confirmed that comprehensive Supplementary Planning Guidance had been prepared – based on extensive consultation – for the alienated land which was greater in area than originally envisaged. Following discussions with GOSE, SEEDA, English Partnerships, Defence Estates and the Housing Corporation, this was to be taken to a further stage through a Planning for Real exercise leading to a comprehensive Master Plan covering all of the land available for redevelopment. The Council had also consulted on a proposed Conservation Area which, subject to further discussion with the MOD, would be reported to the Cabinet for confirmation in October. An outline planning application was likely to be submitted in the first quarter of 2004.

Subject to completion of the master planning exercise a seminar could be arranged when the master plan was nearing completion. Colonel Oxlade offered to give a presentation if required.

Following discussion it was agreed that the LSP would need to be closely involved with the master planning process through the Planning for Prosperity Group.

#### **4. PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE**

Andrew Colver informed the Partnership that it would need to establish terms of reference and working protocols and presented draft proposals that would need to be developed over the next few months. An outline structure for the Partnership had been agreed at the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2003. The proposals, plus a name for the Partnership, would need to be formally adopted in due course. Initially the Borough Council would take the lead in developing the Partnership and the Community Strategy.

David Hobbs agreed to enquire on behalf of the Partnership how other partnerships operated. He suggested that the Government guidance was not prescriptive and therefore open to interpretation to take account of local circumstances.

Andrew Colver agreed to set up a system of communication to inform local groups about the work of the Partnership and the Community Strategy.

#### **5. FRAMEWORK FOR THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

Andrew Colver introduced Paper No. 05/03 setting out the context of the Community Strategy and the work being undertaken on preparing the draft document. The Strategy would set out a vision for the Borough and plans for the medium to long term. At this stage the preliminary work was being undertaken by Rushmoor's Community Planning Team on the basis of the following broad headings:

- Executive Summary
- Introduction to the Strategy
- The Process
- Snapshot of Rushmoor
- Partnership Structure
- Themes (6)
- An Ongoing Process

Within each of the themes, the main priorities would be identified as a consequence of the data analysis and consultation together with appropriate action plans. As a Partnership document, the Strategy would also help a range of organisations to plan and deliver their own priorities and projects.

The Paper then referred to the proposed timetable for preparation of the Strategy although it was stressed that some changes would be necessary. The key milestones at present were:

- September/October - preparation of first draft Strategy
- September/November - theme groups develop action plans
- December - finalise and agree draft Strategy
- January 2004 - publish draft Strategy for consultation, hold stakeholder conference and finalise Strategy
- February - finalise Community Strategy for publication

The Partnership endorsed the proposed approach and asked to be kept informed of progress. It was agreed that partners should also consider areas where they could support the work of the Community Planning Team.

**6. BLACKWATER VALLEY AND HART PRIMARY CARE TRUST BRIEFING ON SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS**

Nick Buchanan presented a report prepared by the Blackwater Valley and Hart Primary Care Trust, on local services for people with mental health problems. It was noted that efforts were being made by a "Local Implementation Team" to identify problems in an attempt to discover why past strategies had failed to deliver satisfactory solutions.

The issues highlighted in the report demonstrated that mental health problems affected every area of society, especially in respect of housing, employment and relationships. There had been a lack of recognition in the past of the need for early intervention and for rehabilitation and recovery facilities. It was therefore suggested that an infrastructure was required to cover gaps in services and the importance of a partnership approach was stressed. A partnership would include large employers such as the Army to provide support to personnel. A toolkit for positive mental health in the workplace was available from the Health Promotion Specialist at the Blackwater Valley and Hart Primary Care Trust.

Nick Buchanan reported that there had been improvement in services through the provision of a Crisis Response Team to diagnose serious disorders and to offer treatment. In Fleet, the Sunshine and Showers initiative provided a support service for people suffering from depression and a similar scheme was planned in Yateley. It was suggested that other community based initiatives that might be able to offer support, could be identified through the Partnership. It was agreed that Nick Buchanan would be invited to report on the progress of the Local Implementation Team and to suggest specific areas where the Partnership could offer support.

**7. FUTURE MEETINGS**

The suggested dates of future meetings to take place at 4.00 pm were agreed, as follows:

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2003  
Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2003  
Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2004  
Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2004  
Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2004

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

COUNCILLOR PETER MOYLE  
CHAIRMAN

**LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP -  
ACTION SHEET**

<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>BY WHOM</b>	<b>BY WHEN</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
30th July 2003	Validation of thematic group areas	Community Planning Team	September 2003	On-going
	Preparation of baseline data for thematic groups	Community Planning Team	September 2003	Work in progress for completion mid-September
	Consideration to be given to suggestions for projects or issues to be tackled by thematic groups on which "early hits" could be achieved.	Members of LSP Group	LSP Group meeting – 4th September	Ongoing but Project Connaught being investigated
	RBC to nominate a co-ordinator for each of the thematic groups	Community Planning Team	September 2003	Completed
	Nominations to be made from LSP Group for "champions" of thematic groups	LSP Group members	September 2003	Completed
	Obtain copy of Hampshire Strategic Partnership's emerging themes	Community Planning Team	September 2003	Awaited
	Obtain information on funding opportunities for work undertaken by thematic groups	Community Planning Team	November 2003	Work to start early October. Possibility of pump priming resources through the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit being investigated

	<b>Develop database of LSP Forum organisations to include brief description of activities of each organisation to provide a searchable facility</b>	Community Planning Team	LSP Group meeting – 22nd October 2003	Work commenced
	<b>Confirm membership of the LSP Group to encompass representation from all sectors including representative on environmental issues and a further representative of the community sector</b>	LSP Group	LSP Group meetings as required	Basingstoke Canal Authority appointed. Other options being considered
<b>4th September 2003</b>	<b>Establish plan for communications and to drive communications on behalf of LSP with support from partners</b>	Chairman/ Community Planning Team	September 2003	Ideas being developed
	<b>Development of Partnership protocols and terms of reference</b>	Community Planning Team	LSP Group meeting – 25th March 2004	Being developed with evolving Partnership structure
	<b>Preparation of Community Strategy</b>	Community Planning Team	LSP Group meeting – 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2003	Introductory chapters being prepared
	<b>Report back on Local Implementation Team work and options for LSP input to secure improvements to local mental health resources</b>	Primary Care Trust		