
RUSHMOOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Notes of a meeting held on **Wednesday, 9th May 2007** at the Rushmoor Borough Council Offices at 4.00 pm.

Present:

Basingstoke Canal Authority	Mr Ian Brown Director
Hampshire County Council	County Councillor Roger Kimber
North East Hampshire Police Division	Chief Superintendent Paul Netherton
North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Mr John Harrocks
North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Mrs Valerie Cloke
Parity for Disability	Ms Alison Cooper
Rushmoor Borough Council	Councillor Peter Moyle (Chairman) Leader
Rushmoor Borough Council	Mr Andrew Lloyd Chief Executive
Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux	Ms Alex Hughes District Manager
Rushmoor Healthy Living	Mr Tony Docker Chief Executive
Rushmoor Voluntary Services	Mr Greg Alexander Chief Executive

Absent:

Aldershot Garrison	a	Colonel Nigel Josling OBE Garrison Commander
Enterprise First	a	Mr John Mitchell (Vice-Chairman) Chief Executive
Farnborough College of Technology	a	Mrs Christine Davis Principal

First Wessex Housing Group	a	Ms Patricia Bushell Director of Housing
Guildford Diocese	a	Ms Clare Sewell North Hampshire Development Officer
Hampshire Primary Care Trust	a	Vacant Position Public Health Directorate

In attendance:

Hampshire County Council Ms Cheryl Bosworth
Hampshire Action Team Co-Ordinator

Rushmoor Borough Council Mr Andrew Colver
Head of Democratic and Facilities

Miss Annie Denton
Partnership Officer

Miss Jemma Gibbons
Administrative Officer

Mr Les Murrell
Strategy Co-ordinator (Sustainability)

Mr Jon Rundle
Assistant Head of Strategy and
Communications

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Colonel Nigel Josling (Aldershot Garrison), Clare Sewell (Guildford Diocese), Patricia Bushell (First Wessex Housing Group) and John Mitchell (Enterprise First).

1. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –

The Partnership confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 7th February 2007.

2. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA) EVENT OUTCOMES AND RECOMMENDATIONS –

The Partnership received a presentation from Phil Stoneman, Principal Community Safety Officer at Rushmoor Borough Council, on the Local Area Agreement and how it related to community safety. Mr. Stoneman advised the Partnership that he had attended a LAA workshop on 19th March, which looked at LAA Partnerships and drug and alcohol related issues.

Mr. Stoneman explained that the LAA concentrated on improving partnership working and on specific learning around drugs and alcohol. He advised that drugs and alcohol would be added as a new flagship initiative and the aim

would be to reduce the amount of drugs that were easily accessible to buyers, and to educate children on the dangers of drugs and alcohol by intervening at a young age.

It was highlighted that it was important for the Partnership to have a geographical focus and work at a local level to combat issues. Mr. Stoneman informed the Partnership that the LAA intended to recommend a quarterly series of seminars to be set up to concentrate on the eight LAA outcomes and flagships. Each of the seminars would focus on the outcomes and arrangements for co-ordinating activities. The Partnership then noted some general proposals for structural issues and Mr. Stoneman highlighted the recommendations.

Mr. Andrew Lloyd, Chief Executive at Rushmoor Council, commented on some of the LAA themes and highlighted that Hampshire County Council and Rushmoor Borough Council had already done a significant amount of work on combating drugs and alcohol misuse. The Partnership noted that with the introduction of the Local Government White Paper, work would need to be simplified in order for the Partnership to continue working effectively. Mr. Lloyd informed the Partnership that he would provide an update on the LAA at the next meeting.

Chief Superintendent Paul Netherton provided the Partnership with a police perspective and explained that 75% of the Hampshire Constabulary's work was based around drug and related crimes. The Partnership noted that the Hampshire Fire Service visited schools throughout the County educating young children on household dangers and that a presentation on the dangers of drugs and alcohol could also be included.

3. KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN RUSHMOOR –

Mr. Andrew Lloyd, Chief Executive at Rushmoor Borough Council, provided the Partnership with a presentation on the key developments and current issues in Rushmoor.

Mr. Lloyd began by reminding members that the Borough had many historical features and that the population was fairly young when compared with other surrounding districts. He explained that employment opportunities continued to grow with new developments, however many residents travelled out of the Borough to work and employees commuted in from other districts. Mr. Lloyd highlighted the number of 15 year olds achieving A to C grades in Rushmoor since 2003, and explained that improvements had been made to focus on improving education and learning.

The Partnership viewed artist impressions of the future developments at Farnborough Town Centre in Rushmoor, including a Vue Cinema and the new Sainsbury supermarket. Mr. Lloyd highlighted that the work in Farnborough was due to start the following week. It was explained that Aspire Defence would be joining the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership in the future. Aspire Defence had been formed to deliver Project Allenby/Connaught to the Army at Aldershot Garrison and at other sites were working closely with the MoD to

achieve this. Mr. Lloyd then highlighted new developments, Farnborough Airport and the surrounding area.

Mr. Lloyd highlighted the Dakota Hotel, which would be positioned along the Farnborough Road. The Partnership noted that an item on hotels had been one of the first projects that the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership had worked on. The Dakota Hotel had been built in memory of the RAF building and a plaque would be designed to show recognition.

The Partnership then noted Rushmoor Council key priorities. The major themes were 'safe', 'prosperous' and 'clean' with supporting themes 'quality' and 'your voice'. Mr. Lloyd explained that Rushmoor's performance indicators were rated very good and community safety had improved with the introduction of the Community Safety Patrol Team. It was advised that a Partnership key initiative was working towards tackling crime and disorder. Mr. Lloyd commented on waste management and informed the Partnership that Rushmoor was currently in the process of a six-month recycling trial to try and increase the amount of waste recycled. It was hoped to get more business involved with recycling too. Mr. Lloyd highlighted the work that had been done to redesign the reception area at Rushmoor Council and explained that new technology was hoped to speed up customer service.

In response to a question, Mr. Lloyd explained that Rushmoor remained in a financially secure position by following a medium term financial strategy, which were updated every three years.

4. PROJECTS REPORT –

(1) Environmental Project – Renovation of Farnborough Community Centre Pond –

The Partnership received an update from Les Murrell, Strategy Co-ordinator (Sustainability), on the renovation of Farnborough Community Centre Pond. Mr. Murrell reported that there had been a delay with the project caused by the Environmental Agency, who had requested that the pond be emptied by a professional company due to hazardous remains. He explained that the marsh planting was now complete and a soak system would soon be installed to keep the plants watered in the hotter summer months. The final stage would be to install bronze seating and an interpretation board. The Partnership noted that the project should be completed within 6 weeks.

(2) Accidents in the Home –

Tony Docker, Chief Executive for Rushmoor Healthy Living, provided the Partnership with an update on the Accidents in the Home Project Group. He explained that the Group had held two 65+ Roadshows in Aldershot and Farnborough to advise Rushmoor's senior citizens on the dangers of falls and how to prevent them. The two events offered replacement safe style slippers, provided by Hampshire County Council, to over 65 year olds attending the events. Mr. Docker explained that the events had received sponsorship from partners, which meant that two different falls advice booklets had been

produced to give to elderly residents. Both events had offered seated exercise classes and received significant press coverage. The Partnership noted that it had been a very successful project.

The second project, planned by the Accidents in the Home Group, was a falls project in Rushmoor's Heron Wood Ward. Mr. Docker explained that the reason Heron wood ward had been chosen was because it had the highest number of falls admissions to hospital when compared to other wards in Rushmoor. The Group would be attempting to reduce the number of falls in the ward by following three measures. These measures were education, practical and prevention and Mr. Docker advised the Partnership on what each of the measures involved. The event in Heronwood was to be named 'Stay Active and Independent' and would be held at Connaught School on 7th August 2007.

(3) Local Business & Local People Competition -

Annie Denton, Rushmoor Strategic Partnership Officer, advised the competition had now ended. The winner had been a local building company named Norris and Harding and that second place had gone to the Princes Mead Manager, Gary Little. Miss. Denton advised that a small reception would be held on 21st June to celebrate the results of the competition. The Partnership noted that it was planned for the competition to become an annual event in the future.

Action/Decision	Who	When
The Partnership noted the updates.	All	----

5. MEMBERSHIP AND RESOURCING –

AEC explained that Aspire Defence and Princes Mead were to become new Rushmoor Strategic Partnership members and would hopefully be attending the next full Partnership meeting.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

CB notified the Partnership that they would be receiving a letter advising that the HATs had chosen three priority areas for focus. The areas were highways and transport, recreation and horticulture and young people.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –

Full Partnership Meetings:

Tuesday, 17th July 2007 – 4.00 pm at Rushmoor Borough Council

Steering Group Meetings:

Wednesday, 20th June 2007 – 10.00 am at Rushmoor Borough Council

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.
