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## RUSHMOOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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Notes of a meeting held on **Monday, 10th November 2008** at the Rushmoor Borough Council Offices at 4.00 pm.

Present:

<b>Aldershot Garrison</b>	Colonel Tim Forster Garrison Colonel
<b>Aspire Defence Services Ltd</b>	Neil Johnston Garrison Facilities Director
<b>Enterprise First</b>	Mr. John Mitchell (Vice-Chairman) Chief Executive
<b>Guildford Diocese</b>	Canon David Tonkinson Partnership Development Officer
<b>Hampshire County Council</b>	County Councillor Roger Kimber  Cheryl Bosworth HAT Co-ordinator
<b>Hampshire Primary Care Trust</b>	Dr. Martin Ashton-Keys Area Director of Public Health
<b>North East Hampshire Police Division</b>	Chief Superintendent Mark Chatterton
<b>Parity for Disability</b>	Ms. Alison Cooper Services Manager
<b>Princes Mead Shopping Centre</b>	Mr. David Pickett
<b>Rushmoor Borough Council</b>	Councillor Peter Moyle (Chairman) Leader  Mr. Andrew Lloyd Chief Executive
<b>Rushmoor Healthy Living</b>	Mr. Tony Docker
<b>Rushmoor Voluntary Services</b>	Mr. Greg Alexander Chief Executive

Absent:

**Basingstoke Canal Authority**

Mr. Ian Brown  
Director

**Farnborough College of  
Technology**

Mrs. Christine Davis  
Principal

**First Wessex Housing Group**

Mr. Paul Ryrie  
Director of Housing

**North Hampshire Chamber of  
Commerce and Industry**

Mr. John Harrocks  
Chief Executive

**Rushmoor Citizens' Advice  
Bureaux**

Ms. Alex Hughes  
District Manager

In attendance:

**Rushmoor Borough Council**

Mr. John Edwards  
Director of Community and Environment

Mrs. Karen Edwards  
Head of Strategy and Communications

Miss. Annie Denton  
Partnership Officer

Miss Joanna Little  
Policy and Performance Officer

Mr. Jon Rundle  
Assistant Head of Strategy and  
Communications

Miss Julia Graham  
Education Officer

Mrs. Katie Bailey  
Planning Policy and Conservation Manager

Mrs. April Moakes  
Administrative Officer

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Ian Brown, Christine Davis, Paul Ryrie and John Harrocks.

## 1. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –

The Partnership confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 15th September 2008.

## 2. DEVELOPING OUR COMMUNITIES

The Partnership welcomed Miss Julia Graham, Education Officer, Rushmoor Borough Council. Miss Graham gave a presentation summarising the recent consultation carried out in the Mayfield and Grange wards of Farnborough.

Miss Graham reminded the Partnership that the Mayfield and Grange wards had historically had problems. These included pockets of multiple deprivation, high social housing, anti-social behaviour, poor educational attainment and reputation. Miss Graham explained that workshops had been held during 2007 with practitioners and young people from the area. These workshops had identified the main issues which had included perceptions, bridging the gaps and finding a way forward.

Miss Graham explained that resident consultation would be taking place during 2009. She reminded the Partnership that the community were difficult to engage with so a multi-pronged approach would be used. The approach would include a very local postal survey and a series of workshops. Miss Graham added that the workshops would be facilitated by Raj Bhari who was a respected Neighbourhood Renewal Advisor.

Miss Graham explained that a survey had been carried out with residents. The response rate was 15% (600 returned surveys) overall but as low as 9% in area 5. The following results were extracted from the surveys:

What makes a good place to live?

Low levels of crime = 72%	BVPI 2006 = 60%
Clean streets = 50%	BVPI 2006 = 43%
Good neighbours = 41%	BVPI 2006 = n/m

What most needs improving?

Activities for teenagers = 50%	BVPI 2006 = 50%
Levels of crime = 40%	BVPI 2006 = 37%
Road and pavement repairs = 40%	BVPI 2006 = 32%

When asked if they believed people from different backgrounds could get on well together locally:

<b>BVPI 2006 -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rushmoor lowest = 72%</li><li>- Winchester highest = 89%</li><li>- Hampshire average = 86%</li></ul>	<b>Survey results –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Overall 66%</li><li>- Area 1 below 60%</li></ul>
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When asked if they felt there was tension in the area, 41% felt that there was and said that this was because of youths hanging around, anti-social behaviour and vandalism. Miss Graham explained that 32% had experienced tension but 49% of these residents had not reported this because they had felt that nothing would be done or there could be repercussions.

When asked if they felt safe after dark, 34% of respondents said they felt unsafe, which was high in comparison to the results from the Citizens' panel (26%). When asked if they had experienced anything that had made them feel unsafe 44% said they had, however 59% had not reported it.

Miss Graham explained the next steps that would be taken: Workshops would be set up for 2009. These would be specific to each area and would give opportunities for

- the underlying issues to be understood
- "myth busting"
- community champions to be established
- the community to be better understood

She added that all the consultations would be reviewed to allow priorities to be developed. The group would then identify funding opportunities and priorities for the delivery of projects.

Miss Graham concluded by summarising the achievements that had been made during 2008, these included: the employment of a youth/facilities worker, a culture awareness day at Farnborough College of Technology, the establishment of a basketball team for girls, the launch of a community radio station and an information pack for new residents.

The Partnership thanked Miss Graham for her informative presentation.

### **3. CHILDWISE**

The Partnership welcomed Miss Joanna Little, Policy Officer, Rushmoor Borough Council. Miss Little gave a presentation on the results of the ChildWise consultation.

Miss Little explained that the purpose of the ChildWise research was to:

- have set the priorities from those important areas identified by the Children and Young People's Partnership
- understood the future aspirations of young people
- have provided information and well-being among the children and young people in Rushmoor.

Miss Little outlined the methodology employed when the surveys were carried out. She explained that the groups who had been questioned were:

- young people aged between 11 and 19 years (670 responses)
- young people in employment (22 responses)
- young people not in education, employment or training (26 responses)
- college students (53 responses)

- parents with children under 11 years old (114 responses)

Focus groups were held with:

- teenagers aged between 12 years and 18 years
- teenagers aged between 16 years and 19 years
- primary school children aged 9 to 10 years
- parents of younger children
- the Nepalese community
- special needs and minority groups
- young people not in education or training (NEETS)

A summary sheet was distributed to highlight the main priorities drawn from the surveys and focus groups.

Miss Little explained that when asked about their aspirations for the future the most important actions were:

- crime and fear of crime would be reduced
- affordable, quality homes should be provided
- education would be improved
- the town centres would be improved
- more facilities and services would be provided for young people
- inequality and discrimination would be reduced

Miss Little added that the two RSP priorities that aligned with the children's aspirations were:

- low NVQ levels 3 and 4 (this was ranked 5th by the RSP)
- high levels of violent crime, burglary, sexual offences and drugs (this was ranked 8th by the RSP)

Miss Little reported on the main findings from the surveys and focus groups, these included health and happiness. Other highlights were:

Services and Facilities

- 37% were satisfied with current projects, services and facilities
- Most satisfied lived in North Town
- Most dissatisfied lived in West Heath

Main concerns

- 54 % thought that there was nothing to do in the area
- 33% thought that there were no facilities

Satisfaction with the area

- 19% knew that they wanted to stay in the area when they were adults
- 35% planned to move away – they thought there was more on offer elsewhere or they did not like the area

Miss Little highlighted the results from the Nepalese Community:

- Their satisfaction with current projects, services and facilities was higher at 52% (Rushmoor wide average was 37%)
- 37% had experienced stress (Rushmoor wide average was 64%)
- 18% had been bullied (Rushmoor wide average was 37%)
- 27% wanted to stay in the area when they were older (Rushmoor wide average was 19%)

- 85% wanted more help, support and confidential advice (Rushmoor wide average was 62%) – this suggested the need for more independent support between their own community and the wider world
- The top priority was better health for children and teens (Rushmoor wide average was 71%)

Miss Little explained that the special needs and minority groups had two top priorities, these were:

1. Improved support for vulnerable children and young people
2. improved support for parents and carers

Parents also wanted their children to be afforded the same opportunities as other children for example in play and leisure provision. It was also requested that more information about services be made available. Miss Little added that there were many people who ran specialist activities because they were the parents of special needs children. Some were concerned about the pressure that had been put on them as they were not trained professionals.

Miss Little explained that at the previous RSP meeting, which was held on 15th September 2008, it was decided that tackling obese children in Rushmoor was the second top priority. She reported that there were several suggestions from the participants in the ChildWise research to solve this issue, these included: a gym for young people, a reduction in the cost of leisure activities, allowing young people to voice their opinions when leisure activities were planned. They also suggested that police patrols were increased to reduce drinking in public and make it harder for drugs to be obtained. The Partnership noted that the participants did not consider obesity to be a high priority, they thought that this issue was the responsibility of schools and individuals, not the Council.

Miss Little reported that in their six most important priorities young people, parents of children under 11 years old and Nepalese children all had:

- more support to be given to children affected by domestic violence
- more steps to be taken to cut youth crime and anti-social behaviour

She added that the young people's top aspiration for the future was a reduction in crime and the fear of crime.

The partnership thanked Miss Little for her presentation.

#### **4. HAMPSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT LEADS**

The Partnership welcomed Mr. Jon Rundle, Assistant Head of Strategy & Communications, Rushmoor Borough Council.

Mr. Rundle distributed a summary document outlining key RSP contacts for each of the LAA theme areas. Mr. Rundle accepted nominations from Partnership Members to complete the table. A copy of the completed table was attached.

## 5. BOROUGH VISIONING WORKSHOP

The Partnership welcomed Mrs. Karen Edwards, Head of Strategy and Communications. Mrs Edwards explained that the purpose of the workshop was to use the outcomes from the recent ten Borough Visioning Workshops to agree a Vision Statement for the Rushmoor Sustainable Community Strategy.

Mrs Edwards summarised the RSP's recent work:

1. the RSP had assessed the current Community Strategy against the LAA and the new national indicator set
2. the RSP had created the Portrait of Rushmoor 2008 to give a shared understanding of what the borough was like
3. from the portrait key challenges had been identified
4. a workshop exercise was undertaken and the challenges were prioritised from the Portrait

Mrs Edwards presented the RSP's top priorities. These were:

1. Mayfield should be tackled as an area of multiple deprivation
2. obesity in children should be tackled
3. North town should be tackled as an area of multiple deprivation
4. Heron Wood should be tackled as an area of multiple deprivation
5. the level of achievement at NVQ levels 3 and 4 should be improved
6. the significant numbers of international migrants should be coped with
7. high suicide numbers should be better understood and the rate of suicides should be reduced
8. peoples lifestyle health choices should be improved
8. the amount of certain types of crime should be reduced
10. obesity in adults should be tackled
11. the perception of crime and anti-social behaviour should be tackled

Mrs Edwards explained that there have been a series of workshop sessions during the last couple of weeks where small groups have used pictures to create montages of the Rushmoor they would like to see in 2026.

The workshops were run with:

- Members of the public
- Councillors
- RSP partner organisation's staff
- Council Officers who live in the Borough
- The Council's wider leadership team

The Partnership was invited to view a number of pictorial visions that were displayed in the Council Chamber.

Following detailed discussions with Partners on the content of the Vision for Rushmoor 2026, Peter Moyle approved the following:

A thriving, innovative and attractive Borough, proud of its heritage.

Rushmoor would be a place:

- Where people are happy, healthy, safe and have a bright future

- Which is bright and green and open
- Which is proud of its past and capitalises on its heritage
- Which is easy to get around
- Which has great places to go and lots to do
- With a prosperous and sustainable economy

Mrs Edwards explained that now there was a vision for the Borough in 2026 and therefore a vision for the Sustainable Community Strategy. The Partnership identified the key areas of work and in the new year agreed that it would work towards delivering the key priorities. She added that the vision would be used to drive the Rushmoor Sustainable Community Strategy and the work of the RSP and its partners.

The Partnership thanked Mrs Edwards for the workshop.

#### **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –**

**Steering Group – Thursday, 29th January 2009 at 10.00 a.m.** Andrew Lloyd's office, Rushmoor Borough Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough.

**Rushmoor Strategic Partnership – 5th February 2009 at 4.00 p.m.** Committee Room 1, Rushmoor Borough Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough.

The meeting closed at 5.45 p.m.

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