



RUSHMOOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Notes of the meeting held on **Thursday, 10th December 2009** at the Rushmoor Borough Council Offices at 4.00 pm.

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED:

Aldershot Garrison Col. Tim Forster, Garrison Commander
Children and Young People's Partnership Mr. David Bailey, Chairman
Enterprise First Mr. John Mitchell, Chief Executive (Vice-Chairman – in the Chair)
First Wessex Housing Association Mr. Matt Smith
Guildford Diocese Canon David Tonkinson, Partnership Development Officer
Hampshire Constabulary Superintendent Colin Smith, Chief Inspector Duncan Weston
Health and Well Being Partnership Mr. David Quirk, Chairman
NHS Hampshire Mrs. Jill Corbett, Mr. Andy Whitfield
Parity for Disability Ms. Alison Cooper
Princes Mead Shopping Centre Mr. David Pickett, Centre Director
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

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS ABSENT:

Aspire Defence Services Ltd Mr. Neil Johnston, Garrison Facilities Director
Basingstoke Canal Authority Mr. Ian Brown, Director
Farnborough College of Technology Mrs. Christine Davis, Principal
Government Office for the South East Mrs. Cathy Evans
Hampshire County Council Mrs. Joy Smith, HAT Co-ordinator
North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mr. John Harrocks, Chief Executive, Valorie Cloke
Rushmoor Borough Council Cr. Peter Moyle, Leader (Chairman), Mr. Andrew Lloyd, Chief Executive (and Chairman of the Crime and Disorder Partnership)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rushmoor Borough Council

Mr. John Edwards, Director of Community and Environment
Mr. Peter Amies, Head of Community
Mrs. Karen Edwards, Head of Strategy and Communications
Mr. Jon Rundle, Assistant Head of Strategy and Communications
Miss Annie Denton, Partnership Officer
Mr. Chris Todd, Democratic Support Officer

1. **WELCOME –**

The Partnership resolved that, following a recommendation from the Steering Group, the Chairmen of the Partnership's theme groups would become full members of the Partnership and the meeting therefore welcomed David Bailey, Chairman of the Children and Young People's Partnership, David Quirk, Chairman of the Health and Well Being Partnership. It was noted that Andrew Lloyd, the Chairman of the Crime and Disorder Partnership, was already a member of the Partnership in his capacity as Chief Executive of Rushmoor Borough Council.

2. **APOLOGIES –**

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Peter Moyle and Andrew Lloyd (Rushmoor Borough Council), John Harrocks and Valorie Cloke (North Hampshire Chamber for Commerce and Industry), Sue Daniels (First Wessex Housing Group) and Christine Davis (Farnborough College of Technology).

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

The Partnership confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 30th September 2009.

4. **ALDERSHOT SUPER GARRISON –**

The Partnership welcomed Dr. Sarah Wareing, Super Garrison Project Officer, who presented an update on progress towards the South East Super Garrison (SESG). It was explained that this was a people based project centred on providing first class regional facilities at the Aldershot hub, with satellite stations at Minley, Bordon, Sandhurst, Pirbright, Deepcut, Keogh, Arborfield, Winchester and Worthy Down, contributing to and drawing on those facilities. The core principle was to improve the lives of the community who lived within the Super Garrison. Examples of how this had been achieved included the provision of the Garrison Sports Centre and the Aldershot Centre for Health. The Partnership heard that the other three Super Garrisons were based at Salisbury Down, Catterick and Colchester. It was proposed that the use of the existing sites within the South East Super Garrison would be reviewed as part of this process and this was likely to see the cessation of Deepcut, Arborfield and Bordon as bases. It was stressed that a partnership approach was being used and members of the SESG Partnership included Hampshire and Surrey County Councils, Rushmoor Borough Council, the Government Office for the South East, the Hampshire Economic Partnership, the National Health Service and Defence Estates. The Partnership had identified a number of key areas and had also identified a number of ways in which these could be addressed. To assist the process, a series of framework documents had been produced and progress had been closely monitored. In summary, the South East Super Garrison project was a long term development programme aiming to create partnerships and better cohesion between military and civilian communities.

During discussion, the Chairman stated that many service leavers had approached Enterprise First in respect of starting their own businesses, which would typically provide employment for other former soldiers. It was explained that the

Partnership could help the project by encouraging current and former service personnel and families to take on work in the voluntary sector and also by considering what opportunities might exist for partnerships and joint working.

5. RUSHMOOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP (CYPP) UPDATE –

The Partnership received a presentation from David Bailey, Chairman of the Children and Young People's Partnership (CYPP) on recent progress made. It was explained that, from the outset, the Partnership had decided to focus mainly on local priorities over Hampshire County Council's suggested generic themes. This had led to the identification of five outcome areas for the period from 2006 - 2009. The action plan to cover the period 2009 – 2012 had identified eleven top priorities and 25 secondary priorities. Top priority actions that were defined as on target included the Aldershot Park play area, the KIDS Summer play scheme and tackling drug and alcohol misuse. Two of the priority actions were not considered to be on target and these were the appointment of a women's refuge worker and the consideration of holiday transport options. The Partnership heard how many of the secondary priorities had also been achieved, including the provision of a translation service and the introduction of free swimming. External funding of around £11 million had been secured over the previous two years from a variety of sources including the Department of Children, Schools and Families, S106 developers' contributions and the Children's Fund. CYPP's immediate priorities included tackling the remaining two top priorities and refreshing the current plan.

The Rushmoor Strategic Partnership expressed its gratitude to the CYPP for the good work it had carried out and, in particular, paid tribute to the Chairman, David Bailey, who was about to retire from his role.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL STRATEGY UPDATE –

The Partnership was informed that Hampshire County Council had identified a representative for neighbourhood renewal in Rushmoor, a new single point of contact, Mr. James Strachan, Assistant Director of Environment. The Partnership would receive a fuller update once contact had been made with Mr. Strachan.

7. IN BRIEF –

(i) Hidden Asset Report

Greg Alexander gave a brief summary of a report which encapsulated the total value delivered by the voluntary sector locally. The report was available at: <http://www.rvs.org.uk/core/Raise%20Hidden%20Asset%202009%20Hampshire.pdf>. It was explained that around 83 voluntary groups in Rushmoor reported back on how many volunteers they used and how many people they supported.

(ii) Hampshire Health and Well Being Strategy

David Quirk, Chairman of the Health and Well Being Partnership reminded the Partnership of the existence of the draft Rushmoor Health Improvement Plan that

was nearing the consultation stage. The Partnership requested that this plan is accessible from the RSP website.

Action:

- Annie Denton to ensure that appropriate links are added to the Strategic Partnership's website.

(iii) Hampshire Local Transport Plan 2011

Annie Denton gave a brief update in the absence of Hampshire County Council representation. HCC were currently working on the initial stage of the development process focusing on the high level challenges. The closing date for comments on the Initial Stakeholder Consultation Document was 31st December. A more in depth consultation on the draft LTP Strategy would take place in the Spring/Summer 2010.

Action:

- Annie Denton to circulate Consultation Document to Partnership members for comment.

(iv) Migration Impact Assessment

Karen Edwards informed the Partnership of a piece of work the Council was undertaking on the impact of migration in Rushmoor. It was intended that this work would reflect the impact across the Borough and not just on the Council directly. It was therefore agreed that each member of the Partnership would provide a brief summary of the impact migration was having on their respective services.

Action:

- Annie Denton to contact Partnership members for their contributions.

(v) Rushmoor Sustainable Community Strategy

Annie Denton presented the draft Rushmoor Sustainable Community Strategy that needed some minor amendments prior to Partner consultation. The updated key priorities for 2010 were discussed and approved as.

- To take a Neighbourhood Renewal approach to improving Mayfield, North Town and Heron Wood
- To encourage a healthy weight in both children and adults
- To improve the level of educational achievement at NVQ levels 3 and 4
- To support an increasingly diverse community
- To understand and reduce mental health problems
- To reduce alcohol abuse and related admissions to hospital
- To reduce the level of violent crime, burglary, sexual and drug offences
- To tackle the perception of crime and anti-social behaviour

- To encourage economic recovery from the recession
- To mitigate and adapt to climate change

Action:

- Annie Denton to circulate the Sustainable Community Strategy to Partners for consultation.

(vi) Economic Recession Update

John Edwards, Rushmoor's Director of Community and Environment updated the Partnership on the actions being taken to assist residents and businesses during the recession. He explained that some indicators, such as the unemployment rate, had shown a levelling out over the previous three to four months. Council Tax collection had remained high with good benefits performance. There were a number of initiatives in place to support local businesses including the provision of advice by Enterprise First and the Citizens' Advice Bureaux. Support for residents included the establishment of the Hampshire Credit Union in Aldershot. Mr. Edwards confirmed that, following his pending retirement from the Council, the new Chairman of the Recession Corporate Group would be Ian Harrison, Rushmoor's Head of Customer Services. The Partnership thanked Mr. Edwards for his hard work over many years and also commended the work of the Citizens' Advice Bureaux at this time.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –

Rushmoor Strategic Partnership – Committee Room 1, Rushmoor Borough Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough:

Wednesday, 10th February (4.00 pm)
Wednesday, 21st April (4.00 pm)
Wednesday, 30th June (3.00 pm)
Wednesday, 2nd September (3.00 pm)
Wednesday, 4th November (3.00 pm)
Monday, 13th December (3.00 pm)

The meeting closed at 5.40 p.m.
