



RUSHMOOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Notes of a meeting held on **Monday, 12th May 2008** at the Rushmoor Borough Council Offices at 4.00 pm.

Present:

Enterprise First	Mr. John Mitchell (Vice-Chairman) Chief Executive
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
Rushmoor Borough Council	Councillor Peter Moyle (Chairman) Leader
Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux	Ms. Alex Hughes District Manager
Rushmoor Healthy Living	Mr. Tony Docker Chief Executive
Guildford Diocese	Ms. Clare Sewell North Hampshire Development Officer
Rushmoor Borough Council	Mr. Andrew Lloyd Chief Executive
Princes Mead Shopping Centre	Mr. David Pickett
Absent:	
Aldershot Garrison	Garrison Commander
Aspire Defence Services Ltd	Ms. Kath Cortizo Garrison Facilities Director
Farnborough College of Technology	Mrs. Christine Davis Principal

Rushmoor Voluntary Services	Mr. Greg Alexander Chief Executive
Basingstoke Canal Authority	Mr. Ian Brown Director
Hampshire Primary Care Trust	Mr. Martin Ashton-Keys Area Director of Public Health
First Wessex Housing Group	Ms. Patricia Bushell Director of Housing
North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Mr. John Harrocks Chief Executive
Parity for Disability	Ms. Alison Cooper Services Manager

In attendance:

Rushmoor Borough Council	Mr. Andrew Colver Head of Democratic Services
	Miss. Annie Denton Partnership Officer
	Mrs. April Moakes Administrative Officer
	Mrs. Debbie Whitcombe Regeneration Officer
	Mr. Jon Rundle Assistant Head of Strategy and Communications
	Mrs. Karen Edwards Head of Strategy and Communications
	Miss. Emily Butcher Senior Planning Officer

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Mr. John Harrocks (North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry), Ms. Alison Cooper (Parity for Disability) Mrs. Christine Davies (Farnborough College of Technology), Ms. Kath Cortizo (Aspire Defence Services Ltd), Mr. Duncan Coombes (Princes Mead Shopping Centre), Mr. Ian Brown (Basingstoke Canal Authority), Mr. Greg Alexander (Rushmoor Voluntary Services)

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

It was noted that the last meeting on 25th March 2007 had been a workshop and the output had been circulated to Members.

2. **COVE VILLAGE REGENERATION –**

The Partnership received a presentation on the Cove Village Regeneration from Debbie Whitcombe. Mrs. Whitcombe explained that the project was part of Hampshire County Council's Regeneration of Older Urban Areas Initiative. She explained that Cove was one of Farnborough's original villages and that the centre of Cove had lost its "village" feel. Mrs. Whitcombe added that the quality of the environment had also been diminished.

Mrs. Whitcombe outlined the project objectives as:

- Improving the quality of the environment
- Reducing the dominance of the highway
- Promoting a strong local identity
- Reversing economic decline by developing the neighbourhood shopping setting
- Enhancing an important "gateway" into Farnborough town centre
- Improving health and wellbeing by supporting measures to improve access to community facilities

Mrs. Whitcombe explained how community mapping events had been carried out with the local community to find out what mattered to them and their ideas for the future. The first mapping event had been held on 30th October 2007.

Mrs. Whitcombe outlined the main issues for the village as:

- Making it easier to cross the side roads
- Improving lighting
- Looking at landscaping
- Rationalising parking
- Investigating how to improve the frontage to shops and pubs
- Reducing street clutter
- Slowing down traffic

The second event had been held on 5th December 2007. Mrs. Whitcombe explained that the focus of this event was to prioritise the issues raised from the first event. She outlined the priorities as:

- Working on the entrances to the village
- Improving the pedestrian facilities
- Reducing vehicle speed

In response to a question about the movement of children across the Cove Brook road junction, Mrs. Whitcombe explained that the junction was a main crossing point and that it was not a safe place for the road to be crossed. She added that the regeneration work would be addressing crossing points in the village.

In response to a question about funding further regeneration, Mrs. Whitcombe explained that the Hampshire County Council resources were specific to this project. She described how interest could grow in an area which could lead to further investment, she cited North Camp as an example. Mr. Lloyd added that there would probably be future opportunities to bid for more investment in the area.

Mr. Docker asked about the traffic flow and if it was intended to redirect the traffic away from the village centre. Mrs. Whitcombe explained that traffic would continue to pass through the village centre but signage and design changes would slow the speed.

The Partnership thanked Mrs. Whitcombe for her presentation.

3. RSP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME –

Karen Edwards asked the partnership for approval of the RSP Review Group Partners suggested at the workshop meeting held on 25th March 2008. The proposed partners were: Greg Alexander (Rushmoor Voluntary Services), Cheryl Bosworth (Hampshire County Council), Mark Chatterton (Hampshire Constabulary), Kath Cortizo (Aspire Defence), Tony Docker (Rushmoor Healthy living) and Andrew Lloyd (Rushmoor Borough Council).

The Partnership approved the membership.

4. RUSHMOOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY –

Karen Edwards gave a presentation on the RSP involvement with the RSCS and consultation on the Rushmoor Plan (Local Development Framework [LDF])

Mrs. Edwards reminded the Partnership of the role of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), which was to set out the strategic vision for a place. It provided a vehicle for considering and deciding how to address difficult cross cutting issues such as the economic future of an area, social exclusion and climate change.

Mrs. Edwards described how the local authority prepared the SCS with LSP partners. There had also been consultation with local people, businesses and community and voluntary groups.

Mrs. Edwards outlined where Rushmoor was at present with the SCS and what we would be doing in the next few months. She also explained the draft timetable which would be completed in 2009.

5. HAMPSHIRE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY – UPDATE

Jon Rundle reported that there had been a series of consultations which the Partnership had been involved in. These consultations had resulted in the production of a revised draft of the Hampshire Sustainable Community

Strategy ambitions statement. The revised ambitions included several amendments that the Partnership had submitted. The document would be published later in the year, but could be viewed on the website.

6. **LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA) – UPDATE**

Andrew Lloyd reported that positive progress had been made towards finalising the priorities and respective performance indicators for inclusion in the Hampshire Local Area Agreement. He explained that there had been an extensive process of partner engagement which had included the Partnership being asked for its views on which indicators should be included. This had culminated in a workshop which took place in March 2008. The workshop was attended by members of the LAA Board, the LAA Executive Group and the LAA Theme Leads.

The following were agreed:

- 30 priorities against which 46 performance indicators have been identified.
- 33 of these performance indicators would be used to negotiate targets for “designation” by the Secretary of State (permitted up to 35).
- Plus 16 mandatory Department for Children, Schools and Families education targets.
- The remaining thirteen performance indicators were deemed to be local for inclusion in the LAA, some of which would need to be defined and some were drawn from the national set. These would be negotiated locally between partners. These thirteen non-designated targets, whilst important to Hampshire, would not be subject to accountability to the Government in terms of delivery.

The County Council would ensure that the appropriate negotiation arrangements were in place, working with the LAA Theme Leads and the Government Office. This work was due to be completed by the end of May 2008.

Jon Rundle gave an overview of the National Performance Indicators. He explained that there were 198 indicators that were set to reflect performance. The Partnership had selected the indicators that were considered to be particularly important for the Borough and had submitted them to the County Council. A comparison chart was circulated to highlight which indicators had been selected for the Hampshire Local Area Agreement.

7. **IN BRIEF**

Health & Well-Being in Hampshire (North & East)

Jon Rundle reported on behalf of Martin Ashton-Keys that a multi-agency group had been set up with the PCT, Rushmoor Borough Council and Third Sector Organisations to deliver the Vascular Inequalities Prevention Programme of activities in 2008/2009. Mr. Rundle explained that this group would probably be transformed into the Health and Well-Being Group. Mr.

Ashton-Keys was keen to engage with the elected members and officers with responsibilities for health in the area.

Local Business and Local People Competition

John Mitchell reported that the Holiday Inn Farnborough and its Spirit Health Club had been selected to receive an award for their partnership working with students with learning difficulties from Farnborough College. The students, who studied a sport and recreation module, visited the hotel on a monthly basis to learn about working in a health club. The group had a range of issues and needs. All suffered low self-esteem and had little confidence. Many had difficulties with literacy and writing.

The Holiday Inn, Farnborough would be commended by the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership (RSP) at a reception hosted by the Mayor of Rushmoor, Councillor Alan Ferrier, and Chairman of the Partnership, Councillor Peter Moyle. The reception would be held on Thursday, 19th June at Rushmoor Borough Council Offices.

LSP Network Practitioners Update

Jon Rundle reported that he had attended the recent Practitioners network. The network had been established to ensure that the Hampshire LSPs worked together effectively, the group would also share good practice.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

- (1) Alex Hughes reported that another children's centre would be opening in Rushmoor. There would also be six centres opening in Hart. A consultation would be held on Thursday 12th June.
- (2) Karen Edwards requested permission from the Partnership to submit a bid for funding from Hampshire County Council. The Partnership granted permission.
- (3) Karen Edwards advised the Partnership about funding that was available from TAG for certain environmental projects. The fund was managed with Rushmoor Borough Council. Mrs. Edwards reported that we would need to make a co-ordinated bid for this funding.
- (4) Councillor Roger Kimber explained to the Partnership that Rushmoor Borough Council had been awarded the Council of Europe Flag of honour. The Flag of honour was presented as a reward for Rushmoor's efforts in promoting union and understanding among the people of Europe. He explained that a presentation ceremony would be held during 2008.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –

Full Partnership Meeting:

Wednesday 2nd July 2008 – 4.00 p.m. Committee Room 1, at Rushmoor
Borough Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough.

The meeting closed at 5.25 p.m.
