
RUSHMOOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Notes of a meeting held on **Tuesday, 12th December 2006** at the Rushmoor Borough Council Offices at 4.00 pm.

Present:

Aldershot Garrison		Colonel Nigel Josling OBE Garrison Commander
Basingstoke Canal Authority		Mr Ian Brown Director
Enterprise First		Mr John Mitchell (Vice-Chairman) Chief Executive
First Wessex Housing Group		Mr Peter Hall Deputy Group Operations Director
North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry		Mrs Valerie Cloke
North East Hampshire Police Division		Chief Superintendent Paul Netherton
Parity for Disability		Ms Alison Cooper
Rushmoor Borough Council		Mr Andrew Lloyd Chief Executive
Rushmoor Healthy Living		Mr Tony Docker Chief Executive

Absent:

Farnborough College of Technology	a	Mrs Christine Davis Principal
Hampshire Primary Care Trust	a	Dr Olufemi Oduneye Public Health Directorate
Guildford Diocese	a	Ms Clare Sewell North Hampshire Development Officer
Hampshire County Council	a	County Councillor Roger Kimber
Rushmoor Borough Council	a	Councillor Peter Moyle (Chairman) Leader

Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux	a	Ms Alex Hughes District Manager
Rushmoor Voluntary Services	a	Ms Sally Saunderson Chief Executive
Government Office for the South East	a	Mr David Hobbs

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
		Mr John Edwards Director of Community and Environment
		Miss Jemma Gibbons Administrative Officer
		Mr Les Murrell Strategy Co-ordinator (Sustainability)
		Mr Tim Richings Planning Policy and Conservation Manager
		Mr Jon Rundle Assistant Head of Strategy and Communications

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Femi Oduneye (Hampshire Primary Care Trust), Ms Alex Hughes (Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux), Richard Mann (Rushmoor Borough Council), County Councillor Roger Kimber (Hampshire County Council), Mr David Hobbs (Government Office for the South East) and Mrs Christine Davis (Farnborough College of Technology).

1. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –

The Partnership confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 1st November 2006.

2. RUSHMOOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP –

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting John Edwards, Rushmoor's Director of Community and Environment, who attended the meeting to give an update on the Children & Young People's Plan.

Mr Edwards introduced Report No. DCE0607, which provided a background on the Children & Young People's Plan (C&YPP). It had been published in October 2006 in line with the Government's "Change for Children" agenda.

Mr Edwards highlighted that the C&YPP would need to be refreshed each year in order to reflect the current needs of children and young people across the country. The Plan set out five key objectives: to ensure that children were safe and healthy; that they enjoyed life and achieved their full potential; that they were engaged in the Community; made a positive contribution; and, achieved economic independence. A list of twenty priority outcomes had been developed to coincide with the objectives.

To make joint working a success, the Government had created a structure, which involved a "Children & Young People's Partnership – Standing Conference", a "Children & Young People's Partnership – Management Board", Partnerships for specific outcomes and Locality Partnerships. Locality Partnerships would cover all district council areas and agree local priorities and targets. Partnerships would also be responsible for monitoring progress, which would then be reported back to the Standing Conference and Management Board. Mr Edwards highlighted that it was important to improve engagement and joint working at a local level and link with other local partnerships.

Mr Edwards then explained that he had made a report at the last Steering Group meeting on the Children & Young People's Plan. The Steering Group had agreed, in principle, the recommendations to endorse the C&YPP and to establish a Children and Young People's Partnership for the Rushmoor area.

It was therefore proposed that the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership would set up a Children and Young People's Partnership to follow the models established by the Learning Partnership and the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership. The Children and Young People's Partnership would focus on work that was not already being covered by Rushmoor. It was noted that the Rushmoor Learning Partnership had already begun to cover some of the work in the Children and Young People's Plan and that it was important not to duplicate its work.

Mr Edwards advised that the executive membership for the Children and Young People's Partnership would include representatives from Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Primary Care Trust, Rushmoor Borough Council, Rushmoor Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership, Rushmoor Learning Partnership and various volunteers. It was proposed that the Partnership would meet twice a year and that a smaller Group would meet every two weeks to keep work moving forward. The initial task for the executive would be to agree terms of reference and to arrange a conference or workshop.

In response to a question, Mr Edwards explained that the Children and Young People's Partnership might not provide any funding opportunities in the future. The Partnership was advised that the focus would need to be in two areas: Firstly the usual issues such as alcohol, children and abuse and, secondly, particular issues individual to Rushmoor. It was suggested in discussion that there should be a focus on improving children and young people's happiness

and achievements, which involved improving access and encouraging sports, teamwork and the pursuit of excellence. It was requested that Connections be a key representative in the new Partnership.

In response to a question, it was explained that the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership would need to decide on a Chairman for the Children and Young People's Partnership. The Partnership thanked Mr Edwards for his update.

Action/Decision	Who	When
The recommendations set out in the Report to be endorsed.	John Edwards / All Members	---

3. **QUALITY OF LIFE INDICATORS –**

The Partnership received an update from Les Murrell, Strategy Co-ordinator (Sustainability) for Rushmoor, on the Quality of Life Indicators Report 2006/07.

Mr Murrell began by giving a background on the Quality of Life Indicators. He explained that the Quality of Life Report outlined several benefits, raised awareness and provided information for individuals in the Borough. He highlighted that the Report used a traffic light key, showing bad performance as red, orange as improvement or no information available and green as good performance. Mr Murrell then highlighted the Borough's priorities for 2007 and advised that the back page outlined a summary of the Report.

In response to a question, Mr Murrell advised that the Report would be available to the public by the end of January 2007 and circulated to all organisations and businesses in Rushmoor. It was explained that the data for the report had been collected from different sources throughout Hampshire, some concentrating on specific wards and areas.

Jon Rundle, Assistant Head of Strategy and Communications, also circulated a summary of the Hampshire Community Strategy - Quality of Life Report to the Partnership. The summary involved various identified themes of importance. Mr Rundle explained that the Report was currently being refreshed and indicated where Rushmoor and Hampshire were positioned in the last Quartile compared with other local authorities. It was highlighted that some of Rushmoor's data was higher, when compared with other Councils, because of the Borough's higher urban density.

The Chairman thanked Mr Murrell and Mr Rundle for their updates.

Action/Decision	Who	When
That the Partnership be provided with an update on Quality of Life Indicators in due course.	Strategy Co-ordinator (Sustainability)	February 2007

4. **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK, “THE RUSHMOOR PLAN” –**

Tim Richings, Planning Policy and Conservation Manager for Rushmoor, gave a presentation on the Local Development Framework “The Rushmoor Plan”. He began by explaining that the Local Development Framework was made up of many different documents including the Core Strategy, adopted Supplementary Planning Documents, the Local Development Scheme and the Annual Monitoring Report.

The Partnership noted the Core Strategy Submission process, which involved a preferred options consultation from May until June 2006, submitted development plan documents and consultations in December 2006, an examination in July 2007 and the adoption of the Strategy in February 2008. Mr Richings then highlighted the evidence base for the Strategy, which included various assessments, surveys and updates from 2004 and 2005. The Partnership then viewed a Core Strategy Key Diagram and it was noted that there were restrictions on developments, at this stage, because of Special Protection Areas in the Borough.

It was explained that the development plan documents must be in general conformity with the draft South East Plan and be able to cope with changes once the Plan was complete. Mr Richings highlighted that a better balance of housing was hoped to be achieved each year, with 310 new homes being proposed. An examination of the Plan was scheduled between November 2006 and February 2007 after the Plan had been submitted to Government in March 2006.

Mr Richings gave an overview of the Rushmoor Plan development. These were to include good non-car access, high quality local facilities, including educational, community and employment opportunities, improvement in resident’s quality of life and the regeneration of Aldershot and Farnborough town centres. The Partnership noted the spatial objectives and Mr Richings highlighted the importance of “Smart” economic growth and issues relating to Climate Change.

Mr Richings then presented an update on the Farnborough Town Centre Study and highlighted that Rushmoor were currently working with consultants to identify the Borough’s vision. These included: improved links between the town centre and residential areas; improved Civic Quarter; better public transport to the town; an increase in evening economy; improved public spaces; and, improved pedestrian environment. The Partnership then noted the existing planning development and the current problems involved, which included travelling to and from the town and train station via the Farnborough Road. Mr Richings then highlighted the opportunities for potential development in the Borough and outlined the initial proposals.

In response to questions, it was explained that the flats being built in the town centres, over the last five years, were the result of the Government’s request for higher density development. Mr Richings explained that the flats were also part of the Town Centre’s redevelopment.

The Chairman thanked Mr Richings for his update.

Action/Decision	Who	When
That papers be circulated to the Partnership, summarising the town centre developments to date.	Planning Policy & Conservation Manager	January 2007

5. **PROJECTS REPORT –**

(1) Accidents in the Home –

Tony Docker provided an update on the work of the Accidents in the Home Working Group. He reported that, following a meeting on the 11th December, the Group had agreed to host a Sloppy Slipper Day in Aldershot and Farnborough in February 2007. The day would be hosted in Partnership with Age Concern and offer advice on preventing falls to elderly residents.

Mr Docker then reported that the Group would be presenting a talk at the Farnborough and Aldershot Senior Citizens Forums in April 2007.

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

Les Murrell gave an update on the Environmental Project. He reported that the project was progressing well and that it was hoped to turn the pond and its surrounding area in to a community attraction that visitors and employees could both enjoy. Mr Murrell explained that the project was due for completion by Easter 2007.

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

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS –**

Tony Docker advised that Rushmoor Healthy Living were planning to host a roadshow event for the Nepalese members of the local community to find out what their needs were from the Borough. He explained that consultation was already in progress for the event.

7. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –**

Full Partnership Meetings:

Wednesday, 7th February 2007 – 4.00 pm at Rushmoor Borough Council

Steering Group Meetings: *(Please note that this date has now changed)*

Wednesday, 24th January 2007 – 10.00 am at Aldershot Garrison

The meeting closed at 5.25 pm.
