
RUSHMOOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Notes of a meeting held on **Tuesday, 13th November 2007** at the Rushmoor Borough Council Offices at 4.00 pm.

Present:

Basingstoke Canal Authority	Mr Ian Brown Director
Enterprise First	Mr John Mitchell (Vice-Chairman) Chief Executive
Farnborough College of Technology	Mrs Christine Davis Principal
First Wessex Housing Group	Ms Patricia Bushell Director of Housing
Hampshire County Council	County Councillor Roger Kimber
North East Hampshire Police Division	Mark Chatterton Chief Superintendent
Parity for Disability	Ms Alison Cooper Services Manager
Rushmoor Borough Council	Mr Andrew Lloyd Chief Executive
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
Aspire Defence Services Ltd	a	Ms Kath Cortizo Garrison Facilities Director
Guildford Diocese	a	Ms Clare Sewell North Hampshire Development Officer

Hampshire Primary Care Trust	a	Vacant Position Public Health Directorate
North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry	a	Mr John Harrocks Chief Executive
North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry	a	Mrs Valerie Cloke
Princes Mead Shopping Centre	a	Mr Gary Little Centre Director
Rushmoor Borough Council	a	Councillor Peter Moyle (Chairman) Leader
Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux	a	Ms Alex Hughes District Manager

In attendance:

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

Rushmoor Borough Council Miss Annie Denton
Partnership Officer

Miss Jemma Gibbons
Administrative Officer

Mr Les Murrell
Strategy Co-ordinator (Sustainability)

Mr Richard Mann
Educational Attainment Project Officer

Mr Tim Richings
Planning Policy and Conservation Manager

GOSE Mr Steve Manning

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Mr John Harrocks (North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry), Colonel Nigel Josling (Aldershot Garrison), Mrs Christine Davies (Farnborough College of Technology), County Councillor Roger Kimber (Hampshire County Council) and Mr Ian Brown (Basingstoke Canal Authority).

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

The Partnership confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 17th July, 2007.

2. **FIRST WESSEX HOUSING GROUP –**

Patricia Bushell reported that she would be providing the Partnership with a presentation on First Wessex Housing Group at the meeting in January, 2008. She advised that First Wessex Housing Group were in the process of recruiting their new Community Manager and would be completing their Regeneration Strategy in December 2007.

Action/Decision	Who	When
A presentation would be provided to the Partnership in early 2008.	First Wessex Housing Group	January 2008

3. **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) & COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

Andrew Lloyd provided the Partnership with an introduction to the Local Development Framework (LDF) and Community Strategy for Rushmoor. He advised that the Community Strategy had been published in 2004 and was now due for a review to include the ‘place shaping’ agenda set out in the Local Government White Paper. However, it was still important to focus on Rushmoor’s priorities, as each authority had its own issues to resolve.

Tim Richings advised that the draft Rushmoor Core Strategy had been reviewed in June 2007 and that the Planning Team had been working to modify the Strategy, setting out key objectives for the Borough up to 2026. The Partnership noted that even though the Core Strategy and Community Strategy were similar documents, containing similar priorities and aims, they would remain separate documents to be used by different bodies. He explained that the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership would have an important role in assisting with the development of the two strategies.

Mr. Richings reported that the Rushmoor Plan outlined all the future planning in the Borough and that, this time, it would also include corporate plans. The Rushmoor Plan included emerging LDF documents, such as the Core Strategy, adopted supplementary planning documents and the annual monitoring report. The Core Strategy would focus on major areas of change including town centres, Farnborough Airport, Aldershot Urban Extension, deprived areas and business areas. The Partnership noted the Core Strategy had to ensure that 6,200 new homes were built in the Borough between 2006 and 2026 and Mr. Richings advised that Rushmoor was on target with the majority of the homes being included in the Aldershot Urban Extension.

The Partnership noted the emerging vision for Rushmoor and the housing issues including the need to achieve a balance between flats, family homes and affordable housing. Mr. Richings advised what the Borough valued most, which included open spaces, countryside, areas of business and employment opportunities and excellent accessibility in and out of Rushmoor. The Partnership noted the greatest opportunities for improving the Borough and

the greatest challenges that will need to be faced over the next 20 years. In response to a question, Mr. Richings advised that improving health and education were important objectives for the future and would be included in both the Community and Core Strategies.

The Partnership noted the future plans for the Farnborough Airport and Mr. Richings advised that Rushmoor was still waiting for the results of the application to increase weekend flying movements from 2500 to 5000. A decision was expected shortly from the Secretary of State.

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

4. **RUSHMOOR LEARNING PARTNERSHIP –**

Richard Mann, Educational Attainment Project Officer, attended the meeting to provide the Partnership with an update on extended services in Rushmoor. He explained that, in the past, schools had been applying for grants together from Hampshire County Council to improve their extended services. However, for 2007/08 the County Council had been allocated £87,000, which was to be used to support all of the 39 schools in the area. The Partnership noted that if the £87,000 was split equally it would provide an average of just £2,230 per school.

Mr. Mann explained that the 39 schools had nominated Rushmoor Borough Council to be the lead body, responsible for allocating the £87,000 appropriately. In order to do this, it had been decided to appoint an Extended Services Officer for one year. Mr. Mann reported that eight applications had been received for the position so far and it was intended that an appointment would be made on 26th November 2007.

The Partnership agreed that assisting with extended services fitted in well with their priorities to increase levels of educational attainment in the Borough.

5. **PROJECT REPORTS –**

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

Les Murrell reported that the project was nearing completion and that a marsh with 23 species of plants, seating and an interpretation board had all been installed. The Partnership noted that it was hoped that the pond would be used by local businesses, such as Citizens Advice Bureau and Rushmoor Voluntary Services and also by local schools.

(2) Accidents in the Home - Stay Active & Independent Event –

Tony Docker advised that the Accidents in the Home Project Group had come to the end of their project. He explained that he was keen to speak to Martin Ashton-Keys, the new Director of Public Health, about emerging health issues and the possibility of a new project.

(3) Local Local – Roadshows –

Annie Denton reported that, as part of Local Local, a series of Council ward roadshows were being planned for 2008. Each roadshow was designed for a particular ward and provided residents with an opportunity to meet with various organisations and Council services. It was hoped that the first roadshow was likely to take place in St Johns Ward in Farnborough.

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The Partnership noted the updates.	All	----

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

Greg Alexander, Rushmoor Voluntary Services, informed the Partnership that a Diversity Workshop was being held in Farnborough on 10th December at Rushmoor Council Offices and that Members of the Partnership were welcome to attend.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –

Full Partnership Meetings:

Tuesday, 11th December 2007 – 4.00 pm at Rushmoor Borough Council

The meeting closed at 5.25 pm.
