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## RUSHMOOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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Notes of a meeting held on Wednesday, 14th June, 2005 at the Rushmoor Borough Council Offices at 4.00 pm.

Present:

<b>Aldershot Garrison</b>		Colonel Stephen Oxlade MBE (Vice-Chairman) Garrison Commander
<b>Basingstoke Canal Authority</b>	a	Mr Leigh Thornton Director
<b>Blackwater Valley and Hart Primary Care Trust</b>	a	Mr Olufemi Oduneye Director of Public Health
<b>Enterprise First</b>		Mr John Mitchell Chief Executive
<b>Farnborough College of Technology</b>		Iain Wolloff In the place of Christine Davis
<b>Guildford Diocese</b>		Reverend Father Keith Hodges
<b>Hampshire County Council</b>		County Councillor Roy Perry Executive Member for Community Development
<b>North East Hampshire Police Division</b>		Inspector Steve Wallace In the place of Superintendent Joe Apps
<b>North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry</b>		Mr John Harrocks Chief Executive
		Mrs Valerie Cloke
<b>Pavilion Housing Association</b>		Pat Shelley Operations Director
<b>Rushmoor Borough Council</b>	a	Councillor Peter Moyle (Chairman) Leader
		Councillor Nigel Baines Executive Member for Safety and Regulation
		Mr Andrew Lloyd (In the Chair) Chief Executive
<b>Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux</b>	a	Ms Alex Hughes District Manager

**Rushmoor Voluntary Services** Ms Sally Saunderson  
Chief Executive

**Parity for Disability** a Ms Alison Cooper

In attendance:

**Government Office for the South East** Mr David Hobbs  
Modernising Governance

**Hampshire County Council** Mr Robert Ormerod  
Education Department

**Rushmoor Borough Council** Mr Andrew Colver  
Head of Democratic Services

Mr Peter Amies  
Head of Leisure Services

Mrs Katharine Makant  
Special Projects Officer

Miss Annie Denton  
Partnership Officer

Miss Julie Darraugh  
Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Christine Davis (Farnborough College of Technology), Superintendent Joe Apps (North East Hampshire Police Division), Mr Olufemi Oduneye (Blackwater Valley and Hart Primary Care Trust), Mr. Terry Rath (Hampshire County Council), Councillor Peter Moyle (Rushmoor Borough Council), Ms Alex Hughes (Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux) and Ms Alison Cooper (Parity for Disability).

The Chairman welcomed Miss Annie Denton, the newly appointed Partnership Officer, to the meeting.

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

The Partnership confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 27th April, 2005.

**2. ENTERPRISE FIRST –**

The Partnership received a presentation from Mr. John Mitchell, Chief Executive of Enterprise First, on the work and scope of the organisation. The aims of Enterprise First were stated as follows

- provide information, advice and support to those considering starting or acquiring a business
- improve the growth and efficiency of small businesses
- contribute to the prosperity of the local economy

The Partnership was advised of the background of Enterprise First, the geographical areas it served and the main issues for clients. The organisation was,

in particular, able to offer advice and assistance on legal and compliance issues and the matters relating to local authority regulations. It was noted that, since 1981, there had been 30,000 registered clients, 10,000 businesses started and 40,000 jobs created. During 2005 alone, there had been 2,500 client interactions. It was noted that clients were referred from a number of sources including job centres, banks, Citizens' Advice Bureaux, Business Link offices and through personal recommendations. Mr. Mitchell gave a breakdown of the clients by age group, the stated reasons for starting a business and what they felt were the personal characteristics required for a successful business. Enterprise First also promoted enterprise in the community through school visits, the Young Enterprise Competition, work with the Prince's Trust and service leavers, job and skills exhibitions and involvement with redundancy programmes. In conclusion, Mr. Mitchell explained other current projects, how the organisation was funded and answered questions from the Partnership.

Mr. Mitchell was thanked for his informative presentation.

### 3. **HEALTH INEQUALITIES THROUGH THE EYES OF YOUNG PEOPLE –**

Mr. Peter Amies, Rushmoor Borough Council's Head of Leisure Sevices, gave a presentation on work carried out to identify young people's experiences and views around health related issues. The survey had been carried out with young people aged 11 to 19 years in Rushmoor during September 2004. It obtained views on a range of health issues including smoking, alcohol and drugs, advice and support, health issues, well-being, eating habits, sport and exercise and general safety. The aims of the survey had been to enable a representative sample of young people's experiences and views to be considered with regard to the development of health related services within the Borough, and to increase awareness of healthy living issues for young people.

A self-completion questionnaire had been distributed, with support from headteachers and the Hampshire Youth Service, to secondary schools, the Farnborough 6th Form, Daylight Project and young people in local authority care. 2,000 forms had been distributed with 572 returned, representing 29%.

Mr. Amies summarised the main findings of the survey and it was noted that the most important issues for the Council to deal with centred around the illegal activities of drugs and under-age smoking and drinking, followed by sex education and mental health issues.

The findings from the survey would be made widely available, in particular to young people, schools, youth agencies and partners who could assist in addressing the concerns. The findings of the survey had been presented to the Council's Community Policy and Review Panel which had identified a number of areas for further work. The findings would also be used to inform the development of a number of plans including the Youth Plan, Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy and the Community Strategy. Mr. Amies explained the next steps in identifying priorities for action and answered questions from the Partnership.

<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
The detailed issues raised be considered by the Steering Group in due course.	Andrew Colver	October 2005

4. **DELIVERING THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY –**

(1) **Partnership Steering Group -**

<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
The Partnership noted the minutes of the meeting of the Steering Group held on 16th May, 2005 and the proposed actions.	Andrew Colver	July 2005

(2) **Project Update – Educational Attainment -**

The Partnership received an update from Mrs. Katharine Makant, Special Projects Officer, on the educational attainment project. Members were reminded that the objective of the project was to help to improve low educational attainment levels in the Borough. It was noted with concern that Rushmoor was ranked 9th out of 11 Hampshire districts in 2003 on attainment at KS2, KS3, GCSE and attendance levels and that in the 2004 leagues tables, three out of five Rushmoor secondary schools were below the national average.

The scope of the project was outlined along with details of the project plan. It was proposed that the strategy and action would be finalised by December 2005, with implementation taking place in 2006. Mrs. Makant updated the Partnership on progress to date with the project and possible areas for action which had been identified. The work would be considered shortly by the Rushmoor Learning Partnership as part of its programme of work

<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
The Partnership noted the update and a further update be made in due course.	All	November 2005

5. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING –**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 14th July 2005 at 4.00 p.m. at Rushmoor Borough Council, Council Offices, Farnborough.

6. **COL. STEPHEN OXLADE -**

Mr. Lloyd advised the Partnership that this was the last meeting that Col. Stephen Oxlade would be attending as he would be shortly taking up a new posting in Cyprus. On behalf of the Partnership, Mr. Lloyd thanked Col. Oxlade for all his hard work in the Borough and in particular his commitment to the Partnership.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

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