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## RUSHMOOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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Notes of a meeting held on Wednesday, 15th March 2006 at the Rushmoor Borough Council Offices at 4.00 pm.

Present:

<b>Aldershot Garrison</b>		Colonel Nigel Josling OBE Garrison Commander
<b>Basingstoke Canal Authority</b>		Mr Ian Brown Director
<b>Blackwater Valley and Hart Primary Care Trust</b>		Dr Olufemi Oduneye Director of Public Health
<b>Enterprise First</b>		Mr John Mitchell (Vice-Chairman) Chief Executive
<b>Farnborough College of Technology</b>		Mrs Christine Davis Principal
<b>Guildford Diocese</b>	a	Reverend Father Keith Hodges
<b>Hampshire County Council</b>	a	County Councillor Roy Perry Executive Member for Community Development  County Councillor Rod Baulk
<b>North East Hampshire Police Division</b>		Chief Inspector Paul Brooks
<b>North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry</b>		Mr John Harrocks Chief Executive
<b>Pavilion Housing Association</b>	a	Mr Pat Shelley Operations Director
<b>Rushmoor Borough Council</b>		Councillor Peter Moyle (Chairman) Leader  Mr Andrew Lloyd Chief Executive
<b>Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux</b>	a	Ms Alex Hughes District Manager

**Rushmoor Healthy Living** Mr Tony Docker  
Chief Executive

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

**Parity for Disability** Ms Alison Cooper

In attendance:

**Hampshire County Council** Mr Terry Rath  
Education Office

Mr Colin Hardy  
Children's Services Department

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

Miss Annie Denton  
Partnership Officer

Mrs Kathy Flatt  
Democratic Services Officer

Mr Terry Genis  
Senior Planning Officer

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of County Councillor Roy Perry (Hampshire County Council), County Councillor Rod Baulk (Hampshire County Council), Father Keith Hodges, Mr Pat Shelley (Pavilion Housing Association), Ms Alex Hughes (Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux), Ms Sally Saunderson (Rushmoor Voluntary Services) and Mr David Hobbs (Government Office for the South East).

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

The Partnership confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 15th November 2005 and the workshop held on 30th January 2006.

**2. PARTNERSHIP STEERING GROUP –**

The Partnership noted a paper which had been circulated setting out the outcomes of the workshop held by the Rushmoor Learning Partnership on 20th February 2006 to address the way forward on the educational attainment project. It was noted that a number of issues, particularly the need for

improved joint working across agencies, better engagement of local employers and action to reduce exclusions had been raised at the RSP “Towards a Better Rushmoor” conference which had been held on 15th February 2006.

Action/Decision	Who	When
The Partnership noted the minutes of the meetings of the Steering Group held on 21st November 2005 and 6th February 2006 and the proposed actions.	All	----
The Partnership noted the update on the educational attainment project.	All	----

### 3. DRAFT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S PLAN –

The Chairman welcomed Mr Colin Hardy of Hampshire County Council who was attending the meeting to give a presentation on the draft Children and Young People’s Plan, which was the subject of a consultation exercise. The Children and Young People’s Plan set out how people who worked with children, young people and their families would provide support, together with the principles and priorities to guide their work.

Following earlier widespread consultation, target areas had been developed under the five main aims of the Children Act: Be Healthy, Stay Safe, Enjoy and Achieve, Make a Positive Contribution and Achieve Economic Wellbeing. In support of these target areas, work was being carried out in the following areas:

- better and more frequent inter-agency training
- development of the information sharing process, lead professionals and the common assessment framework across phases and institutions
- workforce restructuring
- development of extended schools
- development of children’s centres
- development of management information and supporting data streams
- developments in IT

The Children and Young People’s Plan would act as an ‘umbrella’ for a large number of important plans across all organisations, including schools. All partners to the Plan would be committed to co-ordinating resource use as effectively as possible to ensure the wellbeing of children and families. Multi-agency and partnership working would be vital to supporting all children in the community. It was noted that new arrangements for formal partnerships to take forward the Change for Children agenda were being developed. The final Plan would provide guidance on governance and partnership arrangements that reflected the outcome of the current consultation exercise.

This would provide planning and implementation arrangements for the Plan across agencies and with a local feel.

The Partnership was advised that, during 2006, every local strategic partnership would be encouraged to develop a local children and young people's action plan to support the local delivery of the priorities of the Plan. These would be supported by main local officer leads for each of the main agencies.

It was noted that there would be no new money to assist in the delivery of the Plan. To achieve it, all organisations providing services to children and young people in Hampshire would need to align their resources to the Plan and work together to achieve it. Performance indicators had been developed and would be monitored by the Children's Services Board as the main outcome measures for children and young people in Hampshire. Progress against the Plan would be assessed annually in April/May in a report written by, and reported to, all the organisations on the Children and Young People's Plan Steering Group and future multi-agency boards governing services to children across Hampshire. The evaluation would form a significant part of the evidence to be submitted as part of the Joint Area Review self-assessment. It would also contribute to the monitoring of the Local Area Agreement, whose priorities for children and young people were a subset of the ones in the Plan.

During discussion, members of the Partnership welcomed the Children and Young People's Plan. There were areas of common interest with regard to the Partnership's priorities and those of the Plan. It was recognised that the principle of co-ordination and integration was crucial to the successful outcome of the Plan. Particular reference was made to the work being undertaken by the Partnership in the area of improving educational attainment in the Borough. The contribution of Youth Services to the Plan was also raised, since there was the perception that Youth Services had not been well funded in the Rushmoor area.

Action/Decision	Who	When
The Partnership noted the update on the draft Children and Young People's Plan and would discuss the development of the Plan at future meetings.	All	----

#### 4. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT –

Andrew Lloyd gave an update on the latest stage in the development of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) for Hampshire. Members noted that the Local Area Agreement was on the point of being signed and ready to be delivered. The priorities covered children and young people, housing, crime, health, transport, environment, economic support and community engagement. Hampshire was one of eleven 'single pot' LAAs, which meant that the

organisations involved had the freedom and flexibility to pool resources for key projects outlined in the Agreement.

Action/Decision	Who	When
The Partnership noted the update and would receive periodic updates from Andrew Lloyd in future.	All	----

**5. WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE SERVICE PROVISION FOR DISABLED PEOPLE –**

The Partnership discussed the contents of a letter from Councillor Roy Perry, Executive Member for Community and External Affairs at Hampshire County Council, which had been circulated to local strategic partnerships requesting support in the adoption of a multi-agency approach towards local consultation with disabled people.

Following discussion, the Partnership agreed that such an approach should be adopted.

Action/Decision	Who	When
The Partnership agreed that contact would be made with Jane Goodwin, Equality and Diversity Manager at Hampshire County Council to indicate the Partnership's wish to become involved in a countywide consultation events.	Andrew Colver, Head of Democratic Services, RBC	April 2006

**6. "TOWARDS A BETTER RUSHMOOR" CONFERENCE – 15TH FEBRUARY 2006 –**

The Partnership discussed the outcomes of the "Towards a Better Rushmoor" Conference held on 15th February 2006 at Farnborough Sixth Form College. A paper had been circulated which gave details of each themed workshop response to questions posed, including possible actions. The Partnership would be prioritising and progressing each area, including the appointment of a "champion" for each theme and the development of focus groups involving those partners who had expressed an interest in supporting a specific work area. The work would be co-ordinated by the RSP Steering Group.

Action/Decision	Who	When
The Partnership endorsed the proposed way forward to progress the actions raised at the "Towards a Better Rushmoor" Conference held on 15th February 2006.	All	

**7. WATER SUPPLIES –**

The Partnership discussed briefly water supplies in the Borough and how it might work to address potential shortages over the coming months.

**8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –**

It was noted that future meetings would be held on the following dates:-

- 20th April 2006 at 4.00 pm (at Rushmoor Borough Council offices)
- 15th June 2006 at 4.00 pm (at Rushmoor Borough Council offices)
- 6th September 2006 at 4.00 pm (at Rushmoor Borough Council offices)
- Meeting to be scheduled in October (venue to be confirmed)
- 12th or 13th December 2006 at 4.00 pm (to be confirmed).

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

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