
RUSHMOOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Notes of a meeting held on **Thursday, 15th June 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
Blackwater Valley and Hart Primary Care Trust		Dr Olufemi Oduneye Director of Public Health
Enterprise First		Mr John Mitchell (Vice-Chairman) (In the Chair) Chief Executive
Farnborough College of Technology	a	Mrs Christine Davis Principal
First Wessex Housing Group		Mr Peter Hall Deputy Group Operations Director
Guildford Diocese	a	Reverend Father Keith Hodges
Hampshire County Council		County Councillor Roger Kimber
North East Hampshire Police Division		Chief Superintendent Paul Netherton
North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry		Mr John Harrocks Chief Executive
Rushmoor Borough Council	a	Councillor Peter Moyle (Chairman) Leader Mr Andrew Lloyd Chief Executive
Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux		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 a Ms Alison Cooper

In attendance:

Hampshire County Council Mr Terry Rath
Education Office

Rushmoor Borough Council Mr Andrew Colver
Head of Democratic Services

Miss Annie Denton
Partnership Officer

Miss Jemma Gibbons
Administrative Officer

Mr Tim Richings
Planning Policy and Conservation Manager

Mr Les Murrell
Strategy Co-ordinator

Mr Jon Rundle
Assistant Head of Strategy and
Communication

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of the Chairman, Councillor Peter Moyle, Mr David Hobbs (Government Office of the South East), Sally Saunderson (Chief Executive, Rushmoor Volunteer Services), Christine Davis (Principal, Farnborough College of Technology) and Father Keith Hodges.

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

The Partnership confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 15th March 2006.

2. **NORTH HAMPSHIRE OPERATIONAL COMMAND UNIT STRUCTURE AND OPERATION –**

The Chairman welcomed Chief Superintendent Paul Netherton, who attended the meeting to give a presentation on the North Hampshire Operational Command Unit Structure and Operation.

Chief Superintendent Netherton began by explaining that although crime levels in Hampshire were relatively low, this was not reflected in residents' fear of crime. The Operational Command Unit (OCU) had been established in April 2006 in order to provide a focus on performance priorities, improve customer satisfaction and to increase police presence on the street.

The Partnership was advised that the highest crime type in Rushmoor was currently violence against a person, which in March 2006 saw 200 offences recorded. Chief Superintendent Netherton explained that the majority of cases were the result of alcohol consumption or from domestic abuse. The second highest crime type was theft from motor vehicles, with just over 60 cases recorded in March 2006. This type of crime had increased in the last two years, due to the presence of satellite navigation devices in vehicles. The lowest crime areas in Rushmoor were house burglary, currently showing 50 cases on record, and theft of motor vehicles, with approximately ten cases recorded in March 2006.

The Partnership was then updated of recent emerging issues and advised that drugs were becoming more serious. For example a significant amount of drugs were being brought into Farnborough every day from London and Reading, 70% of which were to fuel existing crack cocaine and heroine habits. Chief Superintendent Netherton explained how these two drugs had very different impacts on society and how heroine and crack cocaine addicts funded their addictions. The Partnership agreed the importance of Hampshire Constabulary being informed of any drug activities and drug crimes in the area. Some dealers were now armed and deployment of armed officers was essential for their own protection.

Other emerging issues included computer crime and terrorism. Since the July 2005 bombings in London, Rushmoor had expressed particular concern for its safety against terrorism attacks because of Aldershot's military background. Computer crime was also rising with the ever-increasing use of the Internet for illegal downloads, child pornography, ID theft and for transactions through websites such as eBay.

Following changes to licensing legislation, a further concern related to alcohol and disorder. Although there had been a significant rise in female drinking and anti-social behaviour, police were yet to see an increase in violence, as a direct result of extended opening hours for bars and clubs in Hampshire.

The Partnership was then presented with information that showed Hampshire residents' fear of anti-social behaviour had increased. It was reported that residents' fear had risen 20% in the last ten years as a result of rising levels of car crime, graffiti and youth violence in the County.

Chief Superintendent Netherton described to the Partnership a 2006 Beat Officer compared to past Beat Officers and explained what their key roles were within the OCU. Their duties included crime reduction and improving communication with the community. It was explained that Beat Officers were now preferably called "Beat Managers" and included: Police Community Safety Officers (PCSOs), Wardens, Specials (Volunteers) and Community Beat Officers. Beat Officers also received help from other beat teams, tasking

teams, various partnerships and the Forensic Science Unit (FSU). Regular visits were also made to schools, community groups, parish and local councils, housing offices and Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) groups. From the Partnership perspective, considerable work was channelled through the Rushmoor Community Safety Partnership.

The Partnership acknowledged that part of its role was to support work to reduce fear of crime in the districts. This meant closer working between police officers and Councils, working with anti-social behaviour staff and the Persistent and Prolific Offender (PPO) Scheme. Joint activity was also required from licensing and problem solving groups, Community Safety Forums and Neighbourhood Panels.

Chief Superintendent Netherton advised the Partnership how best to support the Hampshire Constabulary. He indicated that the Partnership could encourage community safety by getting involved with the Community Safety Partnership and Panels. It could support enforcement of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBO's), exclusion areas and crack house closures. Helping to encourage volunteers to become Special Constables would also be worthwhile.

In response to a question it was noted that drug dealing was like any other 'business'. Dealers came into an area not to satisfy a market but more to see if there was actually a demand. The market could grow once there was a demand for their product. It was explained that there were three levels in the market: the top international level, the middleman and the local dealer and it was Hampshire Constabulary's responsibility to disrupt that market.

The Chairman thanked Chief Superintendent Netherton for his presentation.

Action/Decision	Who	When
The Partnership noted and endorsed the new arrangements and agreed to monitor progress.	All	----

3. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT –

The Partnership received an update from Andrew Lloyd, Chief Executive for Rushmoor Borough Council on Hampshire's Local Area Agreement.

Mr. Lloyd explained that the Local Area Agreement would be focusing on three main areas: Supporting children and young people, supporting older people and vulnerable adults and supporting the infrastructure and conditions for a prosperous and sustainable Hampshire. These three areas were divided into eight priority areas (A-H), which outlined the outcomes and action areas.

The Partnership was then introduced to Jon Rundle, Assistant Head of Strategy and Communication who would be working with Mr. Lloyd, assisting with the Rushmoor's response and analysing the tasks in more depth.

Action/Decision	Who	When
The Partnership noted the current position and that periodic updates would be received from Andrew Lloyd and Jon Rundle.	Andrew Lloyd Jon Rundle	----

4. **NEW PROJECTS –**

Andrew Colver gave an update on the way forward for the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership. A paper on the “Next Steps” was noted by the Partnership and Mr. Colver highlighted some of the main points.

It was explained that with regard to the membership of the Partnership, there were insufficient representatives from local businesses. It was agreed that it was important to encourage further interest, and it was hoped that TAG Farnborough Airport would be one of the businesses participating in future meetings.

Mr. Colver outlined the Partnership Steering Group’s key roles and responsibilities, and explained that a core membership had been proposed to provide greater structure to the group. This would include; the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Garrison Commander, OCU Chief Superintendent and Hampshire and Rushmoor Councils.

The Partnership noted the existing projects, and the proposed projects for 2006/07 that had been developed from the Partnership Conference. Projects included: developing business in the community links, an environment project, accidents in the home and local, local.

Action/Decision	Who	When
The Partnership endorsed the way forward as set out in the report.	All	----
The Partnership agreed that Olufemi Oduneye, Director of Public Health for Blackwater Valley and Hart Primary Care Trust be nominated as a Steering Group member.	Andrew Colver	June 2006

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS –**

Colonel Nigel Josling, Garrison Commander, briefly explained to the Partnership that the Garrison was now involved with the new “Money Box” finance scheme. The scheme helped married couples and parents cope with financial difficulty.

6. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –**

The Partnership noted the future meeting dates.

The meeting closed at 5.20pm.
