
RUSHMOOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Notes of a meeting held on **Tuesday, 17th July 2007** at the Rushmoor Borough Council Offices at 4.00 pm.

Present:

Enterprise First		Mr John Mitchell (Vice-Chairman) Chief Executive
First Wessex Housing Group		Ms Patricia Bushell Director of Housing
Guildford Diocese		Ms Clare Sewell North Hampshire Development Officer
North East Hampshire Police Division		Chief Superintendent Paul Netherton
North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry		Mrs Valerie Cloke
Rushmoor Borough Council		Councillor Peter Moyle (Chairman) Leader
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
Basingstoke Canal Authority	a	Mr Ian Brown Director
Farnborough College of Technology	a	Mrs Christine Davis Principal

Hampshire County Council	a	County Councillor Roger Kimber
Hampshire Primary Care Trust	a	Vacant Position Public Health Directorate
North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry	a	Mr John Harrocks Chief Executive
Parity for Disability	a	Ms Alison Cooper Services Manager
Princes Mead Shopping Centre	a	Mr Gary Little Centre Director
Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux	a	Ms Alex Hughes District Manager

In attendance:

Aldershot Garrison		Major (RETD) Jo Usher
Employee Volunteering C.I.C.		Dewi Thomas Caroline Copley Cheryl Edwards
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 Miss Emily Butcher Senior Planning Officer Miss Jemma Gibbons Administrative Officer Mr Les Murrell Strategy Co-ordinator (Sustainability) Mr Peter Amies Head of Community Mr Richard Mann Educational Attainment Project Officer

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 9th May, 2007.

2. EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING SCHEME –

The Partnership welcomed Cheryl Edwards, Caroline Copley and Dewi Thomas from the Community Involvement Committee. Mr. Thomas began by advising that ‘employee volunteering’ meant recognising local businesses and enabling employees to develop through community based learning. He explained that team building with the local community could be as beneficial to a business as hiring a private company and could help to reduce corporate spending. The Partnership noted that the Employee Volunteering Scheme provided opportunities for personal development, team building, risk assessments, organisation and feedback.

It was reported that the Employee Volunteering Scheme worked towards helping young people, immigrants and those returning to work after a lengthy period, either from long term sickness or extended maternity leave. The Partnership noted the Employee Volunteering Scheme aims, which were to reduce antisocial behaviour, encourage youth engagement with the community and provide role models.

The Partnership was informed of the challenges for 2007, one of which was a Hampshire Youth Service led project starting on 30th July. The Project involved twelve businesses, taking part in lots of activities with their local community over six days, as well as enjoying a barbeque together. It was hoped that the project would develop into an annual event and run for twenty days in the future. Another project that the Employee Volunteering Scheme was involved with was the Community Coaching Project, which involved twelve employees working with 36 chosen young people. The Employee Volunteering Scheme provided opportunities to gain qualifications such as certificates in coaching and mentoring or half a GCSE. In response to a question, it was explained that young people were selected to take part in the Employee Volunteering Scheme following an assessment of economic and social background. However, any child could potentially take part as long as they did not present any risk to employers.

The Partnership agreed that there was an untapped resource in Rushmoor and that the Partnership would be an ideal vehicle for introducing employee volunteering into the Borough.

Action/Decision	Who	When
That the Partnership create a donation fund for organisation that would like to become involved with employee volunteering.	All	----

3. RUSHMOOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP –

The Partnership welcomed Peter Amies, Rushmoor Strategic Partnership's Head of Community, who attended the meeting to provide a presentation on the Rushmoor Children & Young People's Partnership (CYPP). He began by explaining that the Chairman of the Partnership was Mr. David Bailey and that the structure was now in place, with members from different organisations relating to children and young people. He provided the Partnership with a background on the CYPP and explained that there were five key objectives in place for 2006/09. These objectives were: safe, healthy, enjoy life and achieve potential, engage with community and make a positive contribution and achieve economic independence.

It was explained that a Children & Young People's Partnership Conference was held on 20th April 2007. Mr. Amies advised that there had been 50 attendees at the event from different organisations throughout Rushmoor. The aim of the Conference was to identify the services that were available and any gaps in provision. The Partnership noted that there had been six local priorities identified at the Conference, which all related to improving young people's quality of life.

Mr. Amies then informed the Partnership on the Children & Young People's Partnership's next steps. These involved a consultation with young people and their parents and guardians to identify areas for joint working and also to publish the Rushmoor Children & Young People's Plan by end of 2007. Mr. Amies highlighted that the Plan would need to be resourced, monitored and reviewed regularly, to ensure that priorities were maintained and up to date.

The Partnership noted that the Local Area Agreement (LAA) had similar priorities to the CYPP and it was agreed that both sets of priorities would need to be aligned to ensure that work was not duplicated.

Action/Decision	Who	When
The CYPP be asked to limit the number of projects to three at a time, to ensure they are realistic.	Head of Community	----

4. PROGRESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP HEALTH EVENT –

Tony Docker, from Rushmoor Healthy Living, provided the Partnership with a presentation on the outcome of the Progress through Partnership (PTP) Health Event, held in June 2007. He began his presentation by explaining that the event provided the opportunity for Local Strategic Partnerships to learn how they could influence the delivery of health outcomes articulated in Local Area Agreements. He then advised the Partnership on the main topics of the day.

The Partnership viewed a graph showing the life expectancy of 65-year-old males in the South East and it was noted that the average life expectancy for males in Rushmoor was 66 years old. It was also noted that Rushmoor was identified as one of the less healthy areas with many of the wards showing in the least healthy quintile of the Health Deprivation Index. Mr. Docker advised the Partnership on the new direction and the proposed priority areas, which had been devised to try and improve the poorer health areas. These priorities included: reduction of health inequalities, improving health of children and young people, employment and health, healthy and sustainable communities and older people. Mr. Docker highlighted that older people had already become a point of focus for the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership.

It was then noted that the LAA had eight priority areas, which were to be achieved by agreeing improvements in health status and reductions in health inequalities in line with the Local Delivery Plan. Mr. Docker then advised how the Primary Care Trust (PCT) would be delivering and establishing their objectives and it was reported that they were currently in the process of selecting new staff members. Mr. Docker reported that the Hampshire PCT also had a mission, divided into three pillars, with tactical objectives to be achieved over six months.

5. PROJECT REPORTS –

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

Les Murrell provided the Partnership with a brief update on this environmental project. He advised that the project was now waiting for a dry spell of weather, in order to drain most of the water out of the pond and resurface the surrounding area. Fibreglass would then be installed along the top half of the pond, instead of a pond liner. The Partnership was informed that seating had now been installed, around the pond.

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

Tony Docker explained that the 'Accidents in the Home' Project Group were now on to their second project, an event called 'Stay Active and Independent'. The event would be held at Connaught Leisure Centre in Aldershot, on 7th August 2007. Mr. Docker advised the Partnership on the different activities and organisations that would be at the event and reported that some more of the falls booklets, used for the 65+ Roadshows, had been printed to hand out

to attendees. The booklets had also been hand delivered to residents in the Heron Wood Ward by members of the Project Group.

(3) Local Business & Local People Competition –

Annie Denton updated the Partnership on the competition results. It was reported that Norris and Harding, a local building company, had won the competition, with Princes Mead gaining second place. She advised that the competition had received positive press coverage in the local newspapers and had been featured on the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership website. Miss. Denton explained that flyers were already being produced for next year's competition, in March 2008.

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

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

Emily Butcher, Senior Planning Officer, offered the Partnership copies of the new Planning Policy.

Action/Decision	Who	When
A presentation be prepared on issues in relation to the North Town and Totland areas of Rushmoor.	First Wessex Housing Group	26th September 2007

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –

Full Partnership Meetings:

Wednesday, 26th September 2007 – 4.00 pm at Rushmoor Borough Council

Steering Group Meetings:

Wednesday, 12th September 2007 – 10.00 am at Rushmoor Borough Council

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.
