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## RUSHMOOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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Notes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 21st April 2010** at the Rushmoor Borough Council Offices at 4.00 pm.

### **PARTNER ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED:**

**Aldershot Garrison** Col. Tim Forster, Garrison Commander  
**Basingstoke Canal Authority** Mr. Ian Brown, Director  
**Enterprise First** Mr. John Mitchell, Chief Executive (Vice-Chairman)  
**Farnborough College of Technology** Mrs. Christine Davis, Principal  
**First Wessex Housing Association** Ms. Michelle Rooks Dawson, Mr. Matt Smith  
**Government Office for the South East** Mrs. Cathy Evans  
**Guildford Diocese** Canon David Tonkinson, Partnership Development Officer  
**Hampshire Constabulary** Chief Inspector Duncan Weston  
**Hampshire County Council** Mr. James Strachan, Assistant Director of Environment Strategy and Communications, Ms. Cheryl Bosworth  
**NHS Hampshire** Mrs. Jill Corbett  
**Parity for Disability** Ms. Alison Cooper  
**Princes Mead Shopping Centre** Mr. David Pickett, Centre Director  
**Rushmoor Borough Council** Cr. Peter Moyle, Leader (Chairman), Mr. Andrew Lloyd, Chief Executive (and Chairman of the Crime and Disorder Partnership)  
**Rushmoor Citizens' Advice Bureaux** Ms. Alex Hughes, District Manager  
**Rushmoor Healthy Living** Mr. Tony Docker, Chief Executive

### **PARTNER ORGANISATIONS ABSENT:**

**Aspire Defence Services Ltd** Mr. Neil Johnston, Garrison Facilities Director  
**Children and Young People's Partnership** Chairman  
**Health and Well Being Partnership** Mr. Colin Alborough, Chairman  
**North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry** Mr. John Harrocks, Chief Executive, Ms. Valerie Cloke  
**Rushmoor Voluntary Services** Mr. Greg Alexander, Chief Executive  
**The Meads Shopping Centre** Mr. Andy Wynn

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

#### **Rushmoor Borough Council**

Miss Annie Denton, Partnership Officer  
Mrs. Karen Edwards, Head of Strategy and Communications  
Mr. David Quirk, Director of Community and Environment  
Mr. Jon Rundle, Assistant Head of Strategy and Communications  
Mr. Chris Todd, Democratic Support Officer

## 1. **APOLOGIES –**

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Chief Superintendent Mark Chatterton (Hampshire Police), Dr. Andrew Whitfield (NHS Hampshire), County Councillor Roger Kimber (Hampshire County Council), John Harrocks and Valerie Cloke (North Hampshire Chamber for Commerce and Industry), Sue Daniels (First Wessex), Greg Alexander (Rushmoor Voluntary Services), Colin Alborough (Chairman of the Health and Well Being Partnership) and Ian Harrison (Chairman of the Economic Recession Group, Rushmoor Borough Council).

## 2. **NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –**

The Partnership confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 10th February 2010.

## 3. **MY NORTH TOWN UPDATE –**

The Partnership welcomed Matt Smith and Michelle Rooks-Dawson from First Wessex who gave a presentation on the seven year neighbourhood renewal project proposed by Pavilion Housing Association in partnership with Rushmoor Borough Council. The Partnership heard how three consultation events had been held between February and July 2009. The planning application had been submitted in July 2009 with permission for phase one being granted in October 2009. A residents steering group had been established and the contractor for the first stage selected. Work on Phase 1A was to commence in Spring 2010. It was advised that more information was available at <http://www.mynorthtown.net>.

## 4. **COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT –**

The Partnership received a presentation from Karen Edwards, the Council's Head of Strategy and Communications, on the Council's emerging Community and Business Engagement Strategy. It was explained that the Council had a duty to engage with local people and others and this helped to enable better decision making and a more thorough involvement of local people in the democratic process and decisions that affected them. Partners heard how the Council's new strategy would seek to focus resources on planned, priority activities and would incorporate a mixture of old and new approaches to try to engage with as wide an audience as possible. It was explained that the Partnership could work on its engagement arrangements in isolation but it was felt that this provided an opportunity for a more holistic approach which would fit well with the "Total Place" agenda.

Partners then held a discussion session which considered what opportunities the Partnership had for working together in this area presently and in the medium term, along with any obstacles to progress that might exist. Many useful points were made and these were noted by the Partnership Officer. In particular, Partners wanted a common system for information sharing between the Partnership member organisations along with shared, planned consultation programmes and possibly a joint calendar for consultation. For this to happen, it was acknowledged that there was a need to better understand the roles and responsibilities of the Partner

organisations. It was also acknowledged that capacity for attending extra meetings was limited.

## **5. IN BRIEF –**

### **(i) Hampshire Senate update**

Peter Moyle informed the Partnership that the Senate continued to develop and terms of reference were being worked up and would be circulated soon. It was explained that licensing issues relating to the negative impacts of excess alcohol consumption remain the Senate's biggest priority and Rushmoor was helping to lead the work on this subject.

### **(ii) Neighbourhood Renewal update**

Karen Edwards confirmed the Partnership team, known as the Silver Group, responsible for overseeing the implementation of the strategy on behalf of the Partnership had held its first meeting on 12th April, 2010. The Hampshire Local Area Agreement Executive Group was due to visit on 11th June to learn more about the approach being adopted locally.

### **(iii) Joint RSP and Rushmoor and Hart Hampshire Action Team**

Cheryl Bosworth reported that HATs had been relaunched with new remits and a joint meeting with the RSP had been arranged for Wednesday 2nd June to discuss priorities and joint objectives.

### **(iv) Aldershot town centre night time economy walkabouts**

Duncan Weston reported that the Police would be providing accompanied visits for Partners to Aldershot town centre to witness the night time economy during June. Places would be limited, however.

### **(v) Progress through Partnership (PtP) funded projects**

Annie Denton confirmed that she had obtained £9,860 of PtP funding for the following priority project work:

£6,000 – Support Workplace Mental Wellbeing – a campaign to be focussed in the neighbourhood renewal areas;

£3,000 – Domestic violence – to increase understanding of unreported domestic abuse in hard to reach groups; and

£860 - Senior Citizens' Activity Guide – printing costs.

### **(vi) Sustainable Community Strategy**

Annie Denton circulated a copy and confirmed that this was now held on the website and would be kept up to date.

**(vii) Economic recession (recovery) update**

Alex Hughes circulated the latest update from Rushmoor's Corporate Recession Group and highlighted the issues over the January to March period. This included the fact that sixty new mortgage rescue scheme cases had been dealt with and that, whilst there had been an increase in threatened homelessness cases, the actual number of cases had fallen. Enterprise First had been supporting the Group by running courses for local businesses which had seen a good take up.

**6. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –**

**Rushmoor Strategic Partnership** – Venue will be Committee Room 1, Rushmoor Borough Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough unless stated:

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June (3.00 pm) **(at Princes Suite, Princes Hall, Aldershot)**

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September (3.00 pm)

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> November (3.00 pm)

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December (3.00 pm)

The meeting closed at 5.25 p.m.

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