
RUSHMOOR LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP

Notes of a meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd October, 2003 at the Rushmoor Borough Council Offices at 4.00 pm.

Present:

Rushmoor Borough Council

Councillor John Marsh
Leader

Councillor Peter Moyle (Chairman)
Deputy Leader

Councillor Nigel Baines
Cabinet Member for Borough Services

a Mr Andrew Lloyd
Chief Executive

Hampshire County Council

a County Councillor David Kirk
Executive Member for Community
Development and Regeneration

a County Councillor Rod Baulk

County Councillor Adrian Collett

Military

Colonel Stephen Oxlade MBE
Garrison Commander

**North East Hampshire Police
Division**

a Superintendent Joe Apps

Hampshire Fire Service

Mr Robin Furniss
Fire Inspection Officer

**Blackwater Valley and Hart
Primary Care Trust**

a Ms Debbie Glenn
Chief Executive

a Mr Phil Chapman
Health and Partnerships Manager

Pavilion Housing Association

Mr Mervyn Jones
Chief Executive

Rushmoor Voluntary Services

a Ms Sally Saunderson
Chief Executive

**Farnborough College of
Technology**

Mrs Christine Davis
Principal

Blackwater Valley Enterprise Trust

Mr John Mitchell
Chief Executive

North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Ms Barbara Bryant
Chief Executive

Basingstoke Canal Authority

Mr Leigh Thornton
Chief Executive

In attendance:

Hampshire County Council

Mr Terry Rath
County Education Department

Rushmoor Borough Council

Mr Andrew Colver
Head of Democratic Services

Mr Keith Holland
Head of Planning Services

Mr Les Murrell
Local Agenda 21 Co-ordinator

Ms Kathy Flatt
Democratic Support Officer

Apologies for absence had been received from County Councillors David Kirk and Rod Baulk, Ms Debbie Glenn and Mr Phil Chapman (Blackwater Valley and Hart Primary Care Trust), Superintendent Joe Apps (North East Hampshire Police Division) and Ms Sally Saunderson (Rushmoor Voluntary Services).

1. **NOTES OF LAST MEETING –**

The notes of the previous meeting held on 4th September, 2003 were approved. Mr. Mervyn Jones was confirmed as one of the leaders for the Planning for Prosperity theme group.

2. **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK –**

Mr Keith Holland, Head of Planning Services at Rushmoor Borough Council attended the meeting to give a presentation on the emerging Local Development Framework (LDF) and the implications for the community planning process.

By way of background, Mr Holland explained that the Government was changing the planning system to improve efficiency and speed as it was felt that the current system of regional planning guidance, structure and local plans was lengthy and cumbersome. The Government considered that the new system would be simpler, more flexible, dynamic and more focused.

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill would come into effect in June, 2004. Local authorities would be required to produce several short documents to be known as Local Development Documents which would make up the LDF and this would provide a framework for implementing Rushmoor's corporate policies (land use, transport, economic, social and environmental). The LDF would have key links to

the Community Strategy and the Local Strategic Partnership through a “Statement of Community Involvement” which would explain how the Council would engage with the community.

It was expected that the new systems would have the benefits of a more joined up approach to planning, establishing the LDF as a delivery mechanism for all LSP Network members and a better use of resources by way of sharing consultation, information gathering, monitoring and expertise. It was felt that the LDF would better reflect the community’s needs by linking with the vision and objectives of the Community Strategy and would provide an excellent opportunity for new and innovative working with genuine community involvement being an important part of the process.

3. HAMPSHIRE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP –

The Chairman referred to a recent community planning event which had been organised by Hampshire County Council to develop the Hampshire Community Strategy. Workshops had been held on several subject areas and, following the comments and issues raised at the event, the Hampshire Community Strategy would be refined and issued as a draft for consultation in November.

A discussion would be held at the next meeting of the LSP Group on the draft Hampshire Community Strategy.

4. “LSP WORKING AND COMMUNITY PLANS” – WORKSHOP EVENT – 28TH JANUARY, 2004 –

Attention was drawn to a workshop event on LSP Working and Community Plans in Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight which would be held on 28th January, 2004. The event was being organised by the Association of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Authorities and would take place at the Hampshire Cricket Ground Conference Centre.

Members were asked to note the date of the workshop. The details of the event were yet to be finalised, but an invitation to attend was likely to be issued in due course.

5. PARENTAID –

The Chairman welcomed Ms Gillian White of MB Learning who was attending the meeting to give a briefing on plans for a Parentaid project in Aldershot. Parentaid had been developed by the Community Education Development Centre (CEDC) to help schools, nurseries and childcare providers to signpost parents and carers to those best able to provide advice and support on personal and family concerns.

The aims of Parentaid were to:

- increase the confidence of those working with children and families so that they feel able to support to parents and carers and their families
- provide data and information to those working with children and families about the scope and purpose of support agencies and about gaining access to their services

- produce a directory that informs those working with children and families about these support agencies and provides the information in a form that will help parents to feel confident about making contact with them
- bring about effective liaison and collaboration between those working with children and families

It was recognised that parents and carers were the single most important influence on their children's lives and that a child's sense of emotional security was built on their well-being. Where parents and carers were stressed and under pressure, their child was vulnerable and unlikely to be engaged in learning. Those working with these children and young people were often the first to recognise these signs but might be unaware of what support was available for these families. Early intervention when a child, parent or family was under pressure could be crucial. A number of new initiatives were encouraging support agencies to work in partnership with them. A directory was produced by Parentaid which contained information about support services available in a local community and this directory was distributed to all those who worked with children, parents and families.

Ms White advised the Group that a Parentaid project was being considered for Aldershot and a meeting had been organised for interested parties on 27th November, 2003 when the project would be described in more detail.

The Chairman thanked Ms White for the briefing on Parentaid.

6. RUSHMOOR'S COMMUNITY PLANNING WORK –

6.1 Theme Groups –

Mr Andrew Colver advised members that a range of baseline information was being prepared for the first meetings of each of the theme groups. This information would include:

- ideas for the theme groups' visions
- what the main challenges and key problems for each theme group
- strategies which would impact on the theme groups areas of work
- organisations which could be invited to form each of the groups as core and associate members

It was emphasised that links between the theme groups would be developed to ensure that effective communication took place.

Before the first meetings of each of the theme groups could take place, briefings would be organised for each of the theme groups' "champions". It was noted that the Council would be appointing co-ordinating officers for each of the theme groups as follows:-

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| • Planning for Prosperity | - | Andrew Lloyd, Chief Executive with support from Tim Richings, Principal Planning Officer, Planning Services |
| • Safe and Secure | - | Andrew Colver, Head of Democratic Services |

- Transport Choice and Access - John Edwards, Director of Environmental Services
- Green and Clean - Peter Amies, Head of Leisure Services
- Learning and Skills - Bill Cooke, Head of Strategy and Communications

It was noted that suggestions for “quick hits” for each of the theme areas were being developed and ideas would be raised at the next meeting of the Group.

6.2 LSP Network Database –

Andrew Colver advised that work on developing the LSP Network database of organisations who had indicated that they wished to be part of the community planning process was nearing completion. The exercise had proved to be a beneficial and comprehensive task and it was envisaged that the information gathered for the database could be used for a variety of purposes. It was agreed that an abridged version of the database would be circulated to members of the Group.

6.3 Partnership Identity –

The Chairman spoke of the need to promote the LSP in the Borough and the necessity for a branding for the Partnership. Several suggestions for a logo and strapline for the LSP were tabled and members’ views were sought. A preference was expressed by members for a logo to be developed in silver and a colour under the name of “Partnership for Rushmoor” or similar. It was agreed that the Chairman should consider and agree the options for the logo, name and strapline.

7. CITIZENS’ PANEL –

It was agreed that ABA Research would be invited to a future meeting of the Group in order to give further details on the work carried out within the Borough of the Citizens’ Panel and the outcomes. Currently a quarterly consultation exercise was carried out with the Citizens’ Panel and it was felt that there might be opportunities for joint working.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –

It was agreed that future meetings would be held on the following dates at 4 pm in Committee Room 1 at the Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough:-

Tuesday, 2nd December 2003

Tuesday, 13th January 2004

*Tuesday, 9th March 2004

Tuesday, 27th April 2004

The meeting closed at 5.10 p.m.

COUNCILLOR PETER MOYLE
CHAIRMAN

* This is an amendment to the date that was incorrect on the agenda for the previous meeting

**LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP -
ACTION SHEET**

DATE OF MEETING	ACTION	BY WHOM	BY WHEN	STATUS
30th July 2003	Validation of thematic group areas	Community Planning Team	September 2003	On-going
	RBC to nominate a co-ordinator for each of the thematic groups	Community Planning Team	September 2003	Completed
	Nominations to be made from LSP Group for “champions” of thematic groups	LSP Group members	September 2003	Completed
	Obtain information on funding opportunities for work undertaken by thematic groups	Community Planning Team	November 2003	Work to start early October. Possibility of pump priming resources through the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit being investigated
	Develop database of LSP Forum organisations to include brief description of activities of each organisation to provide a searchable facility	Community Planning Team	LSP Group meeting – 2nd December 2003	Work commenced
	Confirm membership of the LSP Group to encompass representation from all sectors including representative on environmental issues and a further representative of the community sector	LSP Group	LSP Group meetings as required	Basingstoke Canal Authority appointed. Other options being considered

4th September 2003	Establish plan for communications and to drive communications on behalf of LSP with support from partners	Chairman/ Community Planning Team	September 2003	Multi-agency communications team
	Development of Partnership protocols and terms of reference	Community Planning Team	LSP Group meeting – 25th March 2004	Being developed with evolving Partnership structure
	Preparation of Community Strategy	Community Planning Team	LSP Group meeting – 13th January 2004	Introductory chapters prepared
	Report back on Local Implementation Team work and options for LSP input to secure improvements to local mental health resources	Primary Care Trust		
22nd October 2003	Consideration of draft Hampshire Community Strategy.	LSP Group	LSP Group meeting – 2nd December 2003	Included on agenda for meeting on 2nd December
	“LSP Working and Community Plans” – Workshop Event – 28th January 2004	LSP Group		Invitation to event to be sent to members of the LSP Group
	Meetings to be organised with theme group “champions” to discuss arrangements for the first meetings of each of the groups	Community Planning Team	December 2003	Meetings being arranged
	Ideas for “quick wins” for each theme group to be developed and raised at next meeting of the LSP Group	Community Planning Team	2nd December 2003	Ideas being developed for the first meeting of each of the theme groups

	Suggestions agreed by the LSP Group for the Partnership's identity to be developed	Cr Peter Moyle, Chairman, LSP Group		Logo and identity being finalised
	ABA Research, the company that organises Rushmoor Borough Council's Citizens' Panel, to be invited to a future meeting of the LSP Group	Community Planning Team	2nd December 2003	Attendance at LSP Group meeting on 2nd December
