

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

BOARD

Minutes of the Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership *Board* meeting held on Thursday, 19th July, 2007, at 9.30 a.m., Committee Room No. 1, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover.

PRESENT

Mrs. Mandy Chambers	-	Derbyshire County PCT (Chair)
Councillor Eion Watts	-	Bolsover District Council (Vice Chair)
Ms. Lorna Wallace	-	Community Voluntary Partners
Mr. Andrew Marsh	-	Learning and Skills Council
Councillor Geoff Carlile	-	Derbyshire County Council
Councillor Karl Reid	-	Parish/Town Councils
Chief Insp. Debbie Kelly	-	Derbyshire Constabulary
Mr. David Drew	-	Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Mrs. Laura Khella	-	Partnership Team
Mrs. Janet Hodsdon	-	Partnership Team
Mr. Richard Madin	-	Partnership Team
Mrs. Pam Brown	-	Partnership Team
Mr. Ian Murray	-	Chesterfield College
Ms. Jude Wildgoose	-	Derbyshire County Council

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Alice Hetherington	-	Sheffield City Region
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Mandy Chambers in the Chair

LSPB14/07 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Wes Lumley, Bolsover District Council.

LSPB15/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

LSPB16/07 MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 10TH MAY, 2007

AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May, 2007, be accepted as a true and correct record.

LSPB17/07 MATTERS ARISING

Page 2 – Matters Arising – Market Towns Regeneration Alliance Programme – Mrs. Khella reported that two projects had been submitted for consideration to the Alliance SSP, these being:

- CCTV – Creswell and South Normanton
- Better Signage in Shirebrook Town Centre

Page 4 – LSP12/07 – Smoke Free Charter - Mrs. Brown reported that the “Smoke-free Derbyshire Charter” certificates had been signed by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Local Strategic Partnership and would be circulated to *Board* members by post in the near future.

LSPB18/07 URGENT ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR OF THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

There were no Urgent Items to be considered.

LSPB19/07 SHEFFIELD CITY REGION PRESENTATION – SOUTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP

Ms. Hetherington gave a presentation on the Sheffield City Region and circulated a copy of a summary document entitled “Sheffield City Region Presents the City Region Development Programme” for information.

Councillor Carlile raised his concerns at the amount of duplication amongst partner organisations. He felt that as Chief Executives and Elected Members of neighbouring local authorities were already involved in the Sheffield City Region, it would not require involvement of the Local Strategic Partnership.

Councillor Watts commented that the Sheffield City Region was in its infancy and the Local Strategic Partnership could influence any decisions being made. This was also an opportunity for the community and voluntary sector to become involved. Ms. Wallace added that she would welcome an opportunity to be involved in a leadership group and would make a commitment to ensure that information was cascaded to the community and voluntary sector in the Bolsover District.

Ms. Hetherington advised that the South Yorkshire Partnership focused on economic growth and was aware of duplication issues.

Councillor Carlile commented that Derbyshire County Council had a strong record of partnership working.

The Chair commented that this was an ideal opportunity for the Local Strategic Partnership to engage and as some of the focus would be on Tourism, she referred to the Cultural Forum and the Joint Transport Group.

The Chair thanked Ms. Hetherington for presenting the information.

AGREED that the comments be noted.

LSPB20/07 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

Ms. Wildgoose reported that the 2006/07 Performance Report had been submitted to Government Office for the East Midlands and governance arrangements were in place to enable the 2007/08 Local Area Agreement (LAA) programme to be delivered.

Derbyshire County Council had been selected as one of 17 locations to feasibility test the new LAA arrangements and consideration had been given to agreeing 35 key indicators plus 18 others. Appropriate information had been submitted to Government Office for the East Midlands by 13th July, 2007, and this would be copied to partners (Derbyshire Partnership Forum and partners who attended the workshop event) in the near future. The LAA had been put back to June 2008.

Work would need to be undertaken following the Comprehensive Spending Review in the Autumn.

Derbyshire County Council's website had been updated with information from the Block Boards and a Partnership Newsletter had been produced.

Some Local Strategic Partnerships in the County were currently reviewing their structures and purpose to align with the LAA arrangements.

Councillor Carlile mentioned that South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership was considering aligning with the four themes of the LAA and he requested that the *Executive Support Group* also give this consideration. Councillor Watts raised his concern at previous suggestions of the possibility of merging with CHART. He clarified that he had met with the Chair of CHART in respect of this issue and advised him that Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership would not merge with CHART.

Chief Supt. Kelly commented that as Commander of "C" Division and being involved in developing Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships, it was evident that a lot of work was replicated. She concurred that a review of Partnerships to align with the Local Area Agreement may prove to be more beneficial to some partner agencies. The Chair added that the Partnership must be mindful that working across a much wider area could be problematical, as well as beneficial, and that it was imperative to preserve local needs. She agreed that this may be the opportune time to review the Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership. Mrs. Brown reminded *Board* members that the Partnership was reviewed annually by Government Office for the East Midlands due to Neighbourhood Renewal Funding; the Partnership element of the review was always considered year-on-year. Official feedback from the Self Assessment process recently carried out was

awaited. Mrs. Khella added that the independent evaluation would also highlight any areas that required reviewing.

The Chair advised that the *Executive Support Group* had recently considered a report in relation to post NRF planning.

AGREED that the comments be noted.

LSPB21/07 NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND

Items referred from *Executive Support Group*

- 2007/08 NRF Commissioning

Mrs. Khella briefly explained that the N-Gage Partnership and Cultural Forum had been invited to submit Proposal Forms. All Proposal Forms received were considered at an Appraisal Panel meeting held on 18th July, 2007. Queries were raised with the proposals and project leads had been requested to provide further information. The N-Gage proposal would need *Board* approval as this was above the £100,000 threshold.

Councillor Carlile raised concern at the amount of detail provided in the report and also queried sustainability and exit strategies. Mrs. Khella advised that the report as presented was submitted to *Executive Support Group* for consideration and was provided to *Board* for information. Councillor Reid stated that issues such as sustainability and employment of staff within the short timescales were debated by the Appraisal Panel. The Chair advised that wherever possible the Partnership approved projects that could be mainstreamed, however, it was acknowledged that some projects would be short term.

The N-Gage Partnership proposal would be sent out to *Board* members by e-mail following receipt of responses in answer to queries raised by the Appraisal Panel

AGREED that (1) the comments be noted, and

(2) the N-Gage Partnership proposal be sent to *Board* members, by e-mail, for approval.

- 2006/07 NRF Spend

Mrs. Khella briefly explained the report. The Chair mentioned that Government Office for the East Midlands had commended the Partnership in the level of carryover of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding into 2007/08.

Mrs. Khella advised that it had been agreed that £40,000 of the underspend be utilised to commission an independent evaluation of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund programme and a Forward Strategy.

AGREED that the report be noted.

- Post NRF Planning

Mrs. Khella briefly explained the report.

AGREED that the report be noted.

LSPB22/07 LEGI UPDATE

The Chair reported that this item had been deferred until the next meeting.

AGREED to defer until the next *Board* meeting.

LSPB23/07 MARKET TOWNS FORUM

Mrs. Brown briefly explained the report and asked that any relevant contact details be forwarded onto Mr. Madin, Partnership Information and Communication Officer, for onward transmission to the Alliance SSP.

AGREED that the report be noted.

**LSPB24/07 LEADERSHIP CENTRE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COLLABORATIVE WORKING BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL/
CHESTERFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL/NORTH EAST
DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL/CHART LSP**

Mrs. Brown presented the report on behalf of Mr. Lumley, Chief Executive Officer. She advised that interviews to appoint Leadership Advisors to deliver the project would take place in the near future and queried whether the Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership wished to be involved in this initiative alongside CHART LSP.

Councillor Watts initially wanted to query whether the Partnership needed to be involved and also raised his concern regarding capacity issues. However, he also expressed his concerns that the Local Strategic Partnership had not been approached until now.

Mrs. Brown stated that the Chief Executive Officer had made assurances that the project was not about merging Local Strategic Partnerships, but about sharing best practice and learning from the process. Councillor Carlile queried the involvement of the Derbyshire Partnership Forum.

The Chair supported the Vice Chair's comments and reiterated that neither Councillor Watts or herself had received any communication on this project. She also raised her concern at capacity issues bearing in mind the prior commitments of partner organisations. Partners had recently participated in the Annual Self Assessment with Government Office for the East Midlands colleagues, contributed to the Council's recent Comprehensive Performance Assessment process, a Healthy Communities Peer Review was scheduled for October this year and, therefore, all of these required time, input and resources.

Councillor Watts suggested that Derbyshire Partnership Forum should be the vehicle for this initiative as all local authorities in Derbyshire were involved.

Councillor Carlile suggested that the Chair and Vice Chair discuss this further and make the appropriate decision. He did, however, ask that Derbyshire Partnership Forum be involved.

A report to be submitted to the next *Board* meeting.

AGREED that (1) Chair and Vice Chair discuss this matter further and make the appropriate decision,

(2) a feedback report be provided at the next *Board* meeting, and

(3) the report and comments be noted.

LSPB25/07 COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY PARTNERS – COMPACT

Ms. Wallace briefly explained the report and advised that the *Executive Support Group* had suggested that an initial meeting be held in September with various representatives to start the process of preparing a Derbyshire Compact Action Plan.

Councillor Carlile commented that there were no financial implications included within the report and queried who absorbed the cost of engaging. Ms. Wallace answered that the report did indicate that there would be cost implications in terms of room hire and discussion had taken place regarding in-kind contributions. Some of the costs would be met through Community Voluntary Partners' budget. The Derbyshire Compact Steering Group did not have a budget, but members would share expenses.

AGREED that the comments be noted.

LSPB26/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 18th October, 2007, at 9.30 a.m., Committee Room No. 1, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover.

The Chair mentioned that Mrs. Khella, Partnership Team, was due to commence maternity leave towards the end of August and wished her well for the future.

The Chair informed partners that copies of Bolsover District Council's Corporate Plan were available to take away from the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10.50 a.m.