

BOLSOVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Minutes of a meeting of the Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership *Executive Support Group* held on Thursday, 10th January, 2008, at 9.30 a.m., in Committee Room No. 1, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover

PRESENT

Mrs. J. Hodsdon	-	Partnership Team
Ms. L. Wallace	-	Community Voluntary Partners
Miss D. Row	-	Community Voluntary Partners
Mrs. J. M. Wilkinson	-	Community Voluntary Partners
Ms. T. Glover	-	Cultural Forum
Mr. T. Trafford	-	Housing & the Environment Action Group
Mr. A. Diggles	-	Employment & Enterprise Action Group
Councillor A. Tomlinson	-	Bolsover District Council
Councillor A. Western	-	Derbyshire County Council
Mr. R. Madin	-	Partnership Team
Councillor E. Watts	-	Bolsover District Council (Vice Chair)
Councillor B. Murray-Carr	-	Bolsover Community Safety Partnership
Mrs. J. Dilley	-	Partnership Team
Mrs. P. Brown (part)	-	Partnership Team
Councillor K. Reid (part)	-	Parish/Town Councils

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. R. Bennett (part)	-	Bolsover District Council
Mr. D. Murray (part)	-	WM Enterprise

Councillor E. Watts in the Chair

The Chair advised that Agenda Item No. 4 would be delayed until the arrival of Mr. Murray, WM Enterprise.

ESG66/07 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:-

Mr. W. Lumley	-	Bolsover District Council
Ms. J. Cooper	-	Health & Wellbeing Action Group
Mrs. M. Chambers	-	Derbyshire County PCT (Chair)
Mrs. J. Derricott	-	Health & Wellbeing Action Group
Mrs. C. Walker	-	Derbyshire County Council
Mrs. S. Coleman	-	Employment & Enterprise Action Group
Mr. T. Whatton	-	Community Voluntary Partners

Mrs. Wilkinson reported that Mr. Whatton had resigned from the Board of Community Voluntary Partners and would not, therefore, be

attending any future *Executive Support Group* meetings. Councillor Murray-Carr asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Whatton thanking him for his valuable contribution to the Local Strategic Partnership during the last few years.

AGREED that a letter be sent to Mr. Whatton thanking him for his past contribution into the Local Strategic Partnership.

ESG67/07 **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER, 2007**

AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November, 2007, be accepted as a true and correct record.

ESG68/07 **MATTERS ARISING**

Page 6 – ESG64/07 – Any Other Business – Community Economic Development Team, Derbyshire County Council – Councillor Murray-Carr reported that the Bolsover Community Safety Partnership had discussed this matter in some depth. The Cyber Café at Shirebrook and the work undertaken by the Youth Workers had been well received. The Youth Workers had effectively engaged with the “hard to reach” groups by working at street level; problems would now be experienced as only one Worker would be continuing the work. Other legacies in Shirebrook included the Multi Games Play Area, Skatepark and Willow Tree Family Farm. Concerns had been expressed regarding sustainability of the projects. It was understood that enquiries had been made into purchasing the Lower School complex and this would also have an effect on the local community.

Ms. Glover advised that discussions had taken place with the Leader of Derbyshire County Council, Community Voluntary Partners and DCIL regarding the future use of the site. Property Services had taken details of the site users and were currently preparing a report which would be discussed by Elected Members at Derbyshire County Council.

Councillor Murray-Carr declared an interest in this item.

Councillor Western confirmed that Derbyshire County Council was not looking to sell the site, however, interest had been made and discussions were ongoing. The demise of the Community Economic Development Team highlighted the need for all projects to have exit strategies. Discussions were taking place currently to assess the value of the work that had been undertaken.

ESG69/08 NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND

NRF Spend Update/Commissioning Update

Mrs. Dilley circulated and briefly explained a report which gave details of the current position in relation to NRF spend and the commissioning of projects. It was noted that all projects had been issued with offer letters except Limestone Studios which would be posted today. Confirmation was still awaited in relation to the carry-over of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding into the next financial year. Mrs. Walker had suggested that a letter be sent to Derbyshire County Council in the first instance for onward transmission to Government Office for the East Midlands.

Mrs. Dilley stressed that as this was the final year of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding, it was important for projects to declare any anticipated underspend as soon as possible. All projects would be contacted at the beginning of February to confirm their financial projections up to March 2008.

AGREED that (1) regular financial updates be provided to the *Executive Support Group* with the potential of needing to take further decisions on existing projects if necessary,

(2) projects report any identified underspend in February, 2008, and

(3) the Department of Communities and Local Government be contacted in order to pursue the possibility of rolling forward any underspend.

ESG70/07 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

35 Priority Indicators/Governance Arrangements

A report was circulated on behalf of Mrs. Walker, which gave up-to-date information on progress with the Local Area Agreement.

Councillor Western stressed the importance of ensuring that the 35 Indicators were built into the reporting mechanisms/structure of the Local Strategic Partnership. The workshop event held during December had been well attended and the information was currently being collated.

Ms. Glover queried whether the Local Strategic Partnership's Cultural Forum would feed into the LAA Cultural Block. Councillor Western suggested that the Cultural Forum write to Mr. Martin Molloy, Strategic Director (Culture) at Derbyshire County Council for clarification.

AGREED that (1) the report be received,

(2) the Cultural Forum write to Mr. Martin Molloy, Strategic Director (Culture), Derbyshire County Council, for clarification on how to feed into the LAA Culture Block.

ESG71/07 WORKING NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND

The Chair advised that the report, which included details of the allocation to the Bolsover District had been provided for information purposes only. The funding had been allocated to the local authority and a decision had not yet been made on how this would be administered. It was considered that a long time had been spent on developing a relationship with Local Strategic Partnership partners and this should be the forum to administer the funding.

Mrs. Brown joined the meeting at 9.50 a.m.

Mr. Madin commented that the funding would be targeted on “worklessness” of which there was no set definition. Following enquiries made of the Department for Communities and Local Government, their interpretation of “worklessness” was anyone claiming an out of work benefit. It would, therefore, be necessary for the Partnership to discuss and agree what was considered to be “worklessness”.

Mrs. Brown confirmed that the funding was not ringfenced and had been awarded to the local authority. Further guidance was awaited and regular updates would be provided as and when information was received.

Councillor K. Reid/Mr. D. Murray joined the meeting at 9.55 a.m.

Mr. Diggles queried the relationship between the Working Neighbourhoods Fund and the Local Area Agreement targets. The Chair suggested that appropriate enquiries be made and a report be submitted to a future meeting of the *Executive Support Group*.

Ms. Glover queried the timescale for the funding. Mrs. Brown confirmed that the Authority had been awarded three years funding.

AGREED that (1) the report and comments be received, and

(2) an update report be submitted to a future meeting of the *Executive Support Group*.

ESG72/07 NRF EVALUATION AND FORWARD STRATEGY UPDATE

Mr. Murray reported that the draft NRF Evaluation and Forward Strategy report had been forwarded to the Partnership Team and the findings/recommendations would be presented to *Board* as well as the *Executive Support Group*. A full copy of the report would be circulated for comments following the *Board* meeting.

Councillor Western commented that although the presentation had been informative and it was evident that a very thorough job had been undertaken, it would be useful to see the whole report before making any comments. In relation to the structure proposals, it did appear that Option 4 would be the preferred choice, particularly in relation to Post 18 education as this was currently the subject of ongoing discussion.

The Chair thanked Mr. Murray for his presentation. Mr. Murray thanked everyone for their commitment and contribution to the NRF Evaluation and Forward Strategy process.

Mrs. Brown reiterated that copies of the document would be circulated following the *Board* meeting on 17th January, 2008, and would also be posted on the website. The Consultants had been very thorough and the Chair/Vice-Chair and Partnership Team were pleased with the content of the document. The Appendices formed the Forward Plan. It was intended to allow for a two week consultation period; any comments to be forwarded to Mr. Madin. Mr. Diggles queried whether there would be a formal process for feedback. Mrs. Brown advised that a standard pro-forma would be produced and made available to Partners to capture the feedback. Ms. Wallace advised that the Consultants had arranged to present the information to Community Voluntary Partners at the end of January, and queried whether it would be possible to extend the consultation period.

AGREED that (1) the comments be noted,

(2) the NRF Evaluation and Forward Strategy document be circulated following the *Board* meeting on 17th January, 2008, and

(3) the consultation period be extended until early February.

ESG73/07 PERFORMANCE – MONITORING AND EVALUATION FEEDBACK

Mrs. Hodsdon circulated copies of the Bolsover Community Safety Partnership report for information and briefly explained the reports previously provided.

Councillor Western reported that the Education and Training Action Group had met during December and discussions had ensued in

relation to adult education, whereupon it was agreed that this was a significant area of activity which needed to be prioritised. It was also agreed that the Action Group would continue to monitor NRF projects; it was intended to invite projects to the next meeting for an update on progress.

Mr. Trafford advised that the Housing and Environment Action Group were due to meet this afternoon. All projects were progressing satisfactorily. The Climate Change Conference would take place on 20th March, 2008.

Councillor Murray-Carr raised his concern regarding alcohol related incidents and the need for a link to be established with the Health and Wellbeing Action Group and Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust. The Community Safety Partnership needed to comply with PSA25 and would also be measured on outputs by Government Office for the East Midlands by April 2008. It was, therefore, imperative that appropriate links be made in order to tackle this issue. The Chair agreed to raise this issue with Mandy Chambers of Derbyshire County PCT on Councillor Murray-Carr's behalf.

Councillor Murray-Carr reported that the Safer Communities Board at its meeting in December, had agreed to share the "reward" funding between the eight Community Safety Partnerships. Concern was expressed that the Deputy Chief Executive, Derbyshire County Council, and the Chief Constable had overturned the decision by splitting the funding three ways (Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Police and the eight Partnerships). This decision would be challenged at the next Partnership meeting.

AGREED that the reports and comments be received.

ESG74/07 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Mr. Bennett circulated, for information, an update from the workshop session that followed the *Executive Support Group* meeting held on 22nd November, 2008.

Mr. Bennett advised that all Action Groups, including Community Voluntary Partners, had been made aware of the workshop event and asked to include as an Agenda Item at a future meeting. The Employment and Enterprise Group had already discussed this matter and a copy of the comments made had been provided for information.

It was noted that although the workshop event had been very useful in gathering feedback, this could not be viewed as being representative of the whole Local Strategic Partnership due to the small number of representatives who had attended the meeting. It was suggested, therefore, that the information provided be submitted to Action Groups

and a further report be provided to the *Executive Support Group* which provided detail of the feedback.

Councillor Reid commented that the Parish Council Liaison had been presented with information at its last meeting and would need to be included in the feedback.

Councillor Murray-Carr asked that reference be made to recognise the work of Bolsover District Council in supporting the petition for the extension of the use of the Robin Hood Line on Sundays and during late night opening.

Mr. Bennett also advised that Bolsover District Council's Planning Committee had recently agreed that a Local Development Framework Advisory Committee be established; this Committee would have no delegated powers but could make recommendations to the Planning Committee. The Advisory Committee would consist of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Committee. It had also been resolved that a representative of the Local Strategic Partnership be invited to sit on the Committee. The Chair queried whether the representative ought to be an Elected Member. Mr. Bennett answered that it could be anyone, however, it should be someone that understood the relationship between the Local Development Framework and Sustainable Community Strategy. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that as Councillor Murray-Carr would be attending as Vice-Chair of Planning Committee, he would also represent the Local Strategic Partnership. Mr. Bennett advised that the first meeting of the Advisory Committee was scheduled for 28th January, 2008.

AGREED that (1) the feedback from the workshop event be noted,

(2) Action Groups and Community Voluntary Partners be provided with the information to enable further discussion to be undertaken,

(3) an update on comments made by the Action Groups be submitted to a future meeting of the *Executive Support Group* for consideration and

(4) Councillor Murray-Carr be the Local Strategic Partnership's representative onto the Local Development Framework Advisory Committee.

Mr. Bennett left the meeting at 10.58 a.m.

ESG75/07 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Dilley circulated a report entitled “Expenditure from the DCC LSP Development Fund 2007-08” which gave details of expenditure incurred by the Partnership during 2007-08.

AGREED that the report be endorsed and submitted to the Derbyshire County Policy Team.

Mrs. Brown circulated a reported entitled “ESP Exclusion and Worklessness Task and Finish Group – Implementation Plan Version 0.3” on behalf of Mr. S. Tomlinson, Director of Strategy, Bolsover District Council. Unfortunately, Mr. Tomlinson could not attend the meeting due to a prior engagement. The *Executive Support Group* was being asked whether to request a place on the Sub Group, which was a Regional Body involved in a new initiative called”JOBMAETS”.

AGREED that (1) the Local Strategic Partnership request a seat on the ESP Exclusion and Worklessness Task and Finish Group,

(2) should the above request be accepted, Mr. A Diggles represent the Local Strategic Partnership, and

(3) Mrs. Brown to notify Mr. Tomlinson of the decision.

Mrs. Brown referred to the Leadership Project workshop session that took place on 20th December and advised that the notes from the event would be circulated in the near future.

AGREED that the notes of the Leadership Project workshop session held on 20th December, 2007, be circulated to the attendees and *Executive Support Group* representatives in the near future.

ESG76/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 28th February, 2008, at 9.30 a.m., Committee Room No. 1, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover.

The meeting concluded at 11.00 a.m.

