

# **EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **Report of a Meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership held at the East Devon Business Centre, Honiton on Wednesday, 25 January 2006**

<b>Present:</b>	Councillor Miss Sara Randall Johnson	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Tony Wilkinson	East Devon District Council/PCT
	Councillor Andrew Moulding	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Jill Elson	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Margaret Rogers	Devon County Council
	Councillor Stuart Hughes	Devon County Council
	Peter Jeffs	East Devon District Council
	John Golding	East Devon District Council
	Ian Tearle	East Devon PCT
	Lynda Price	East Devon PCT
	Becky Carmichael	East Devon PCT
	Sue Craythorne	Devon County Council
	Alison Swain	Devon County Council
	Eli Pang	AGILE and Ottery St. Mary and District Later Life Forum
	Bob Buskin	East Devon Chamber of Commerce
	Gary Parsons	Devon & Cornwall Police Constabulary
	Emily Farrell	Learning Disability Service, South West RDA
	Bob Buskin	East Devon Chamber of Commerce
	Marilyn Fearon	East Devon CVS
<b>Apologies:</b>	Steve Widnell	Devon Fire & Rescue Service
	Les Christianson	Heart of Devon Enterprise Agency

The meeting started at 3.30pm and ended at 4.50 p.m.

### **\*53 Minutes**

Councillor Stuart Hughes requested the minutes of the last meeting held 12 October 2005 be amended to read that he and Councillor Mrs. Margaret Rogers were attending on behalf of Devon County Council and not East Devon District Council.

### **\*54 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

### **\*55 Resignation of Dr Ali Round**

Peter Jeffs stated that he had received Dr. Ali Round's resignation from the LSP. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Ali Round thanking her for all her work that she did whilst sitting on the LSP.

The Chairman said there was no formal cycle for reappointing the Chairman and Vice Chairman. The appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman was last carried out 2 years ago. It therefore seemed sensible to do this again at a forthcoming meeting.

It was suggested that we have a LSP AGM in July because this would then follow Council Annual Meetings when Members are appointed to partner bodies.

The Chairman proposed that Ian Tearle be appointed Vice-Chairman until July. This was seconded by Sue Craythorne. Motion carried.

\*56 **Children and Young People's Services**

1) Devon Children's Trust

Sue Craythorne as a member of the Local Children's Forum and Devon Children's Trust Executive, circulated two handouts "Children's Trust defined" and "Joint Working", explained that the Devon Children's Trust is a partnership between statutory and voluntary agencies delivering children's services in Devon. At local level there is a forum in East Devon which consists of all the managers that provide services for young people which has grown from small beginnings to an active group improving services, Communications, and breaking down barriers. There is a lot of work going on in and around our county of Devon and the work is based on the consultation paper "Every Child Matters". Small amounts of funding is coming from central government.

2) Devon Children & Young People's Plan

Sue Craythorne circulated and talked to a paper entitled "Draft for consultation with Children and Young People" which explains –"What is the Children's Trust, The vision for Devon, The vision and challenges for Devon, Staying Safe, Enjoy and Achieve, Make a positive contribution, Achieve Economic wellbeing and Delivering the Plan".

3) Children's Centre Development in East Devon

Becky Carmichael referred to the handout "Children Centre Consultation Proposal – East Devon" and stated that this was the model that was being extended across Devon. It is intended to bring together a range of professionals, and to work together, and in some cases be based together. East Devon is the first tranche, it is intended there will be a Children's Centre in every market town in East Devon. The first two pilot sites will be Honiton and Exmouth. Honiton would be a building where services could come and work together. They are looking at the Doyle Centre for the Exmouth building which needs to service the town and Littleham.

It is anticipated that by 2012 every community will have a children's centre but the biggest challenge will be to break down the cultural barriers.

The Chairman thanked Sue and Becky for their informative talks and handouts.

\*57 **Draft Community Plan for adoption**

Peter stated that this document is very similar to the previous version but now has clearer priorities and the comments made at the last meeting of the Officers Group have been included. Photographs will be added to the document.

Agreed by all present that the Plan be formally adopted, and the Chairman thanked officers for the document which she felt was a positive improvement.

\*58 **'Shaping their Future' – ODPM Consultation document**

Sue Craythorne referred to Appendix 1 of the above consultation document which was produced by the ODPM following research into the effectiveness of LSPs across the country. The document forms part of the local vision debate on the future of local government, it re-examines the role, governance and capacity of LSPs and

Community Strategies both in terms of short-term changes and more radical longer-term adjustments.

A brief summary can be found at paragraphs 8 and 9 of the appendix.

The Government sets out its vision in the document for creating genuinely sustainable communities. Delivering sustainable communities is the core purpose of Community Strategies and Local Strategic Partnerships. There are currently over 360 Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) in England, 88 of which are in areas that currently receive Neighbourhood Renewal Funding, which seem to be working especially well.

The document also refers to roles and responsibilities both at County and District level, and the Government's vision of what LSPs should be can be found listed in the box following paragraph 16 of the appendix.

LSP chairmen from around the county have met twice within the last 2 months and have agreed that a joint response from all Devon LSPs should be made to the Government.

The closing date for consultation is the 3 March 2006 and as the next meeting of the LSP is not until April, the Chairman delegated responsibility to respond to the consultation document to the LSPOG, in consultation with her. Each group was invited to come back to the LSPOG with their comments as soon as possible.

The Chairman thanked Sue for her informative talk and all agreed that one point of recommendation should be that LSPs be given a budget as a hub to their work.

\*59 **PCT Reconfiguration**

Lynda Price stated that the PCT were in the middle of this process and had held their local consultation meeting at which 70 people attended. A good debate arose and the debate was taped by the Strategic Health Authority.

The Department of Health on the 23 April 2006 will look at the proposals that will come forward and will then make a decision. The Strategic Health Authority have set aside a whole week in April to collate all the views. Lynda said this was a big issue for Devon as will involve joining PCTs together, and there are 3 options.

However Cornwall have only agreed on 1 option and they are now working on that being approved.

The Chairman thanked Lynda for updating all those present.

\*60 **Date and Venue for Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership would be held on Wednesday 26 April 2006, 3.30 p.m. at the East Devon Business Centre, Honiton.

Signed ..... Date .....

Chairman LSP - Councillor Miss Sara Randall Johnson