

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, 26 April 2006

Present:	Councillor Tony Wilkinson Councillor Jill Elson Councillor Stuart Hughes Peter Jeffs John Golding Solveig Sansom Becky Carmichael Eli Pang Malcolm Sherry Steve Widnell	East Devon District Council/PCT East Devon District Council Devon County Council East Devon District Council East Devon District Council PCT/East Devon District Council East Devon PCT AGILE and Ottery St. Mary and District Later Life Forum East Devon Chamber of Commerce Devon Fire & Rescue Service
Apologies:	Cllr. Sara Randall Johnson Cllr. Margaret Rogers Lynda Price Sue Craythorne Ian Tearle Marilyn Fearon Leslie Smith Emily Farrell	East Devon District Council Devon County Council East Devon PCT Devon County Council East Devon PCT East Devon CVS Devon Association of Parish Councils Learning Disability Service SW RDA

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

***61 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership held on 25th January 2006 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

Councillor Tony Wilkinson took the opportunity to notify the Partnership of the sad death of Chief Inspector Graham Bird, their Police representative.

He also introduced and welcomed Malcolm Sherry as the Chamber of Commerce's official representative on the LSP. Malcolm is the Chairman of the Federation of the Chambers of Commerce.

***62 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

***63 Tobacco Control**

An update presentation on "Tobacco Control in East Devon – One year on" was received from Solveig Sansom, Tobacco Control Officer East Devon Primary Care Trust/East Devon District Council.

Solveig talked about her 2005 action points:

- Smoke free taxis – licensing – a national issue, although there are some smoke free taxi firms already exist
- Audit smoking status of local businesses
- Breakdown of smoking prevalence by age group
- Creation of local smoke free award

The Breath of Fresh Air Award is backed by the PCT, EDDC, the Police and the Fire Service. She stated that there had been a huge amount of local publicity and the award had been awarded to 19 businesses so far.

Solveig explained that The Health Bill 2006 is being read in the House of Lords at the present time and that by the Summer of 2007 the following places would become smoke free by summer 2007,

- Enclosed workplaces
- Enclosed public places
- Restaurants, cafes, pubs and clubs
- Business vehicles and public transport, including taxis

However, it is not clear as to who will be enforcing the standards, but failure to comply with the law will be a criminal offence. There would be fines for individuals smoking in smoke free premises, fines for owners/managers who allow smoking on their premises and fines for failing to display adequate no-smoking signs. However there may possibly be exceptions, hotel bedrooms, if designated as a smoking room. Company cars (although not light and heavy goods vehicles) and residential accommodation.

Solveig explained that a grant had recently been awarded from Cancer Research to work with local businesses and to inform local businesses owners about the new smoke-free workplace legislation. A successful Breakfast Seminar was held on April 7th and Solveig said she has received some positive feedback. Similar seminars will be rolled out across Devon through the Smoke-free Devon Alliance.

The Stop Smoking Service target for 05/06 has been met (496). The target for 2007/07 is 745. Increases expected in quitters with new legislation and sales of nicotine replacement therapy (patches, gum etc) already up. There are 21 pharmacies in Devon with trained Staff and offering good access for local people, including weekends and out-of- hours. There are 18 evening groups run every year, in addition to drop-in clinics and pharmacies. 6 health visitor clinics offering stop smoking support every week. However the majority are referred by GP.

Solveig said that next on the agenda was to

- build on contacts made through breakfast seminars, offering support and advice.
- Maintain high profile
- Ensure Environmental Health Officers are kept up to date with the developing new legislation, and working together to reach more businesses across the region.

On behalf of the LSP Councillor Tony Wilkinson thanked Solveig for her very informative and productive presentation and said the LSP appreciated all her efforts.

***64 East Devon Sustainable Community Plan**

Peter said that the final version of the Community Plan had been placed on the Council's Website and feedback would be welcomed, together with the promotion of the Plan through the LSP groups.

He said that as an LSP we now have a smaller number of priorities and the Plan describes how these were identified:

- Tackling anti-social behaviour
- Community Support (in areas with difficult)
- Suitable Homes (focussing on affordable, quality, size and location)
- Positive mental health
- Use of Culture for Social Integration and networking
- Use and develop our local environment to improve health
- Regeneration opportunities for increasing average income

Peter said there are some obvious linkages and hopefully we will be able to do something practical with them and need to show that we can achieve something on these priorities.

***65 Discussion on LSP against priorities**

Cllr Tony Wilkinson said it was helpful now that we had a reduced number of priorities but that we need to be positive and come up with particular projects. He said he would like to see a focus group working on the priorities. It was agreed that the LSPOG would try to find a project that would make sure the priorities were tackled, and ensure some linkage amongst them. They would seek to put money behind them and really achieve something.

The LSP felt "Positive Mental health" was the biggest priority as it had a very wide agenda (drug addition, alcohol, depression, obesity, well-being, deprivation) and we should be concentrating on children and young people.

It was further agreed that the Sub-Groups would look at the priorities and set the objectives, parameters, and priorities.

***66 Youth Survey**

Peter produced the 3 Youth Surveys:

- Phase 1 Sidmouth,
- Phase 2 Axe Valley and
- Phase 3 The Kings School, Ottery St. Mary.

together with a breakdown of those surveys showing key results to key questions He said there was a lot of similarity between the 3 surveys. The most important difference was to do with the character of the areas that were surveyed. Sidmouth very much more of a local school area where Axminster and Ottery St. May covered a much bigger catchment area with longer distance travelled.

Key results showed consistency between all 3 surveys in that "things they would do and do often came' out as "pool swimming". "Sea swimming" was also rated highly.

Death came out as a top worry for children.

Peter said there was a notably positive response to one question,"How friendly do you find people in your locality?", this came out at 75% finding their area quite friendly which was a positive result.

Peter said that all 3 Youth Surveys were now on the Council's website as was the breakdown of the surveys. He said that if there was any work or anything further the Partnership needed on the surveys, to let him know.

***67 District Transport Strategy**

Peter said that this final document was now on the Council's website together with the Appendices to the Strategy. The action points for the strategy are listed at the back of the document. He stated that when Members saw the document they thought it was good but wondered how agencies were going to work to carry out those things; hence our Councillors would be having a day exploring this with partners.

He also said that the results from the youth survey showed that young people do have issues about transport.

***68 Dates and venue of future meetings**

The date of the next meeting which would be the LSP's AGM would be held on Wednesday 19th July 2006 in the Committee Room, Knowle, Sidmouth. The setting of future dates and agreement on venue would be discussed at this meeting.

***69 Any other business**

1. LSP handout – "Everyone seems to be in agreement" – from Peter for information to all.
2. PCT - Cllr Tony Wilkinson said that the Strategic Health Authority had recommended to the Department of Health that Devon have three PCTs in future, rather than the existing 8. This would mean separate trusts for Plymouth and Torbay, and one for the rest of Devon. The Secretary of State for Health will decide next month.

Signed

Date

Chairman LSP - Councillor Miss Sara Randall Johnson