

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, 12 October 2005

Present:	Councillor Tony Wilkinson	East Devon District Council/PCT
	Councillor Andrew Moulding	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Margaret Rogers	Devon County Council
	John Golding	East Devon District Council
	Ian Tearle	East Devon PCT
	Sue Craythorne	Devon County Council
	Eli Pang	AGILE and Ottery St. Mary and District Later Life Forum
	Bob Buskin	East Devon Chamber of Commerce
	Graham Bird	Devon & Cornwall Police Constabulary
	Marilyn Fearon	East Devon CVS
Michelle Thornberry	Devon County Council	
Chris Hartrick	Devon Fire & Rescue Service	
Apologies:	Councillor Sara Randall Johnson	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Miss Jill Elson	East Devon District Council
	Nigel Harrison	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Stuart Hughes	Devon County Council
	Charlie Plowden	East Devon District Council
	Dr. Ali Round	East Devon PCT
	Alison Swain	Devon County Council
	Emily Farrell	Learning Disability Service
	Les Christianson	South West RDA
	Trevor Day	Heart of Devon Enterprise Agency
Malcolm Sherry	Devon & Torbay Learning Partnership	
	East Devon Federation of Chamber of Commerce	

The meeting started at 3.30pm and ended at 5.40 p.m.

*44 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership held on 20 July 2005, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

The Chairman took the opportunity of welcoming Chief Inspector Graham Bird (the Police were formerly represented by Chief Inspector Emma Webber) and to Chris Hartrick of the Devon Fire & Rescue Service (formerly represented by Mike Holme) to their inaugural meeting of the LSP.

*45 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

*46 **Child Protection**

A presentation was received from Michelle Thornberry who is the PCT's named officer for child protection. Her role is specifically focussing on child protection.

During her presentation she highlighted some important statistics which are attached to these Minutes.

Michelle concluded by saying that there was still a lot of work to be tackled and that training was an issue. She also said they needed to know that information was being passed on and a better willingness to communicate with the other agencies.

The issues were debated and the LSP reaffirmed the importance it attached to this issue.

On behalf of the LSP the Chairman thanked Michelle for her very informative presentation.

*47 **Reorganisation of the PCT**

A presentation, together with handout on "Our Local Proposals for Devon" was received from Ian Tearle Joint Director of the PCT on the forthcoming reorganisation of the PCT.

During his presentation some additional points were made/covered as follows:

- A single Devon PCT is not fully agreed
- Concerns from partners particularly District Councils
- What will our health service look like in 2020
- Have to maintain health improvement and improve life risk factors, much of this work sits outside the PCT
- Local instructions needed for effective commissioning - challenges
- Questions on how services in middle tier are to be managed
- Local issues need to be inputted for this locality, and more enhanced services achieved
- Could move back to Locality Planning Groups
- Taking work out of the RD&E and transfer to the local hospitals
- Spare cash from management savings may not stay in region but 15% saving to go to cancer care and be spread nationally
- December 12 launch of feedback, through to February 2006. October 2006 reconfiguration proposals completed
- 28 strategic health authorities could drop to 9 or 11.

The Chairman thanked Ian for his presentation and asked Ian if he could send Sue a briefing note which in turn could be sent as an update on the reorganisation to members of the LSP.

***48. Draft Community Plan**

Peter said that the Community Plan had been presented to the Officers Group who decided upon a slightly different formatted document with not to many changes but some items now being combined. Overall we are now trying to focus on one agreed target per theme.

Peter asked the LSP if they thought the priorities were right and if they had any comments on the Plan. He also tabled a chart comprising EDDC's proposed priorities, those of the Community Plan, and those of the LAA and LPSA. The following is their comments:

<u>Heading</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Comments on the CP</u>
Community safety	Anti social behaviour	Positive support.
Housing	Affordable Housing	Items on 'Does it all tie in' could be linked to affordable housing. Are sufficient resources being provided to deliver priority? Need to come up with some realistic options for affordable housing – key workers, including teachers and police.
Keeping healthy	Positive mental health	To promote independence of mental health issues and preventative medicine but to link this to the Culture and Leisure theme as there is need for more community sports facilities.
Culture and leisure	Prioritise opportunities for social networking and integration	Young peoples inclusion and social cohesion and especially opportunity for cultural and physical activity.
The vision for East Devon		Losing tourists, car parking charges, public conveniences closed. Business in Seaton down 20%. An issue for the Economy

Peter said the officer groups had tried to come up with those proprieties that were realistic and could only be achieved by joined up working.

The LSP's priorities and comments would now be related to the Officer Group at its next meeting,

***49. A Compact for Devon**

Sue Craythorne circulated a handout "Executive Summary" and said that it had been to the LSP before and the working group that had been putting this together has now finished and public bodies are now being asked to sign up following Devon County Council formally adopting it. The PCT and District Councils are now being asked to formally consider, endorse it and be formally put through their processes. It was agreed that the Council would consider it at Executive Committee.

*50 **East Devon Youth Survey Results – An Introduction**

The survey started out looking at leisure needs of young people but eventually linked in a range of other issues including transport. It was a multi-agency piece of work. The Sidmouth Community College kindly surveyed all their pupils and this survey was replicated at The Kings School and Axe Valley Community College. The results of the surveys at these collages will be compared with Sidmouth. Peter then briefly ran through some of the results of the Youth Survey so far.

It was agreed that a themed meeting on ‘Children’ would form the agenda for the January 2006 meeting of the LSP.

*51 **Sub Group Updates**

An update report was circulated and noted from the East Devon Business Forum.

*52 **Date and Venue for Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership would be held at Wednesday 25 January 2006, at the East Devon Business Centre, Honiton.

Chairman Date.....

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Child Protection

Summary of Michelle Thornberry's presentation:

Key statistics:

Child Protection in England

- ❑ 11m children in England, of which 3-4 million are vulnerable with 3-4,000 children in need
- ❑ 32,000 on the child protection register
- ❑ 58,000 children looked after
- ❑ Each week 1 child under 5 years of age dies following abuse and neglect
- ❑ 80% of child homicides are carried out by parent, 10% by a stranger

What is child abuse

- ❑ Harm by action or a failure to act
- ❑ Difficult to detect
- ❑ 4 categories – physical, emotional, neglect and sexual
- ❑ Long term effects into adulthood
- ❑ Occurs in families, institutions or communities

Child abuse in context

- ❑ The 2000 NSPCC study showed that 9 out of 10 young people said they grew up in a warm and loving family

Responsibilities

- ❑ Everyone
- ❑ Safe recruitment, CRB checks
- ❑ Training
- ❑ Supervision
- ❑ What to do
- ❑ Support and prevention

Multi-agency working

- ❑ Health – GP, HV, SN, MIU, Mental Health, drug services
- ❑ Social services
- ❑ Education – teachers, EWO, ISA
- ❑ Police
- ❑ YOT
- ❑ Community groups, faith communities

Guidance

- ❑ The Children act 1989
- ❑ Data Protection Act 1998
- ❑ Working together to safeguard children DOH 1999
- ❑ National Assessment Framework DOH 2000
- ❑ Safeguarding children involved in prostitution

Additional guidance

- ❑ Promoting the health of health looked after children DOH 2002
- ❑ Safeguarding children in whom illness is fabricated or induced 2002
- ❑ S175 education act
- ❑ Operation Kansas 2002
- ❑ Victoria Climbié inquiry 2003
- ❑ Bichard inquiry
- ❑ Children's Act 1004

The future

- ❑ Every child matters – consultation
- ❑ Local Safeguarding Children Board
- ❑ Abolition of Child Protection Register
- ❑ Broader view of safe guarding children
- ❑ Family group conferencing
- ❑ “Stop it now” initiative
- ❑ Children's Trust
- ❑ Common assessment framework

Challenges

- ❑ Assessment
- ❑ Communication
- ❑ Training and supervision
- ❑ Recording
- ❑ Practice and process
- ❑ Accountability