

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of a Meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership held at the East Devon Business Centre, Honiton on Monday 18 April 2005

Present:	Councillor Sara Randall Johnson	East Devon District Council
	Peter Jeffs	East Devon District Council
	John Golding	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Tony Wilkinson	East Devon District Council/PCT
	Charlie Plowden	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Andrew Moulding	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Stuart Hughes	Devon County Council
	Sue Craythorne	Devon County Council
	Alison Swain	Devon County Council, Social Services
	Lynda Price	East Devon Primary Care Trust
	Becky Carmichael	East Devon Primary Care Trust
	Solveig Sansom	East Devon Primary Care Trust/East Devon District Council
	C.I. Emma Webber	Devon & Cornwall Police Constabulary
	Elli Pang	AGILE/Older People
Lynne Robertson	East Devon CVS	
Lisa Rutter	Devon Youth Service	
Lesley Smith	Devon Association of Parish Councils/CCD	
Apologies:	Councillor Jill Elson	East Devon District Council
	Dr. Ali Round	East Devon Primary Care Trust
	Trevor Day	Devon & Torbay Learning Partnership
	Bob Buskin	East Devon Chamber of Commerce
	Les Christianson	Heart of Devon Enterprise Agency
Nigel Harrison	East Devon District Council	

The meeting started at 3.30 p.m. and ended at 5.24pm.

*31 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership held on 19 January 2005, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

*32 **Tobacco Control Presentation**

A presentation on "How organisations need to work together to achieve progress on smoking issues" was received from Solveig Sansom, Tobacco Control Officer /East Devon Primary Care Trust). Solveig talked about the White Paper, the 5 year template for East Devon, a local Clean Air Award, and asked each representative to audit their own organisation's smoking status and smoking prevalence amongst staff,

Solveig's key objectives are:

- To work in partnership with East Devon statutory & voluntary agencies to encourage smoke-free working environments (local authority, trading standards, chambers of trade, licensee groups etc.)
- To identify additional public places across East Devon which would be interested in going smoke-free (questionnaires, leaflets, letters - all in hand)
- To provide practical advice & support to businesses wishing to go smoke free. (Written smoking policies, legal guidance etc)
- To provide individual support for employees & members of the public wishing to stop smoking. (Have set up group at EDDC, refer smaller numbers to existing groups or arrange new groups where needed)
- To establish a local database of smoke-free public places for evaluation & monitoring purposes. (have amended EDDC database to include info on smoking status, have also added smoking status question to EHO forms)

The Chairman requested a target figure for reducing smoking prevalence, and also to see if it would be possible to obtain a breakdown of rates by age group. Solveig stated that she was looking into both of these although the latter will be approximate and based on a formula because such detailed figures were not available. It was agreed also that the audit be done electronically.

Councillor Stuart Hughes suggested that East Devon District Council look at making all their taxis smoke-free and also seek to make it a condition of license that the private cars are smoke-free too. It was agreed therefore that Solveig would be setting up a meeting with Councillor Hughes and John Tippin (Licensing Manager – EDDC) in the near future to discuss this very issue.

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

*33 **Update on Local Area Agreement**

Sue Craythorne referred to her self explanatory handout "Towards Devon's Second LPSA" which was a useful background document setting out in detail proposals relating to the terms of reference, membership and operation of the new arrangements.

The Local Area Agreement is an agreement between Devon County Council and its partners working with the Devon Strategic Partnership and the Government, thereby enabling the Government to relax some of its funding streams to enable communities to work more flexibly. Devon has been announced as a pilot authority along with Dorset. Devon County Council had to come to an agreement with relevant partner organisations to agree what the priorities were and what they wanted to do over the next 3 years. Proved difficult to effectively involve everybody but this year hoping to do more with partners.

***34 Update on Devon Strategic Partnership (DSP)**

Sue Craythorne referred to her self explanatory hand out “Report of the Devon Strategic Partnership Forum” together with “Appendix 1 - Devon Strategic Partnership – Governance – Outline Proposals” and in particular the proposed framework of the DSP which hopefully will be adopted on the 17th May 2005.

Sue urged those present to have a look at her paper and to contact Sue or Mark Williams if they wanted to get involved in how the DSP is going to function in the future. She said that the DSP will have increasing amounts of power in that it will oversee the Local Area Agreement, which will, eventually be managing a significant budget.

Peter Jeffs wanted to know that if the LSP came across some big issues locally and want to take action, how could the DSP allow the LSP to do this? Sue said that depending on the issue, there would be mechanisms to provide support for local issues if they link with the overall LAA objectives. There will continue to be close links between the DSP and the Local Strategic Partnership.

Sue will ensure that the periodic LAA newsletters are circulated to all LSP members via Sue Parkinson.

***35 Devon Community Legal Safety Partnership (DCLSP)**

Sue Craythorne reported that the DCCLSP exists in order to try and ensure that members of the public have access to advice about their legal rights which include welfare benefits, money advice, debt, employment and immigration issues. It aims to increase the availability of services and improve access to information.

Although this is a local partnership, it is supported by the Legal Services Commission staff, who have asked to do a presentation to the LSP as there are big issues in rural areas where people can't get advice

It was agreed that the DCLSP be invited to a future meeting of the LSP.

***35 Update on Regional Spatial Strategy for the South West**

Peter Jeffs reported on his handout and said if anyone was interested no doubt they will look at the time scale and engage. Pretty important at higher level – really quite strategic stuff, rather than day to day.

The Chairman stated that this will replace the County Structure Plan and will be based on the constituencies that represent the South West.

***36 Sub-Group Updates and Draft Transport Strategy**

Sub Group updates

The one sub-group update received was from Sue Craythorne in respect of Children and Young People for which the Chairman thanked her.

Draft Transport Strategy

Peter explained that the Task and Finish Forum (EDDC plus partners) had done some major work including a survey, and had pulled in experts on different forms of transport. The document itself is huge and this is merely an abstract. The most relevant part is key issues for East Devon and what are the things that will make a difference.

The Strategy has gone out to consultation and comments had been invited from the LSP.

The Chairman said this was an excellent piece of work and hoped Members of the LSP would forward any comments they had to Peter.

*37 **Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership would be held at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday 20th July 2005, at the East Devon Business Centre, Honiton.

Chairman Date