

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of a Meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership held in the Committee Room, East Devon District Council on Wednesday, 19 July 2006

Present:	Councillor Miss Sara Randall Johnson (for part) Councillor Tony Wilkinson Councillor Jill Elson Peter Jeffs John Golding Councillor Stuart Hughes Sue Craythorne Marilyn Fearon Ian Tearle Becky Carmichael Lynda Price Chief Inspector Jim Nye Eli Pang Paul Bardy	East Devon District Council East Devon District Council/PCT East Devon District Council East Devon District Council East Devon District Council Devon County Council Devon County Council East Devon CVS East Devon PCT East Devon PCT East Devon PCT Devon & Cornwall Constabulary AGILE and Ottery St. Mary and District Later Life Forum East Devon Chamber of Commerce (Axminster)
Apologies:	Cllr. Barry Nicholson Leslie Smith Emily Farrell Steve Widnell Les Christianson Malcolm Sherry	Devon County Council Devon Association of Parish Councils Learning Disability Service SW RDA Devon Fire and Rescue Service Heart of Devon Enterprise Agency East Devon Chamber of Commerce

The meeting started at 3 p.m. and ended at 4.50 p.m.

*70 **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.

*71 **Matters Arising**

Minute 63 – Tobacco Control - Ian Tearle mentioned that the following the Health Care Commission Review, East Devon PCT received a 3 star rating overall, with a 4 star rating for the tobacco control element.

Minute 67 – District Transport Strategy – Cllr Jill Elson wanted “Transport to Health” placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the LSP (11th October 2006) and for specific people from Devon County Council to be invited.

***72 Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Appointed as Chairman (Proposed Cllr Tony Wilkinson)	Cllr Sara Randall Johnson Seconded Cllr Jill Elson)
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Appointed as Vice Chairman (Proposed Lynda Price)	Ian Tearle Seconded Cllr Stuart Hughes)
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In the absence of the Chairman, Ian Tearle then took over the chair and presided over the rest of the meeting.

He took the opportunity to welcome Chief Inspector Jim Nye to his first meeting of the LSP and introduced those present to Jim. Jim stated he was looking forward to his new challenge as Chief Inspector of the area. Fear of crime is out of proportion to the reality of crime locally. His challenge was to drive down crime and address the fear of crime as really East Devon is one of the safest places to live.

Ian then welcomed Paul Bardy who was standing in for Malcolm Sherry (East Devon Chamber of Commerce) to his first meeting. Paul said he was very interested to see what the LSP was all about.

***75 'Money in Kitty'**

Peter said that since the LSP formed it was decided not to be a budget making organisation so we still had the money that preceded this Committee. It is a one-off residual fund of £36k and is for the benefit of the LSP. There are no clear priorities for spending the money.

We have been looking at a project and the LSP (see Minute 76) may well decide to use part or all of the money on a sustainability project. Peter felt we should hold this in our minds for future.

***76 Project for the LSP**

Peter ran through his briefing paper “A project for the LSP” and said that the LSP would recall asking the Officer Group to think about managing a sustainability project and to seek funding for it. Following a further meeting of the Officer Group, which included a wider number of people (Youth Services, Police etc) some ‘creative thinking’ sessions were held to identify a project which could satisfy the criteria and be based around ‘everyday’ activities.

It was decided to focus on one specific geographical area and look across the whole spectrum of young people, mainly of secondary school age in that area. The area selected was Seaton as one where there is an apparent dearth of youth opportunities.

Peter said some engaging work needed to be done with youngsters beforehand as it was hoped the youngsters themselves would run the event and they in turn would have gained knowledge/experience which they then would be able to build on in future years.

Sulina Tallack (Funding Officer for EDDC) is looking into funding and discussions have been held with the Prince’s Trust who are keen to get young people trained up.

Following general discussion it was agreed in principle that the project should be moved forward and that the Officer Group be asked to provide more details on cost, check out lottery funding and come back to the next meeting of the LSP with an update on progress.

*77 **Heathpark/Millwey Rise Community Flats**

Becky Carmichael briefly outlined her paper (26/7/06 version) on the Heathpark Community Development Programme Review

The Heathpark project is an established and valued resource which addresses the needs of some of the most vulnerable residents of East Devon. It is an example of good multi-agency practice and clearly supports the work of the major public service stakeholders in addressing inequalities and meeting the needs of the community.

As the project meets many of the aims set out in the East Devon Community Plan, it is appropriate that the project should be adopted by, and accountable to, the Local Strategic Partnership. In order to continue, sustainability must be addressed which must include consideration of the economies of scale that could be achieved by rolling out the model to other identified geographical locations.

Her paper proposes (5.1) that the project is adopted by the Local Strategic Partnership as it meets the core aims of social inclusion, tackling inequalities and promoting mental well-being as well as having coherence with the housing theme specified in the East Devon Community Plan, and has commitment from the Housing Strategy. The paper also suggests the approach should be considered as good practice to be replicated in other areas of need within East Devon (Millwey Rise, Axminster) (5.2).

Following a general discussion on the PCT's proposals it was agreed to accept Proposal 5.1 that the "*LSP formally adopt the Heathpark project as part of its core business and that partnership commitment concerning contribution to core funding and management arrangements should be formalised,*" and for Proposal 5.2 it was agreed in principle but that the Officer Group be asked to prepare a budget projection and submit to the October meeting of the LSP.

(Ian Tearle mentioned that at a Joint Area Review Board meeting that took place on children services, held at Heathpark recently, there were two comments made – Heathpark has a considerable amount of needs and is a really good model of joint working. Ian said congratulations to those organisations who have contributed).

*78 **Themed Meetings**

Peter said he felt that over a period of time the LSP should start looking at each of the Community Plan issues and have themed meetings on those issues and bring in specific speakers.

It was agreed that the Autumn meeting of the LSP would be a themed meeting on "Positive Mental Health".

*79 **Skateboard Project in Seaton this Summer**

Peter said that on the 13th August 2006 10.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. there was going to be a fun day and competition for skate board, BMX and in-line skates planned for Seaton as well as a Youth Consultation day. It is being organised by Ishbel Ramsey, Arts Development Officer, Communities Directorate, and Sulina Tallack, Funding Co-ordinator, EDDC.

Major funding has been secured from “Boarding House” who are running the skateboarding demonstration but Peter said that costs outstrip the budget and would welcome funding from other organisations. The basic funding is in place but the consultation money is not. Local Bands, Youth Service involved together with Police involvement.

Sue Craythorne stated that it would be helpful to include the Regeneration Team and Seaton Town Council in this event. County Councillors now have a budget and it may well be that that the Local Ward Member (Councillor Mrs. Margaret Rogers, CC) could be contacted to see if funding from the County Council would be forthcoming.

Following a general discussion possible sponsors were mentioned – “Red Ball” and the “Extreme Sports Foundation”.

***81 Dates and venue of future meetings**

The proposed list of dates was approved and will be held as follows:

Wednesday	11 th October '06	9.15 a.m. for 9.30 a.m.	Committee Room, EDDC
Wednesday	10 th January '07	9.15 a.m. for 9.30 a.m.	Committee Room, EDDC
Wednesday	4 th April '07	9.15 a.m. for 9.30 a.m.	Room 1, EDDC
Wednesday	18 th July '07 (AGM)	9.15 a.m. for 9.30 a.m.	Committee Room, EDDC

***82 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 11th October 2006, 9.15 a.m. for 9.30 a.m. in the Committee Room, here at Knowle, Sidmouth

***82 Any other business**

i) Sub-Regional Strategy Statements and Housing Distribution

Peter referred to his coloured handout which formed part of a large planning document which sets the scene for where future development is going to be. The document can be located at:
http://www.southwest-ra.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=836
which includes the document, appendices, forward and contents.

ii) East Devon Unlimited 2006

Peter said last year the for the very first time the Council produced a Young People summer website which was very much a first attempt.

This year it has been revamped, made it easier to launch and a much better website. We have been working with 3 schools to find out what kids wanted and somewhere for kids to advertise. There is more work to be done with the schools and perhaps eventually for the schools to take ownership of the site.

The site can be located at:
http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/index/community/content-youngpeople/east_devon_unlimited.htm

iii) Farewell from Lynda Price – East Devon PCT

Lynda explained that this will be her last meeting and wished the LSP success and good luck for the future.

Signed

Date

Chairman LSP - Councillor Miss Sara Randall Johnson