

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, 20 July 2005

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

The meeting started at 3.30pm and ended at 5 p.m.

*38 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership held on Monday 18 April 2005, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

*39 **Matters Arising**

Minute 32 Tobacco Control – Solveig Sansom, Tobacco Control Officer, East Devon PCT, was now in a position to be able to update the Partnership after her presentation in January 2005. It was agreed that Solveig be invited to attend the next meeting.

*40 **Community Legal Service Partnership**

A presentation, together with handout, was received from Pauline Clark, Account Manager (Devon & Torbay Area), Legal Services Commission, Bristol Office.

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

- Pauline stated that the CLSP provides services to members of the community, which are very much akin to the goals and policies of the LSP members.
- CLSP services are very relevant to East Devon due to the number of rural small communities and many residents are therefore not geographically close to CABs etc. in order to seek legal advice.
- 70 'Your Legal Rights Explained' leaflet stands are currently situated in various sites throughout Devon. These stands contain 30 leaflets and provide information and reference for members of the community. Members of the group are invited to make suggestions as to where additional stands might be useful in the East Devon area.
- Pauline's role will shortly be changing and Kevin Stephens will be taking over responsibility for her region. His contact number is 0117 302 3025.
- Members were also invited to send an East Devon rep to the CLSP's next Strategy Group Meeting, to be held at 11am on 8 September 2005 at County Hall. John Golding will look into possible representation from EDDC.
- Concerns were raised by the Chairman that the East Devon CAB is to have their services to the community reduced. Pauline confirmed that the Community Legal Service does not provide core funding, but has contracts with CABs to provide specialist services. East Devon CAB does not have such a contract.
- It was confirmed that legal representation from the CLSP for tribunals and in court is means tested in most cases.
- It was confirmed that the CLS do not have funds available for schools and education. This could be managed locally by the CAB, who for a small fee could do some lessons at schools. The Devon CLSP is currently looking at how to provide financial literacy skills through the citizenship agenda in community colleges.

On behalf of the LSP the Chairman thanked Pauline Clark for her presentation.

*41 **New Community - Cranbrook**

A presentation, together with handout, was received from Karime Hassan, Corporate Director for Environment, East Devon District Council.

Karime stated that there were several big challenges facing the project. Among these is that the community delivers both the requirements of the future residents and also of EDDC's service objectives. It is paramount to create a community and not simply a housing estate or residential 'dormitory'. The supply and timing of the infrastructure is also key to Cranbrook's future success as a real 'East Devon Town'.

Karime stated that to date EDDC has not received any funding from the Government in order to take this project forward. Although the building of a new community is part of the region's 'Spatial Strategy', it is not considered to be an area of regeneration, such as in South East England, which is qualifying for millions of pounds of support from the Government. Concerns were raised by members regarding the level of Council Tax payer's support in East Devon for the new community.

On behalf of the LSP the Chairman thanked Karime Hassan for his presentation.

*42 **Sub Group Updates**

An update report was circulated and noted from Transport.

*43 **Date and Venue for Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership would be held at 3.30pm on Wednesday, 12 October 2005, at the East Devon Business Centre, Honiton.

Chairman Date.....