

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 19 January 2005

Present:	Councillor Sara Randall Johnson	East Devon District Council
	Peter Jeffs	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Tony Wilkinson	East Devon District Council/PCT
	Mark Lane	East Devon District Council
	Penny Bayer	East Devon District Council
	Charlie Plowden	East Devon District Council
	Nigel Harrison	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Andrew Moulding	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Jill Elson	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Margaret Rogers	Devon County Council
	Councillor Stuart Hughes	Devon County Council
	Sue Craythorne	Devon County Council
	Becky Carmichael	East Devon Primary Care Trust
	Lynda Price	East Devon Primary Care Trust
	Gerry Moore	East Devon Community Safety Partnership
	Bob Buskin	East Devon Chamber of Commerce
Apologies:	Mike Holme	Devon Fire & Rescue Service
	Elli Pang	AGILE/Older People
	Sue Tucker	East Devon CVS
	Lisa Rutter	Devon Youth Service
	Councillor Kathleen Bamsey	Devon County Council
	Dr. Ali Round	East Devon Primary Care Trust
	Mark Williams	East Devon District Council
	Clare Brewster	East Devon District Council
	Nick Jarrold	Devon & Cornwall Police Constabulary
	John Golding	East Devon District Council
	Trevor Day	Devon & Torbay Learning Partnership
	Lesley Smith	Devon Association of Parish Councils

The meeting started at 3.37 p.m. and ended at 5.24pm.

*21 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership held on 12 October 2004, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

*22 **Economic Development Strategy presentation**

A presentation was received from Mark Lane and Penny Bayer, Economic Development Officers, East Devon District Council, on the Economic Development Strategy which identified 5 objectives which the Council could achieve:

1. Sustainable urban and rural communities
2. Foster productivity and innovation through supply of land, premises and skills
3. Prioritise support to areas and sectors in greatest need
4. Work closely with businesses
5. Establish external partnerships to benefit East Devon

The Strategy included an Action Plan which listed how the Council would achieve its objectives:

1. Sub-regional objectives
2. Actions
3. Priorities
4. Outcomes
5. Lead role

The presentation outlined how the Business Forum and LSP could help progress the Strategy by,

- support, feedback, and help develop the Strategy,
- Linking with Schools and Colleges,
- Encouraging over 50s to remain in work, and
- Sector development ICT

The Chairman thanked Mark and Penny for their comprehensive presentation.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- Need to look at the areas that don't have Broadband rather than areas that have Broadband and pressure to be placed on BT via Chamber of Commerce
- Small businesses don't yet fully appreciate value of Broadband
- Exmouth Community Centre has specialist knowledge in Maths and ICT and could assist in many ways
- Devon County Council's Devon in Touch roadshow bus advises and trains the public in IT and could work with small businesses
- Concern about what Learning Skills Council doing for East Devon
- Ask Learning Skills Council to promote college courses
- Present Strategy to Exmouth Town Management Forum
- East Devon District Council focussed Strategy – would like a more multi-agency document
- Need to take Strategy concepts back to other Sub-Groups
- Need for specific time scales to be included in the Strategy

*23 **Voluntary Sector Compact**

It was reported that the Compact had been open to consultation between October and December 2004 following which Sue Tucker and Peter Jeffs were present at the meeting which reviewed the comments. 43 Responses had been received and contained some constructive comments. A Working Group was now incorporating the responses in order that a constructive document would be produced. The final document would then be forwarded to each public sector body to be signed up to, and to LSP to be signed from April onwards.

*24 **Summary of Review of Consultation Responses**

It was reported that the review of consultation responses had been completed. Some work was still going on, for example AONB – Blackdown Hills. There was a need to reach conclusions as to how much more, and what more consultation. The LSP sub-groups need to look at the review and to check all the necessary aspects of their work had been covered.

The Chairman thanked Sue Craythorne for her colleague's work on the Review.

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Draft East Devon Children's Plan Group action plan

Sue Craythorne presented the first draft of the Preventative Strategy, circulated with the agenda, together with a summary sheet (circulated at the meeting listing the key points). Members of the Partnership were asked to:

1. Endorse the priorities
2. To support lobbying for the establishment of a Children's Centre for Exmouth
3. To note that the strategy when completed, will contribute to the Devon wide Children's Trust work plan and be considered in the work towards a Local Area Agreement.

The next stage of the consultation process was to consult with children and young people about the sort of services they need.

The Strategy's Emerging Priorities are:

- To lobby for a Children's Centre for Exmouth, building on the very successful Children's Fund work
- To provide for more effective early intervention
- To provide increased support for parents of children of all ages before they reached crisis point
- To provide more services/activities for the 8-12 year olds
- To enable young people to make better informed life choices and supportive services, including housing

The overriding aim of the Strategy was how to bring the services together. The partnership work was on-going, ie tackling inequalities, hearing what young people want, tailoring services, crossing agency boundaries, whole change in culture and extended school co-ordinator. Group screening of children would also be taking place in addition to seeing how the children were interacting, developing school nurse role, training and working with children/families, delivering personal and health care to children and lots more services being reviewed. In addition the strategy would also look at joint action teams, what worked well and working to health schools standard.

The difficulties faced included fragmentation of under 5's services and the way in which deprivation is being measured, which does not show East Devon as having areas of disadvantage.

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Youth Work Presentation

A verbal presentation was received from Lisa Rutter and Becky Carmichael who stated that there were two teams in East Devon. Team 1 covered Exmouth, Sidmouth, Ottery St. Mary and Broadclyst. Team 2 covered the Axminster, Honiton and Seaton area. It was noted that a new Children's Bill would shortly be published but that not all Government departments linked up their thinking which leads to a variety of focusses.

It was reported that across Devon there were 5 designated Youth Centres.

The Government's paper included Objectives and Targets for Youth Service to meet nationally and at local level. There were very clear codes of conduct for children. Huge gaps were identified. The Youth Service could work with 11-25 year olds but there was a huge problem with 12-14 year olds. More expectation on the Youth Service without additional funding. Rural Youth Clubs disappeared and difficult for voluntary groups to get going due to funding, not much success with Youth Councils.

There was a need to talk to parents over a whole range of issues and to support them as well as the children.

Every child at risk was on the "At Risk Register".

Nationally there was a lack of social workers.

It was agreed that child protection was paramount. It was noted that when County Councillors meet the PCT the item will be discussed then.

It was felt there were two areas of concerns. Whilst accepting the principle of children's centre, it should not be based in schools. It was noted that there were no current plans to put any children's centres in East Devon as in a poor position to highlight disadvantage and no money allocated. Where there were special cases in Devon, funds would be made available.

The Devon County Council publication "Every Child Matters" is being implemented. This document was circulated at the meeting.

There was a concern expressed that despite the Laming report organisations still did not seem to have good liaison on child issues.

It was agreed that an item on "Child Protection" be placed on the April agenda for the Partnership and to invite Liz Smith.

The Chairman thanked Becky and Lisa for their presentations

*27 **Sub-Group Updates**

Update reports were circulated and noted from:

- Transport
- Housing
- Young People
- Economy
- Culture
- Community Safety

It was generally agreed that that the reports on LSP work must continue to show positive progress and demonstrate what could be achieved by working together i.e. positive outcomes. Regular sets of targets were needed in the next Community Plan.

*28 **Dates of Future Meetings of LSP and LSPOG**

A revised list of dates will be draw up and sent to Members as soon as possible.

*29 **Tobacco Control 5 Year Plan**

It was noted that the Tobacco Control 5 Year Plan had now been adopted, targets set and an officer appointed (Solveig Sansom) based at Knowle but paid for by PCT.

It was suggested that the Tobacco Control Officer be invited to a future meeting of the Partnership to give a presentation on how organisations need to work together to achieve progress on smoking issues.

*30 **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 Monday 18th April 2005, at the East Devon Business Centre, Honiton.

Chairman Date