

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership held in the Council Chamber, East Devon District Council on Wednesday 7 April 2010

Present:	Councillor Jill Elson (Communities Portfolio holder)	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Bob Buxton	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Brenda Taylor	Devon County Council
	Councillor Stuart Hughes	Devon County Council
	Peter Jeffs (Culture)	East Devon District Council
	Matt Dickins (Planning)	East Devon District Council
	Superintendent Phil Kennedy	Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
	Elli Pang	AGILE, Ottery Later Life Forum, & Ottery Health and Care Team
	Helen Harman	East Devon VSA
	Lisa Rutter	Devon Youth Service
	Lucy O'Loughlin	NHS Devon
	Roger Trapini	Senior Council for Devon (Seaton & Area branch)
	Sue Parkinson	Secretariat

The meeting started at 9.30 a.m. and ended at 10.55 a.m.

***31 Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr Jill Elson welcomed all present and gave a special welcome to Roger Trapini who had joined the LSP as representative for the Senior Council for Devon (Seaton and area branch).

***32 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership held on the 20th January 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record, with the exception that Lucy O'Loughlin had been left off those attending. The Chairman said that the Minutes would be amended.

***33 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

*34 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

Councillor Miss Sara Randall Johnson
Councillor Peter Bowden
Rev. Peter Brain
Simon Wood
Liz Wood

Ali Eastland
Frank O’Friel
John Golding

East Devon District Council
Devon County Council
United Reformed
East Devon Chamber of Commerce
Learning Disabilities Health &
Social Care Partnership
Devon County Council
Devon NHS
Head of Housing & Social Inclusion

*35 **Update on LDF progress**

The Chairman reported that she had attended a Planning Advisory Service Day regarding the LDF and explained that the LSP was the strategic partnership that sets out the objectives for the Core Strategy and other LDF documents.

Matt Dickins then gave a brief overview on the LDF.

He said the Sustainable Community Plan (as produced by the LSP) was a guiding and overarching plan that the Core Strategy would need to respond to. If an LSP priority were to reduce crime then Core Strategy policy and proposals would need to explain how future development policy would contribute to this outcome.

Matt said that the South West Regional Spatial Strategy had not been approved and after the election a new Government might not proceed with it. However the Council is working to the Regional Spatial Strategy policy at the moment.

Matt said the Council was actively involved in public engagement at the moment. Through ongoing consultation events at the six main towns the Council will build a picture of how communities would like to see their towns in the future. Responses received will inform a Document going out to consultation for 3 months from this Summer and then the Council will put together a final document requiring a lot of co-ordinating work before it is completed and submitted to the Government. The intention is that submission will be in early 2011.

The Chairman thanked Matt for his update

*36 **The LSP, Health and the LDF**

The Chairman said that arrangements were in hand to ask Ann James, the newly appointed Chief Executive of Devon NHS to a meeting of the LSP to seek her commitment and assistance in pressing the ‘good health and wellbeing’ agenda, in addition to asking her a variety of questions. She said she would like to give LSP Members the opportunity of putting their own questions forward after Peter had presented his item.

Peter Jeffs then referred to his paper and appendices on 'The LSP, Health and the LDF' and said he produced the papers in an attempt to stimulate the LSP as to what to talk to Ann James about. He said that the public health agenda had drifted somewhat but that there was now a fair amount of work which needed to tie in with the LDF.

He said that the LSP's priority was to encourage positive mental health and we needed the NHS to recognise our needs and change the PCT's way of working and make it more in line with the LDF structure.

Peter then briefly ran through his paper and appendices and the following were highlighted:

- Concern over transport – affects health – important to recognise and to address it
- Appendix A - whole host of items which affect positive health and wellbeing
 - social and mental health – lot of health support goes on within the communities
- Appendix B - Asset based approach about recognizing strengths and opportunities that we need to build on – could be done through the LDF
- Appendix C – Transport and housing – issues about health – could be addressed within the LDF process
- Appendix D – 'The nature of good health' – natural environment – open space and green space – need to value these a lot more – good determinants. All issues to put before Ann James and to enquire how she is applying her resources to trying to tackle these issues and how can we ensure good accessibility to open spaces and access to green space.
- Appendix E – 'Why read this report – lot of interest nationally in the ABCD approach, being led by American Professor.

Peter then ran through his remaining appendices and said the last paper, Appendix I – "Health Proofing Masterplan Designs: A guide" tied in with the 12 planning principles and could be used as a checklist for the LDF. He said his intention was to try and get the LSP thinking of health outside the 'hospitals' framework.

Lucy commented and said that one of the NHS's expectations was to take forward these issues, and one of the ways was to restart a 'health and well being group' which focuses around what is health and well being in East Devon. She felt the group needed to be formed as soon as possible and to produce a draft 'health and well being plan' for East Devon. However key people from the LSP would be needed, bring in the priorities, and determine what is the LSP's priority for East Devon. Lucy said she would raise this at the next meeting of the LSP Officer Group.

Lucy said that the PCT would like to hear how we are going to work in partnership with them and there is a need to communicate what the priorities are. Lucy said she had been working closely with Matt as there is a recognised need to influence the LDF. She said she has also been working with the Police, despite no budget. The LSP needed to stimulate such partnerships

A member of the LSP asked if Devon County Council (as a health partner) could be present at the meeting with Ann James. The Chairman agreed and asked for contact to be made with Jennie Stephens, Joint Strategic Commissioning Assistant Director of DPCT (Devon PCT) & Devon Adult & Community Services), (DACs), to enquire who could attend with Ann James.

Following a general discussion it was agreed that the following questions would be put to Ann James:

- 1) Are there any models of good practice, and what is your commitment to the preventative agenda?
- 2) What do you see for the future of community hospitals?

- 3) In the north there is an example where GPs go out to the Villages once a week. Is there a reason why this should not happen in East Devon?
- 4) Services – what do you see for the future of community hospitals and how will you tackle the large growth in population but constrained hospital sizes?
- 5) What are you doing about improving mental health services?
- 6) How are you working with other agencies (including district councils) to generate better health and wellbeing?
- 7) How are you advocating for the public health agenda across the County?

***37 Response from Anne Whiteley, Executive Director of Children and Young People**

Peter Jeffs said that he had now received a response from Anne Whiteley to his letter on youth work and prevention of anti-social behaviour. The Chairman and Members noted the contents of Anne’s reply.

***38 Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Local Strategic Partnership (AGM), would be held on Thursday 15th July 2010, 9.15 a.m. for 9.30 a.m. start in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth.

Signed

Date

Chairman LSP – Councillor Miss Jill Elson