

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, 11 October 2006

Present:

Councillor Miss Sara Randall Johnson (Chairman)	East Devon District Council
Ian Tearle (Vice Chairman)	Devon PCT
Councillor Jill Elson (Communities Portfolio holder)	East Devon District Council
Peter Jeffs (Culture)	East Devon District Council
John Golding (Housing)	East Devon District Council
Councillor Stuart Hughes (DCC)	Devon County Council
Sue Craythorne (DCC)	Devon County Council
Marilyn Fearon (Voluntary Sector)	East Devon CVS
Lynne Robertson (Voluntary Sector)	East Devon CVS
Becky Carmichael (PCT)	Devon PCT
Chief Inspector Jim Nye (Community Safety)	Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Eli Pang (Older people)	AGILE and Ottery St. Mary and District Later Life Forum
Malcolm Sherry (Business Sector)	East Devon Chamber of Commerce
Lynn Thornton	Devon Rural Transport Partnership Officer, DCC
Penny Fildew (Speaker)	Devon Youth Service
Apologies: Cllr. Tony Wilkinson	East Devon District Council/Devon PCT
Cllr. Barry Nicholson (DCC)	Devon County Council
Cllr Mrs. Margaret Rogers (DCC)	Devon County Council
Cllr Pauline Stott (Culture)	East Devon District Council
Steve Widnell	Devon Fire and Rescue Service
Emily Farrell	Learning Disability Service South West Regional Development Agency

The meeting started at 9.30 a.m. and ended at 10.45 a.m.

*83 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership held on the 19th July 2006 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

*84 Transport to Health

A short presentation on "Transport to Health" was received from Lynn Thornton, Devon Rural Transport Partnership Officer, Devon County Council.

Lynn explained that the Peninsula Health Authority have been looking at transport to health and are proposing some changes. Its desire was to look at whether the cost of provision of patient transport was a good use of money and how the service would be provided in future

and who needed support. Lynn explained that this is a long and difficult process and is still ongoing, especially endeavouring to determine who can get to hospitals by themselves.

Currently looking at a monthly season ticket for frequent attendees, the cost of which has not yet been decided.

There is concern that the impact would be quite substantial and there is concern also over financial support. The RD&E Hospital is currently running a pilot advertising one number to ring if patient requires transport and their eligibility will be checked (single point of contact for medical transport). If patients do not qualify they will have to use alternative transport. The main concerns are that the public must have access to transport services when they need them and that the voluntary sector does not become inundated with requests it can't satisfy. There is a need to focus on people who literally do not have the transport and need it. Especially 'one off' journeys or patients not travelling very often and who do not have the transport.

As yet no funding had been committed from the NHS but there are proposals for working in partnership to relieve pressure on voluntary drivers.

The Communications Group of DIG (Devon Implementation Group) are looking at collating information so that people know what is available to them as there is quite a lot of transport already about. However there are geographical 'holes' where cars and buses not available. DCC believe a mapping exercise would be useful.

The culture of volunteer drivers is not what it used to be 40 years ago and the assumption can not be made that they will automatically deliver a full time service, will be able to pick up 'displaced' patients at no extra cost or have appropriate vehicles.

After a useful discussion the Chairman on behalf of the LSP thanked Lynn for her presentation and asked how the LSP could help. Lynn replied that the LSP could provide backing and support to ensure that the voluntary sector does not get damaged through these proposed changes. Finance would also be a bonus.

The Chairman requested the Officers Group of the LSP to look at the transport issues of people getting to and from hospital within the East Devon District Council's area and also to write to the group backing the mapping exercise.

*85 **Seaton Young People Project**

Peter Jeffs referred to the paper (attached to the agenda), "The Seaton Project Proposal" and gave credit to the Youth Service for their enthusiasm and input into the report and towards the project itself.

Peter then introduced Penny Fildew from the Devon Youth Service who gave a brief update on their input into the report.

Penny said that the Youth Service had been working closely with young people and following this work it was suggested that a small amount of money be allocated to the appointment of a youth worker specifically for this project as it was clear the project was gaining credibility and momentum. Penny said her role was to support and advise and in particular to keep the enthusiasm going.

Penny gave some background to the Seaton Youth Council which she explained has been in existence for 6 months. Their first meeting has been held, is made up of 16 members aged 12 yrs – 17 years olds, and meetings are held every 2 months.

There is a Chair, Vice Chair, 2 Secretaries, with an agreed constitution.

At their initial ideas meeting in September, the following were some of their ideas:

- possibly a week-end event, rather than “one-day”
- include music festival, perhaps based on Cloakham Lawn event
- beach activities
- workshops
- specific themes eg improving relationships between the ages
- non alcohol bar
- skate competition
- artists
- making a junk sculpture as a reminder of what this event has achieved?
- adopt a grandchild for a day!

At their next meeting it is intended to decide on a theme for the event. In the meantime a questionnaire is being prepared that will be sent to young people, Seaton Town Councillors and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Youth Council will be doing a presentation of their ideas to Seaton Town Council on the 1st November at the Town Hall.

Penny then referred to her paper “Seaton Youth Council – Time Line for Seaton Project Proposal – Oct 2006” which had been handed around the table. This showed a programme of actions to be taken leading up to February 2007 when it is hoped to identify a site for the event.

It is hoped that some of the main players will go for the Youth Achievement Award (Gold) following the event as a way of recognition of their efforts.

Malcolm Sherry, Chamber of Commerce, said he may be able to offer some support and would liaise direct with Penny.

Peter said that the LSP needed to agree the sums of money for the event. The Chairman then proposed the use of £2,520 for staffing plus £10k for this event from LSP funds. This was seconded by Jill Elson and the motion was unanimously carried.

On behalf of the LSP the Chairman thanked Penny for her interesting and exciting talk.

*86 **Play Strategy update**

Peter Jeffs referred to the recently updated East Devon’s Play Strategy which needed updating to allow EDDC to make a bid for lottery funding. The updated version had to be based on a great deal of consultation work.

Peter said that a multi-agency group was set up and consultation work was undertaken through various means. On page 10 of the Strategy is a summary of the key results from the consultation work. Also on page 10 are the key criteria for the strategy.

Peter explained the proposed project for lottery expenditure. We are proposing 3 areas of activity:

- 1) Multi use surfaces especially in rural areas
- 2) Mobile provision especially (a mobile play worker with equipment that goes into the area to encourage voluntary play workers). Do some training with those volunteers, provide them with some equipment, and give continued support. Probably provide training for 20 people.
- 3) Create some sort of very accessible environmental play scheme associated with an existing site. The Council’s Countryside Team are seeing if they can assist with that by proposing a trail in Seaton to be used for cycles with wheelchairs, with activities on route.

The Chairman on behalf of the LSP thanked Peter for his work on the Strategy and the Group agreed its adoption.

*87 **Date and Venue for Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the East Devon Local Strategic Partnership would be held on Wednesday 10th January 2007 at 9.15 a.m. for 9.30 a.m.

Signed

Date

Chairman LSP - Councillor Miss Sara Randall Johnson