



# Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Local Strategic Partnership

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**Minutes of a Board Meeting held on Wednesday 5 December 2007 at 2.00 p.m.  
at the Council Offices, Chapel-en-le-Frith**

Councillor Rose (in the Chair)	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Peter Foley	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Mike Harris	Derbyshire Rural Community Council
David Wheatcroft	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Councillor Bob Janes	Derbyshire County Council
Roger Flint	Derbyshire Constabulary
Sian-Elin Jones	High Peak Borough Council
Pat Wilson	High Peak Borough Council
Kevin Skingsley	High Peak Council for Voluntary Services
Elaine McDonald	DCC-CAYA
Louis Hughes	DCC-CAYA
Jude Wildgoose	Derbyshire County Council
Amanda Brown	DDEP / RAZ
Dr Bruce Lawrence	Derbyshire County PCT
Dr Steve Capes	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Ruth Marchington	Peak District National Park Authority
Councillor J Bevan	Peak District National Park Authority

### **07/35 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Faulkner (High Peak Borough Council), Paul Stewart (Business Link), Neil Moulden (Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Services), Lesley Stevens (High Peak Borough Council), Giles Dann (DDEP / RAZ), Dennis Smith (University of Derby) and Tom Moat (Natural England).

### **07/36 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the LSP Board meeting held on 5 September 2007 be approved as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Ruth Marchington and Mike Harris in the list of those in attendance.

## **07/37 MATTERS ARISING**

### **1. Board Membership and Chairmanships**

A report outlining issues relating to Board Membership and Chairmanships was considered.

Regarding Board Membership, it was suggested that nominations for the place previously held by the Peak District Rural Deprivation Forum should be sought through the Peak Partners for Rural Action who comprised voluntary organisations working throughout the LSP area.

With reference to the place represented by Connexions, it had been agreed that one of the CAYA District Managers should attend each LSP and Elaine McDonald would be the representative on this LSP.

Consideration was given to the expression of interest from Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service in joining the Board and the contribution that could be made by this agency.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the LSP Board seek nominations from partners for the positions of LSP Chairman and one of the Vice-Chairman in accordance with the timetable and criteria as outlined in section 1 of the report;
2. That Dr Tom Moat's offer to continue as one of the LSP Vice-Chairs be accepted;
3. That Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service be invited to nominate a representative to the LSP Board;
4. That Peak Partners for Rural Action be invited to nominate a representative to the LSP Board to replace the position previously held by the Peak District Rural Deprivation Forum;
5. That Elaine McDonald replace Simon Caines as the representative of the place held by Connexions Derbyshire; and
6. That the revised document, "Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Local Strategic Partnership : Structure and Membership", amended as outlined at 3, 4 & 5 above, be approved and adopted.

### **2. DCC LSP Funding Applications**

The position on the DCC LSP Funding was unchanged, with a sum of £27,400 remaining to be spent before the end of this financial year. It was suggested that the funding could be used for the development of the community strategy.

Kevin Skingsley reported on work undertaken to identify how the Voluntary Sector could contribute to this process, including costings, which would be circulated.

RESOLVED: That the update on the DCC LSP Funding be noted.

### **07/38 UPDATE ON LAA**

Jude Wildgoose advised that work was on-going in conjunction with Government Office to refine the 39 priorities identified at the June meeting of the Derbyshire Partnership Forum, and a further workshop was to be held on 14 December to agree the final 35 priorities. This workshop was to be followed by a meeting of the Derbyshire Partnership Forum where the proposed governance arrangements for the LAA would be considered, and all partners were encouraged to become involved.

RESOLVED: That the update on the LAA be noted.

### **07/39 COMPACT MEDIATION PROTOCOL**

Sian Elin Jones provided an update on the last meeting of the Compact Steering Group where the Compact Mediation Protocol had been discussed. The latest version of the protocol would be circulated to partners for submission to each partner organisation for approval. Once the protocol had been approved, training for panel members would be arranged.

RESOLVED: That the update on the Compact Mediation Protocol be noted.

### **07/40 HIGHLIGHTS AND EXCEPTIONS MONITORING REPORTS 2006 – 2009**

A report had been circulated.

#### Theme 1 – Further community participation and involvement

Issues reported on included an LSP equalities workshop, training on the Local Compact and the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

#### Theme 2 – Affordable Housing

The Housing Corporation bidding round had closed, and it was indicated that an allocation of £15M over a 3 year period from 2008 – 11 would be received. 27 empty properties had been brought back into use within the Derbyshire Dales area, and 15 expected this year in High Peak, with more anticipated for next year with the conversion of Howard Town Mill, Glossop. Amber Valley were to join the Home Options Letting Scheme, which was going well.

#### Theme 3 – A Thriving Local Economy

Issues reported on included the extension of the College of the Peak project, the completion of a 11 mile cycle route linking the Tissington and High Peak Trails, proposals being developed for LEADER funding under the new Rural Development

Programme for England and an update on the progress of the Rural Pathfinder Initiative.

#### Theme 4 - Enhancement of the natural and built environment

It was requested that a report be made available for the next LSP Board meeting.

#### Theme 5 – Access to Services and rural transport

The inaugural meeting of the Local Accessibility Partnership for Derbyshire Dales and High Peak had been held on 3 December, which had included discussions about the background to the partnerships, terms of reference, issues for the areas projects being developed through the SEMMMS scheme. The funding for the Wheels to Work programme was due to end and further discussions were to be held at the next meeting. Reference was made to the need to ensure the future for community transport, and that clarification was awaited regarding what would be funded through national government in the first instance.

#### Theme 6 – Opportunities for Young People, including leisure

Regarding the Young Apprentice Scheme, the LSP were advised that the essential funding for this project had been withdrawn and would be allocated to schools in their main budget, and that work was on-going through the Learning Community Strategy Group to identify how to sustain the project in the future.

#### Theme 7 – Crime & Community Safety

In addition to the initiatives outlined in the report, the Board were advised of successes in reducing vehicle crime, violent crime and anti-social behaviour. The Community Safety Strategy Group was to develop a plan for the next 3 years, and the delivery of the Safer Neighbourhoods Strategy would be reported to the meeting of the Board in March.

#### Theme 8 – Health

The outcome of the Choosing Health bids were circulated, and it was noted that £27,000 was to be allocated next year. Councillor Bevan gave thanks for the award to Hathersage Swimming Pool advising that this would allow the pool to remain open for the next 3 years. Pat Wilson advised that HPBC and DCC had come to an agreement with Hathersage Parish Council to equalize the rates of season tickets, and to encourage more use of the facility by High Peak residents.

RESOLVED: That the Highlights and Exceptions Monitoring Reports 2006 – 09 be noted.

### **07/41 EQUALITIES**

The LSP Board were updated on the work of Greenfield consultants to produce an Equalities profile for High Peak and Derbyshire Dales, and were presented with a summary of the results of the joint Equality Impact Assessment on Leisure Services.

It was noted that DCC had forwarded additional comments regarding the Impact Assessment and updated equalities information, which would result in small changes being made. An action plan now needed to be developed in response to the issues identified. The benefits of doing cross-border analysis was stressed, and the view expressed that regeneration would be a good second topic for an EIA as it was key to the area, along with access to equality issues.

The Greenfield reports had been a useful information gathering exercise, the results of which could now be referred back to partners. Kevin Skingsley commented on how the voluntary sector could add value to this process.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the recommendations within the Greenfield reports and the wider implications for LSP partners be supported;
2. That the areas for action resulting from the Equality Impact Assessment on Leisure Services be noted; and
3. That Regeneration be the topic of the next Joint High Peak and Derbyshire Dales Equality Impact Assessment.

**07/42 LEADER**

Amanda Brown made a presentation to the Board outlining progress on the LEADER bid. An expression of interest had been evaluated and an invitation to submit a full bid by 15 January had been received.

An annual allocation of £350,000 had been requested based around a number of strategic objectives, including micro enterprises, sustainable tourism, rural heritage, rural skills and rural services.

The views of the LSP were sought on the % of the budget allocated to each objective and how the Local Action Group (LAG) could link in with the LSP.

Clarification was sought on whether the budget would be able to be vired between measures as this would be helpful over the duration of the project.

With reference to the link between LEADER and the LSP, it was confirmed that this would be via the RAZ link.

**RESOLVED:** That the update on the LEADER Project be noted.

**07/43 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY REVIEW**

The LSP Board considered a report, which proposed a process and timetable for reviewing and developing a new Sustainable Community Strategy to run until April

2009, which dovetailed with other initiatives including the Local Development Frameworks and Local Area Agreements.

It was suggested that the use of alternative energy systems could be included in the strategy, and it was noted that climate change was to be included within the Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy as a cross cutting theme. In response to a question, the Board were advised that the priorities within the strategy would reflect the priorities of local people and partners.

RESOLVED: That the development of a new Sustainable Community Strategy based on the process and timetable outlined in section 2 of the report and review dates set out in section 3 of the report be approved.

#### **07/44 CHILDREN'S TRUST**

Elaine McDonald gave a presentation to the LSP Board around the establishment of a Children's Trust for Derbyshire arising from the recommendations of the Children's Act 2004.

Children's services were split into different areas, including, 0 – 11, 11-19, safeguarding and special services (including child protection), and the Board were advised of the structure and lines of accountability within the service.

The Children's and Young People's Plan had been developed for the whole County, which was evaluated and reviewed each year. Area plans were being developed based on area priorities, and it was noted that the LSP objectives around children should be included in the area plans. It was suggested that LSP theme "Opportunities for Young People including leisure" could be widened to enable the plan to link in with the LSP, and it was commented that this could arise as a result of the development of the new community strategy.

Reference was made to the difficulties arising in Derbyshire Dales, whose area had been split under the structure, along the boundaries of the former PCTs, and so was covered by two district groups. Responsibility and planning for Ashbourne and Wirksworth was done in South Derbyshire, whereas services provided in North Derbyshire were accessed by most residents.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

#### **07/45 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That meetings of the LSP Board during 2008 be held on 5 March (Bakewell Agricultural Centre), 4 June (High Peak Borough Council Offices), 3 September (Bakewell Agricultural Centre) and 3 December (High Peak Borough Council Offices)

The meeting concluded at 4.08 pm