

Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Local Strategic Partnership

**Minutes of a Board Meeting held on Wednesday 5th September 2007 at
2.00 p.m. at Bakewell Agricultural Centre**

Councillor Rose (in the Chair)	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Dr. David Gray	University of Derby – Buxton Campus
David Wheatcroft	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Insp. Tony Dales	Derbyshire Constabulary
Dr. Bruce Lawrence	Derbyshire County PCT
Toni Montinaro	Derbyshire Friend
Lynn Allison	Amber Valley Council for Voluntary Services
Jude Wildgoose	Derbyshire County Council
Councillor Bob Janes	Derbyshire County Council
Dr. Steve Capes	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Rebecca Pennyfather	Derbyshire County Council
Councillor J Faulkner	High Peak Borough Council
Sian-Elin Jones	High Peak Borough Council
Lesley Stevens	High Peak Borough Council
Neil Moulden	Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Services
Pat Wilson	High Peak Borough Council
Peter Corke	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Kevin Skingsley	High Peak Council for Voluntary Services
Giles Dann	DDEP / RAZ

(David Wheatcroft in the Chair)

07/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Bevan (Peak District National Park Authority), P Foley (Derbyshire Dales District Council), T Moat (Natural England), E McDonald (Connexions Derbyshire), P Stuart (Business Link EM) and R Flint (Derbyshire Constabulary).

07/23 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was recommended that the two leaders of the District Councils be appointed as Chairman and second Vice-Chairman of the LSP, to alternate between the two roles at each meeting, until a non-local authority Chairman could be appointed. It was noted that Tom Moat had agreed to continue as the other Vice-Chairman.

Neil Moulden was also nominated for the position of Chairman.

RESOLVED: That to continue as recommended for this meeting, and the LSP Executive examine the options, and circulate a report to Board Members for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

(Councillor Rose in the Chair)

07/24 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the LSP Board held on 13th June 2007 be approved.

07/25 MATTERS ARISING

Jim Dixon was unable to take on the role of the Affordable Housing Theme Group Champion, and a way forward was to be discussed.

07/26 COUNTY COMPACT

Lynn Allison made a presentation to the LSP around the COMPACT, which are principles that statutory agencies and their voluntary and community sector partners should follow in their dealings with each other. Specific COMPACT information for Local Strategic Partnerships and Voluntary and Community Services groups was also circulated. In response to a question around funding, the LSP were advised that COMPACTs were not funded by central Government, and that administrative support and a key named person was provided by DCC. It was noted that the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak LSP had adopted the COMPACT principles three years ago, and a working group had been established. There were quarterly meetings between Derbyshire Dales and the CVS. It would be useful to clarify the position on mediation. High Peak CVS commented on the good and improving relations between them and HPBC.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

07/27 WORKING WITH AND FOR COMMUNITIES – LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER (LGB&T) PEOPLE

Toni Montinaro, representing Derbyshire Friend, made a presentation around the challenges for the LSP in responding to the needs of LGB&T people, including how the LSP could respond to equality and diversity issues and provide effective support in rural areas. Areas of good practice were highlighted, including the establishment of a Derbyshire Dales LGB&T Steering group, which could inform diversity issues and was being extended to the High Peak area. The implications for the LSP and LAA arrangements were discussed, together with how the development groups could link in with the LSP. Reference was also made to the approach undertaken by the County Council in accessing these issues, and the need to gain a clear view of what was being undertaken by the County Council youth service. It was acknowledged that the responsibility for LGB&T engagement sat with the LSP Executive.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

07/28 LAA UPDATE

Jude Wildgoose advised that the Derbyshire Partnership was one of seventeen areas nationally to test the arrangements for LAA post 2008. A workshop was held at the Derbyshire Partnership Forum, where 39 priority indicators had been

identified which would be e-mailed to LSP members. Next steps included refining the priorities and indicators, on-going awareness raising, work on Governance arrangements for the LAA and keeping up with any national developments. There was to be a meeting with Government Office in October to agree timescales.

In response to a comment that the public realm should be included in the list of priority indicators (from HPBC), it was confirmed that there would be an opportunity for localities to recommend issues for inclusion from a local level. It was also queried to what extent the funding would be linked to the targets directly, and whether any funding would be made available to the voluntary sector. The need to finalise the Governance arrangements was noted.

RESOLVED:

1. That the update be noted; and
2. That the priority indicators identified be e-mailed to Members with the Minutes of this meeting.

07/29 HIGHLIGHTS AND EXCEPTIONS MONITORING REPORTS 2006 - 2009

Equality Profiling

Outside consultants were assisting in the drafting of the equalities report, one each for High Peak and Derbyshire Dales. A Leisure Services Equality Impact Assessment was to be held on 19 September. It had been difficult to make progress in this area, but hopefully progress would be made via working together and joint commissioning.

Theme 4 – Enhancement of the Natural and Built Environment

A report had been circulated.

RESOLVED:

1. That the sustainability appraisal of the action plan be delayed until the new plan is developed;
2. That consideration be given to each theme group identifying a representative to participate in the sustainability appraisal process

Theme 5 - Access to Services

A report had been circulated and issues raised included:-

- Proposed changes to Rural Transport Partnerships (RTPs) - The withdrawal of funding for RTPs and the conclusions of a review recommending that RTPs be restructured to become Local Area Partnerships
- North West Local Accessibility Partnership, host authority to be DCC, 2 project officers required and 2 working groups proposed – one with a rail focus and the other non-rail.

- Access to Services and Rural Transport Theme Group – recommended that Access to Services issues be taken forward by the Accessibility Working Group of the LAP.

In response to a question, it was confirmed that the funding for small groups to access help with travel costs was no longer available, and the £3M funding LTP money was capital funding to implement SEMMMS schemes. The Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership was to develop an action plan and identify if any revenue funding could be available for small groups to access.

With reference to ICT access to services, it was suggested that a meeting be convened by HPBC to identify whether more joint working could be undertaken around this area, and noted that this should not duplicate work already been undertaken by the Derbyshire Partnership.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Accessibility Working Group of the LAP be adopted as the LSP's Access to Services working group, and it's remit to be reviewed;
2. That HPBC convene a meeting in early October to discuss ICT access to services and to give members an opportunity to view the CRMS service.

Theme 7 – Crime & Community Safety

Representatives were invited to attend a multi-agency violent crime action planning event later in September.

Theme 8 – Choosing Health Fund

A report had been circulated. The LSP had received £60,000 from the PCT to use in it's role as promoting health, which would be administered by the LSP Public Health Sub-Group, and bids would be invited against clear criteria which reflected the principles in the Choosing Health White paper.

07/30 DCC LSP FUND –UPDATE AND BID CRITERIA

DCC had provided the LSP with £12,500 for each of the last three years for a variety of uses. The criteria for which included partnership development, developing the community strategy, performance management of the LSP, engaging people and research. A table was circulated which summarised progress against spend. A balance of £27,487.70 remained in the fund, which needed to be spent by the end of March 2008.

RESOLVED:

1. That the LSP Executive Group circulate the criteria against which bids for this funding could be made;
2. That Partners be requested to forward bids to the Executive Sub-Group;

3. That a shortlist of bids be produced by the Executive Sub-Group, and circulated via e-mail to the LSP for support.

07/31 DEVELOPING THE LEADER APPROACH IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

Giles Dann made a presentation around developing the LEADER approach in the High Peak, a copy of which was circulated. The focus was for an integrated approach, which focused activity on micro enterprises, primarily via grants. The aim is to enhance micro enterprise productivity and sustainability for the long term. It was commented that there was a need to deliver a programme that could be delivered across the whole of the patch. Discussions were to be held with EMDA around this, but that hard decisions may have to be made about the boundaries.

RESOLVED: That the proposed focus of the programme be supported.

07/32 JOINT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY CONSULTATION

A report was circulated which incorporated a number of suggestions including that the LSPs should align the production dates of the community strategies; that all community strategies should have integrated issues; and that the process of developing strategies be more aligned, with some scope for joint working. There was broad agreement to the proposals, although it would be difficult for DCC to align their timescales.

RESOLVED: That the Executive take the proposals forward.

07/33 AGENDA ITEMS FOR 5 DECEMBER 2007 MEETING:-

- LEADER (Giles Dann)
- Update on LAA (J Wildgoose)
- Children and Young People
- LSP expenditure

07/34 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The LSP had been requested to identify transport schemes for LTP funding, Rebecca Pennyfather was the contact and a paper would be circulated.