



STRATFORD DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the LSP Core Group Meeting held at Elizabeth House, Stratford-upon-Avon on Wednesday 19 January 2011

Present:

Mike Brain	South Warwickshire CDRP
David Close	Wellesbourne/Kineton Community Forum
Jennie Ellard	Southam/Feldon Community Forum
Charles Goody	LSP Chair
Stephen Gray	Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Trevor Honychurch	Stratford Community Forum
Kathryn Millard	NHS Warwickshire
Martin Penny	Stratford Children's Trust
Julia Phillips	VASA
Elizabeth Uggerloese	Warwickshire Association of Local Councils
Chris Williams	Warwickshire County Council

Support Officers:

Jenny Murray	Warwickshire County Council
Dave Nash	Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Dave Webb	Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Joining the meeting for Item 6:

Richard Long	Warwickshire Police
Andrew Lovegrove	Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Chris Ward	Warwickshire Police

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1.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Alan Bartlett – LSP Vice Chair Simon Jackson – Sustainable Development Theme Group Jayne Longfield – Healthy Communities and Older People Graeme Smith – Warwickshire County Council</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2010</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
3.1	<p>Studley Mini Total Place Project Update</p> <p>Jenny Murray outlined the issues raised by the potential service reductions that could arise as a result of the Comprehensive Spending Review. In particular, WCC was known to be considering its future funding of youth services. It was acknowledged that the perception and incidence of anti-social behaviour (ASB) had emerged as a key issue in Studley. However, the LSP did not</p>	

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	<p>support a suggestion that it might make representations to WCC about the maintenance of youth services in Studley. It was acknowledged that there are new expectations about the direct role of the community in seeking solutions to ASB and related issues. On this basis it was <u>agreed</u>:</p> <p>That the project group be asked to re-focus on the potential to transform the way services for young people are provided and to consider the options that may be available in the new context.</p>	Jenny Murray
3.2.	<p>Engagement with local businesses</p> <p>Charles Goody provided a brief verbal update. It was confirmed that Dave Webb has assumed the lead role for SDC as regards business issues. It was agreed that Dave would identify an appropriate means to keep the Core Group informed about any strategic developments warranting its input.</p>	Dave Webb
3.3	<p>Partnership Conference 2011</p> <p>It was confirmed that the conference will take place on 13 May and that the planning process is underway.</p>	Jenny Murray
4.	<p>2011 Census</p> <p>Karen Boyland (Area Manager, Office for National Statistics) gave a short presentation on the 2011 Census. She stressed the importance of achieving a full return for the District. Future government funding will be affected by the population count and the population diversity recorded by the census. It was reaffirmed that it is compulsory to complete the census. Karen advised that her team's work will focus on achieving a full response from population groups that are traditionally 'hard to count'.</p> <p>Karen encouraged the agencies represented on the LSP to support the census process by taking part in the promotion work and doing whatever is possible to raise awareness of the importance of the exercise.</p>	All
5.	<p>Consultation on the District Council's Draft Corporate Strategy</p> <p>There were no additional comments forthcoming from those present. As a result the paper prepared by Alan Bartlett on behalf of the Partnership was endorsed.</p>	Dave Nash
6	<p>Working together to tackle the budget reductions</p> <p>It was agreed that in the time available it would not be possible to consider the potential impacts of all the draft budget proposals currently under consideration. The Group therefore agreed to focus on the following issues: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Property Strategy, Access to Service and Co-ordination of back office services – on the basis that these had been identified at the previous meeting as key areas for collaboration; and 	

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	<p>2. Impacts on Children and Young People – on the basis that local residents have consistently identified “activities for young people” as an area for improvement; and the SDC “Simalto” budget consultation exercise had revealed that residents favour improving services for young people, even given the scenario of significant budget savings being required overall.</p> <p><u>Property Strategy and the ‘One Front Door’ approach</u></p> <p>It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCC is seeking to reduce its property costs by 30% by 2014 and to share buildings so that those that are retained are more fully utilised. It supports the concept of ‘one stop shops’ and plans to deliver some services from locality-based premises. • SDC has recently adopted an Asset Management Strategy. It too is keen to share buildings. Its budget options include the possibility that face-to-face services will be reduced. • Warwickshire Police are about to unveil an Asset Strategy. They favour ‘Walk-in’ public enquiries being made in one stop shop settings. Some services have recently been co-located in the new criminal justice centre at Leamington Spa. • the Public Service Board initiative to co-ordinate property strategy appears to have borne very little fruit. <p>It was <u>agreed</u> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCC/SDC/Warwickshire Police and NHS Warwickshire should be strongly urged to agree a common approach to securing ‘single front door’ service access in each locality area. • the option of face-to-face contact should remain, although more cost-effective arrangements should be pursued through possible joint ventures with parish/town councils and/or via video conferencing arrangements. • The LSP will lead a project to rationalise the various public sector buildings situated in the Priory Road/Seggs Lane area of Alcester and present recommendations to the constituent organisations. <p><u>Access to rural services/rural transport</u></p> <p>It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCC is considering stopping community transport services and subsidised evening bus services. It is also considering reducing library services. • SDC is considering budget reductions that would make the Community Links service unviable. <p>It was <u>agreed</u> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Community Links scheme is of critical importance to vulnerable people in the District. WCC and SDC should be encouraged to maintain the service in 2011/12, and during this period should seek to transform the service offer so that it can operated from 2012/13 without budget support from the two councils. 	

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7	<p>Key Issues from the Community Forums</p> <p>The information report was received with thanks.</p>	
8	<p>Items for the Newsletter</p> <p>Dave Nash will check that 2011 Census awareness raising is being considered. Any other items should be submitted direct to Bev Hemming at SDC.</p>	Dave Nash
9.	<p>Future Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Strategy Task and Finish Group (Alan Bartlett) – when appropriate • Update on NHS organisational change (Kathryn Millard) – March (As regards this item, Kathryn reminded the Group that aspects of the Public Health White Paper are still open for consultation to various dates in March. A sub-regional event for Coventry and Warwickshire stakeholders will be held at the Ricoh Arena on 3 March). • Update on Virtual District Programme (Balvinder Heran) – March • Localism Bill (Graeme Smith) - March 	
10.	<p>Dates of future meetings</p> <p>30 March 2011 – 10am 25 May 2011 – 10am.</p>	

Dave Nash
Strategic Director