

# STRATFORD DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

## Minutes of LSP Core Group Meeting held at Elizabeth House, Stratford-upon-Avon, on Wednesday 30 March 2011

<b>Present:</b>	Charles Goody	LSP Chair
	Paul Lankester	Stratford-on-Avon District Council
	Emily Smith	NHS Warwickshire
	Kathryn Millard	NHS Warwickshire
	Chris Williams	Warwickshire County Council
	Trevor Honychurch	Stratford Community Forum
	Laura Doyle	VASA
	Julia Phillips	VASA
	Elizabeth Uggerloese	Warwickshire Assoc of Local Councils
	Stephen Gray	Stratford-on-Avon District Council
	Ian Whiting	Warwickshire Police
	Balvinder Heran	Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Item no.	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b> for absence were received from: -</p> <p>Graeme Smith – Warwickshire County Council            Jenny Murray – Warwickshire County Council            Jennie Ellard – Southam/Feldon Community Forum            Alan Bartlett – LSP Vice Chair            Simon Jackson – Stratford-on Avon District Council            Martin Penny – Stratford College</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 January 2011</b></p> <p>The Minutes were confirmed as a true record.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>3.1</b> Studley Total Place update; in the absence of Jenny Murray it was noted that the draft report had been circulated. The challenge was how the project findings could be used elsewhere. A Parish template was wanted.</p> <p><b>3.2</b> The Partnership Conference 2011 will take place on 1 July.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Update on Virtual District Programme</b></p> <p>The meeting received an update from Balvinder Heran. Four trading applications have been put in by Coventry University. Aiming to ensure: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consistent broadband of at least 5 meg preferably 10 meg (The Bid is passing through to Broadband UK – BT will match-fund any bid). All BT exchanges are to be upgraded (bid on 18/04/11). The total cost is yet to be identified but should be available within the next few weeks.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response to tourist needs:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- E tourism</li> <li>- tools to help local businesses</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Coventry University is to present to Stratford-on-Avon District Council in May 2011. A business event is planned too. Coventry University is doing a promotions plan.</li> <li>• Independent living in conjunction with health sector – work with Colin Bexley on assisted living technologies in own home. Project is to be revamped with Coventry University and led by NHS. Funding for residents through grants given to Stratford-on-Avon District Council by CLG. Questions were raised over costs, matters to be promoted to residents, mobile phone applications, how many people want to use and pay for this, telemedicine services and who pays for it.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Update on NHS Organisational Change</b></p> <p>The meeting received a presentation from Kathryn Millard and Emily Smith which focused on public health. Liberating the NHS white paper is to be presented on 10 July. Strategy Healthy Lives, Healthy People November 2010 – consultation 31 March 2011. A copy of the presentation is attached to the Minutes.</p> <p>Questions were raised regarding scrutiny of the NHS and GP commissioning. No response was to be made by LSP but it was noted Stratford-on-Avon District Council would make a response.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b></p>	<p><b>Outcome of the budget process for 2011/12 and beyond</b></p> <p><b>Update from Partners</b></p> <p><b>Warwickshire County Council</b> Chris William gave an update. Budget planned from June 2010. Prioritisation and now implementing. 1,800 people under notice, 1,000 have now left the Council. Set 15/02/2011 – rural transport subsidies OK for at least a year in the main.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expand One Stop shops especially with Police (One Front Door)</li> <li>- Use of redundant buildings</li> <li>- Library service – proposals for change - 20 books a day in some cases</li> <li>- AVCA Committees budgets passed to Community Forums proposed - delegated</li> </ul> <p>Questions were raised concerning the business template for libraries and the Youth Service not being ready and when would be ready. Impact on other services? Partnership Unit is staying. All Directorship funding is to be reduced by 20% e.g. countryside, economic development. Documents published on 29 March at full Council.</p> <p><b>Stratford-on-Avon District Council</b> Stephen Gray gave an update. One front door (One Stop Shop) Shipston, Southam, Alcester – probably not have own staff – joint arrangement with Warwickshire County Council. Reductions in service may be seen in the following areas:-</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CCTV level of monitoring not there 24 hours a day.</li> <li>- Pest Control services are now chargeable.</li> <li>- Grass verges</li> <li>- Public conveniences</li> </ul> <p>Questions were raised concerning the process for voluntary groups/social enterprise and the awareness in the community. It was confirmed the service will be promoted that providers wanted.</p> <p><b>NHS Warwickshire</b> Kathryn Millard gave an update. Financial position – month 10 showed a small deficit but forecast is to break even for 2010/11. 2011/12 gap of £49.9M. Charged management arrangements (Coventry &amp; Warwickshire). Resolved through contracting/commissioning.</p> <p><b>Warwickshire Police</b> Ian Whiting gave an update. Cuts in policing are required – save £22.9M on budget of £99m. Endeavour to meet same level of service but differently. Cut service estate – loss of buildings. Changed policing management – Faz Chishti is point of contact. Committing to three priorities:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safer neighbourhoods</li> <li>- Response to incidents</li> <li>- Impact on Stratford District</li> </ul> <p>One Police Constable in police station – same response but there will be less stations and less influence.</p> <p>PCSO in villages – what service? Across the County 148 PCSO will reduce to 121 PCSO in the first round of cuts (13.4 M) Second round yet to happen. Public aware of benefits of alliance with West Mercia which will help response to major incidents and sharing front line and back office.</p> <p><b>VASA</b> Julia Phillips gave an update. Funding of core functions is secure – continued service. Overheads and operating costs have been reduced and partnerships are in operation. Gardening projects are no longer being run by VASA but social enterprise is running it. A rural outreach business plan is being discussed. 1200 a month community links are continuing in 2011-2012 and alternative models are being looked at. Loft workshop is being relocated to Mulberry Street and 40 volunteers a month are being drawn in.</p> <p><b>6.2 Feedback from January LSP</b> Charles Goody gave an update. Lots of ideas for cuts - all relatively small. Should the LSP provide facility to move this together? Half day event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Response from NHS</li> <li>- Warwickshire Police – challenge too big. Look at proposal.</li> <li>- Warwickshire County Council – Jim Graham had responded to the letter and referred attitude of SDC to broader corporate working and his personal view was a need to get rid of partnerships.</li> </ul>
7	<p><b>Key Issues from the Community Forums</b> The paper was noted.</p>

<b>8</b>	<b>Items for the Newsletter</b> Members of LSP were invited to put forward items in the normal way.
<b>9</b>	<b>Future Items</b> No other items except Studley Total Place pilot and Localism Bill briefing were identified.
<b>10</b>	<b>Dates of Future Meetings</b> The next meeting is to take place on 25 May 2011 at 10:00am.  The meeting closed at 12:12pm