

Minutes of the meeting of the Local Strategic Partnership for the Wealden area held on 12 July 2001

The meeting was attended by:

Ian Chisnall - Churches Together in Sussex
Councillor Mike Murphy (accompanied by Alison Horan) - East Sussex County Council
Keith Ring - East Sussex Fire Brigade
Ken Stevens - Federation of Small Businesses
Michael Fordham - National Farmers Union
Christine Swan - Sussex Association of Local Councils
Tim Maskell - Sussex Enterprise
John Dransfield - Sussex Police
Jeremy Leggett - Sussex Rural Community Council
Councillor Rupert Thornely-Taylor - Wealden District Council
David Wilkinson - Wealden Housing Partnership
Charmian Allcock - Wealden District Council
Kieran McNamara - Wealden District Council
Sheelagh Douglas - Wealden District Council.

Apologies for absence:

Peter Midgley - Environment Agency
Melanie Hunt - Sussex Learning and Skills Council

1. Revised terms of reference

Partners agreed the revised terms of reference circulated with the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June.

2. Communications Sub-Group

Partners discussed the sub group's paper circulated prior to the meeting.

In doing so, they concentrated primarily on the need which had been identified of drawing together existing information about needs and priorities and the extent to which these were based on prior consultation.

The Partnership was encouraged to hear the Environment Agency could offer staff time to assist with this work. A similar offer was made by Wealden District Council with SRCC offering involvement with geographic input and Sussex Enterprise with constructing an analytical framework.

It was agreed to invite the relevant staff members from those organisations to convene at an early date in order to progress this work and bring forward consequential recommendations for the consultative work to be conducted in the Autumn. Partners were asked to ensure they facilitated the necessary contacts and co-operation within their respective organisations to achieve this.

The Partnership requested progress be reported through the Communications Sub-Group comprising John Dransfield, Jeremy Leggett, Mark Sharman, Becky Shaw, Ken Stevens, Christine Swan, Charmian Allcock and Petra Dalton.

Jeremy Leggett sought guidance regarding terms of reference for the Communications Sub-Group. The Partnership commended the Sub-Group to concentrate on information-giving and consultation.

The Partnership concurred with the Sub-Group's view that decisions on branding should be deferred until following the consultation and that media liaison was not the immediate priority.

3. **Dates of future meetings**

These were confirmed as 20 September, 15 November and 17 January, all at 4.00pm in the Hailsham East Community Centre unless otherwise notified.

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