

Notes of Wealden Local Strategic Partnership Meeting - 15 January 2008 held at Herstmonceux Village Hall

Present

Ian Chisnall	Churches Together In Sussex - Chair
Jessica Britton	Deputy Director of Patient and Public Engagement and Corporate Affairs for East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT
David Chaffey	Affinity Sutton
Pam Doodes	Leader, Wealden District Council
Kathy Fordham	NFU
Lesley Goble	Chief Executive, Eastbourne Association of Voluntary Services
Jeff Hart	Freedom Leisure
Alison Horan	ESCC (for Cllr Tony Reid)
Neil Honnor	Sussex Police
Martin Small	South Downs Joint Committee
Ken Stevens	Regional coordinator, Federation of Small Businesses
Richard Watson	East Sussex Downs & Weald PCT
David White	Wealden District Councillor
Keith Whitehead	Wealden District Councillor
Chantal Wilson	Wealden District Councillor

In attendance

Charles Lant	Wealden DC, Chief Executive
Caroline Adcock	Wealden DC, LDF – LSP Liaison Officer
Gill Cameron-Waller	Wealden DC, Policy & Partnerships Manager
Lucy Dixon-Thompson (Notes)	Wealden DC, PA to Chief Executive
Nigel Eveleigh	Wealden DC, Planning Consultant
Tom Stuart	Wealden DC, Policy Assistant

Apologies

Lisa Compton	East Sussex Downs & Weald PCT
Karen Crozier	Community Network
Mark O'Brien	ESFRS
David Palmer	Wealden DC, Head, Policy & Review

Capacity Building Workshop

A workshop titled "Aligning the Community Strategy and the LDF Core Strategy" preceded the business meeting. This was facilitated by Nigel Eveleigh and Caroline Adcock. Notes from the workshop will follow.

Minutes – matters arising

The notes of the last meeting were agreed and matters arising dealt with under the relevant agenda items.

LSP Work programme for 2008 – Meetings schedule and events

Based around four capacity building areas. Suggested and agreed that the LDF is a standing item on the LSP agenda.

- Performance Management Framework: WDC Policy team are looking to see how they can help and feedback to the LSP as cost effectively and time efficiently as

possible.

- Reviewing themed partnerships: who's delivering and what is being delivered. Initial discussions with officers involved with the Wealden Housing Partnership indicated that there may be scope for themes to be paired. For example the review should consider how regeneration and prosperity might fruitfully be brought together in the context of both the LDF and the LSP. The Policy Team will work on a plan for how this review can be taken forward across the eight themes.
- Parish Conference 4th March preceding the date of the next LSP meeting. Health Improvement Partnership meeting quarterly so will be happy to share reports etc. Themed partnership i.e. environment hasn't really taken off – need to investigate. Mustn't lose sight of the potential for working with county-level partnerships.
- Nicky, Tom and John from WDC Policy Unit will be working on individual areas: Tom – H&S Care, housing, safety. Nicky – learning leisure and prosperity, John Transport and environment.
- Voluntary and Community sector – we have a draft outline proposal for how we intend to spend the capacity building money. These are ball park figures at this stage. The possibility of a practitioner associate (through Progress Through Partnerships) in order to gain insight into good practice elsewhere – any further thoughts, let Gill know please. Suggestions that wider membership required. Gill will facilitate, asked to suggest dates as early as possible. Probably around 30 people.
- Developer contributions (Section 106 agreements) for infrastructure may need to move up the timetable.
- Comments put on the flip chart as issues for 2008 suggest that the LSP should not become “the place for everything” - needs to be kept strategic.

It was noted that sometimes the rationale for and / role of an LSP is not easily defined. It was suggested that with an outline agenda set for the coming year, members of the Wealden LSP will have a clearer message to communicate.

Joint East Sussex LSPs' capacity building event 5th February 2008

Gill reminded the group of the date of this event and encouraged all LSP members to stay for the whole event if possible. The second part of the event is for members from all tiers of local government.

Those intending to attend the event were encouraged to complete form to help with catering arrangements. Ian emphasised that it is important that all areas are represented at the event and that the shared tea would be a good opportunity to network with Wealden Cllrs - deadline for responses is 25th January 2008.

Finance

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Expenditure to date is well within the budget figures presented at the September LSP meeting. The £6681 earmarked for Community Safety this financial year. £5000 has been allocated to fund a LIFE project through ESFRS. The balance of £1681 has been offered to the Safer Wealden Partnership, who have been asked to advise the LSP on how the money was spent.

The LSP also has a further £8319 in this year's budget, but it is not necessary to spend it this year as it can remain in the LSP reserve.

Youth Website

The Wealden Youth website (www.w4y.co.uk) is seeking £7600 to enable a refresh of the site. The Wealden LSP have been asked if they would support this bid.

Pam declared an interest but highlighted that the youth website covers every theme in the strategy and is therefore a useful tool for the LSP. She agreed that it is looking a bit tired and it is in need of the funding to update.

Jessica also supported the bid and said that it is very valuable for the PCT. It is a means to contact young people and a good way of engaging and educating young people.

Richard suggested that the PCT may be able to support refresh to an extent and Ian suggested that the LSP might then look at some form of match funding. It was agreed that funding for the youth website refresh would be discussed again at the next meeting

Lesley suggested that some of the remaining LSP money is put off being spent until the Voluntary and Community group meeting.

It was agreed that the LSP monies will be discussed again at the next meeting, and a decision taken regarding the level of support for the youth website.

East Sussex Integrated Sustainable Community Strategy

As the Board is aware, the ESISCS is currently out for consultation for a 12 week period until the 12th February 2008. Alison emphasised that responses would be gratefully received, particularly before this date because of the necessary tight turn around of the draft to final document. The final version will then go out for endorsement from partner authorities.

Gill explained that Lewes District Council are completing the sustainability appraisal, Rother District Council the Equality impact assessment and Wealden District Council are looking to rural proof the document.

AOB There was no further business.

Next meeting Wednesday 12th March 2008. 10.00 – 12.00 at Herstmonceux Community Centre.

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