

Notes of Wealden Local Strategic Partnership 15 November 2002

Present:

Councillor Rupert Thornely-Taylor – Wealden District Council
Aprile Biggs – Environment Agency
Ian Chisnall – Churches Together in Sussex
Liz Foster
Fiona Henniker – Sussex Downs & Weald Primary Care Trust
Bob Herbert – Downland Housing Group
Melanie Hunt – Sussex Learning & Skills Council
John Kelly – Wealden Federation of Voluntary Organisations
Michael Fordham – National Farmers Union
Cllr Tim Sparrow – Sussex Association of Local Councils
Ken Stevens – Federation of Small Businesses
Cllr Bob Tidy – East Sussex County Council
Chief Inspector Grenville Wilson – Sussex Police
Charmian Allcock - Wealden District Council
Joanna Hill - Wealden District Council
Charlie Lant - Wealden District Council
Sean Nolan - Wealden District Council
Andy Purnell - Wealden District Council
Margery Turner - Wealden District Council

Apologies:

Peter Midgley (represented by Aprile Biggs)
Councillor Tony Reid (represented by Councillor Bob Tidy)
Mike Rogers (represented by Liz Foster)
Sussex Enterprise who will be appointing a Partnership Officer in the New Year

Update on progress towards production and distribution of the community strategy

It was confirmed that the Environment Agency, Churches Together in Sussex, Federation of Small Businesses (Regional Committee), the National Farmers Union, East Sussex Fire Brigade, Wealden District Council and Wealden Housing Partnership had all endorsed the Community Strategy.

Wealden Federation of Voluntary Organisations was expected to adopt the Strategy on 21 November. Sussex Downs and Weald PCT and Sussex Learning and Skills Council were likely to do so before the end of November. East Sussex County Council are expected to adopt the Strategy on 11th December through a Lead Member decision and Sussex Association of Local Councils would consider it at their next meeting.

Organisations yet to confirm adoption of the Strategy but expected to do so shortly were Action in Rural Sussex, Eastbourne Downs PCT, Sussex Enterprise and Sussex Police.

LSP members confirmed their wish to include partner organisation logos on the back page of the Strategy and each agreed to supply a good quality logo for this purpose.

The LSP considered a report on distribution options and it was agreed the option to deliver the Strategy alongside the draft Local Plan would be most appropriate. This was because it provided a means to reach all households and would demonstrate joined-up thinking.

It was also agreed that the door-to-door delivery should be supplemented by articles in parish magazines and by making the Strategy available through other access points. The Strategy would be available on the website and alternative formats/languages would be provided for on request.

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It was also agreed that the following wording would be added to the back page of the final Strategy 'please recycle this document or pass it on to a friend when you have finished with it'.

The importance of distribution to the business sector was raised and it was agreed this would be explored to ensure as many businesses as possible could be targeted.

Some discussion took place around hosting arrangements for the website. The general feeling was that it should not continue to be hosted within the Wealden District Council website but should have a separate identity and domain name. This would be explored by WFVO and WDC before the next LSP meeting.

Supporting Action Plan

This was agreed subject to some minor amendments and the inclusion of a statement to the effect that all partners will have regard to the targets set out and will contribute where they can.

Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board

Andy Purnell from ESCC explained the make-up and focus of the CYPSP and invited the LSP to nominate a representative to attend future meetings to assist with the four aims of the Partnership which were to:-

- streamline activity
- improve outcomes and ensure these are measurable
- reduce differentiation between services in the interests of rationalisation and
- improve co-ordination so as to reduce duplication.

WFVO was already represented and there was some surprise that LSC was not.

It was proposed (by Cllr Bob Tidy) that John Kelly should act as the Wealden LSP representative on this group (seconded by Ken Stevens). However, there was some concern that the LSP is still not engaging with or representing young people in an effective way. It was agreed that youth involvement would be explored in greater detail in the New Year and would be a future agenda item alongside broader consideration of how partnerships now relate to one another.

The role of district and borough LSPs in the ESSP was also mentioned, including ESCC's view that the representative from each of the local LSPs should be from the local authority.

Budget Consultation

Wealden District Council's Budget 2003/04 – Initial Consultation (October 2002) was distributed to all partners for comments to the Financial Services Manager by Monday 25 November 2002.

Any Other Business

It was agreed a new Chairman should be appointed in January. Councillor Thornely-Taylor expressed his pleasure in having been Chairman to date and indicated how much he had

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enjoyed being a part of the Wealden LSP. Councillor Bob Tidy congratulated the LSP for being ground-breaking partnership.

The Chairman also expressed his good wishes to Joanna Hill, Policy Officer, who would be leaving Wealden at the end of the month to act as East Sussex Strategic Partnership Co-ordinator.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on 20th January 2003 at Hailsham East Community Centre (4.00pm for 4.15 start).

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