

**NOTES of the DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM held on 20 May 2011
at County Hall, Matlock**

PRESENT

Councillor A Lewer
(in the Chair)

Amber Valley Borough Council Councillor S Bradford P Carney	Derbyshire County Council Councillor J A Allsop Councillor J P Harrison Councillor C W Jones Councillor B Lewis Councillor K L Parkinson B Buckley S Eaton N Hodgson B Laurence M Molloy B Robertson I Stephenson M Whelan J Wildgoose
Amber Valley CVS L Allison	Derbyshire Fire and Rescue S Helps B Sims
Big \Lottery Fund M Rowe	Derbyshire Probation D White
Bolsover District Council Councillor A Tomlinson	DOPAG P Frakes
Chesterfield Borough Council Councillor J Burrows	Environment Agency S Quinlan
CHART LSP S Lee	Erewash Borough Council L Poyser
Churches Together in Derbyshire R Jordan	Erewash CVS P Edwards
CVP L Wallace	High Peak Borough Council D Larner
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils B Wood	
Derbyshire Constabulary M Creedon	
Derbyshire Dales District Council Councillor L Rose D Wheatcroft	
Derbyshire Dales & High Peak LSP J Herbert	

<p>High Peak CVS N Caldwell</p> <p>Job Centre Plus B Kendall</p> <p>LINKS CVS C Lawton</p> <p>Natural England T Moat</p> <p>North Derbyshire Voluntary Action D Timcke</p>	<p>North East Derbyshire District Council G Baxter</p> <p>Rural Action Derbyshire S Green</p> <p>Skills Funding Agency M O'Reilly</p> <p>South Derbyshire CVS J Smith</p> <p>South Derbyshire District Council Councillor B Wheeler</p>
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Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of J Birkin (Chesterfield Royal Hospital), P Coleman (Peak District National Park Authority), C Collins (Skills Funding Agency), Councillor C Corbett (Erewash Borough Council), T Favell (High Peak Borough Council), K Fletcher (Third Sector Support for Derbyshire), S Frayne (Derbyshire Fire and Rescue), R Gent (Derbyshire County Council), S Goodwin (Derbyshire County Council), E Green (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust), Councillor Mrs C A Hart (Derbyshire County Council), Councillor J C Jackson (Derbyshire County Council), W Jones (Derbyshire Health United), E Michel (NHS Tameside and Glossop), E Morton (Chesterfield Royal Hospital), N Moulden (Derbyshire Dales CVS), D Porter (Derbyshire Arts Partnership), Bishop H Southern (Churches Together in Derbyshire), A Thomas (Derbyshire County Council), Councillor Ms A Western (Derbyshire County Council), T Whittaker (Derbyshire Older People's Advisory Group), and A Wright (Derbyshire County Council)

52/11 **MINUTES** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 December 2010 were confirmed as a correct record.

53/11 **MINUTES OF THE DPF THEMATIC PARTNERSHIPS** The minutes of the following DPF Thematic Partnerships were received:-

- Children and Young People's Trust Board – 20 January 2011 and 17 March 2011
- Culture Board – 17 December 2010 and 17 February 2011
- Health and Wellbeing Partnership – 6 January 2011
- Safer Communities Board – 17 February 2011
- Sustainable Communities Board – 24 February 2011
- Transformational Management Board – 24 January 2011

It was noted that meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership, scheduled to take place on 3 March 2011 and 5 May 2011 had been cancelled, as had the meeting of the Sustainable Communities Board scheduled for 26 May 2011. The last meeting of the Children and Young People's Trust Board had been held on 19 May 2011, and the minutes would therefore be published on the DCC website when available. The next meeting of the Safer Communities Board was to be held on 1 June 2011, and the Transformational Management Board was to be held on 26 May 2011.

54/11 DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Forum was informed of progress relating to the development of revised governance arrangements. Partners had previously been asked to consider and provide views on the future working of the partnership, the thematic partnerships and the need for high level priority and target setting. The findings from the consultation had been reported to the last meeting of the Forum, at which some broad principles for developing the governance structures had been agreed.

Since the last meeting, the governance arrangements had been developed to reflect issues raised during the consultation process, and to address the demands of new and emerging partnership issues. The proposed governance structure was presented to the Board. As a result of issues raised, it was proposed that:

- The main purpose of the Forum should continue
- The Derbyshire Partnership Forum should meet twice a year
- The current two tier decision making structure involving a Board and Executive should be abolished
- The new Health and Wellbeing Board, Safer Communities Board, Culture Derbyshire and Derbyshire Economic Partnership should present reports twice per year to the Derbyshire Partnership Forum on wider work alongside progress on any relevant Sustainable Community Strategy priorities
- The Children's Trust and Adult Care Boards should report into the Health and Wellbeing Board
- The remaining partnerships should each review their purpose in light of new governance proposals moving forward
- All partnerships should review and revise their terms of reference as appropriate, and consideration should be given to the use of time limited task groups to deal with single issues in place of standing partnerships and sub-groups

A key role for the Derbyshire Partnership Forum would be to review, monitor and challenge progress against Sustainable Community Strategy priorities and targets. It was the intention that a small number of priority issues from the Strategy be identified for focussed activity. Each of the

priorities would be allocated to a lead officer who would report progress to the Forum.

With fewer meetings and reduced representation on existing partnerships, the issue of communication both across sectors and around wider partnership issues would need to be addressed, as ensuring that information was shared across the partnership would be essential.

Further reports on the implementation of the governance arrangements and more detailed proposals on the terms of reference for the Forum would be presented to a future meeting for formal ratification.

On the whole, partners were in agreement of the general principles outlined. However, questions were raised on the timescale for implementation and fitting meetings into an appropriate cycle. A query was also raised as to how the time limited task groups would fit into the structure. With regard to the timescale, a meeting of the Forum would be arranged in the near future to discuss this, along with any other outstanding issues. It was the intention that, by the next meeting, all issues would be finalised so that the new arrangements could be fully implemented. It was also agreed that there would be a commitment to review the new arrangements after approximately one year.

RESOLVED that (1) the proposals to manage partnership work from April 2011 onwards, as set out in the report, be agreed;

(2) further reports on the implementation of the governance arrangements and more detailed proposals on terms of reference for the Derbyshire Partnership Forum be brought to a future meeting of the Forum for formal ratification; and

(3) lead officers be tasked with developing governance arrangements and terms of reference for the thematic partnerships outlined in the report.

55/11 **PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE WELLBEING BOARD** The Public Health White Paper set out proposals to transfer public health responsibilities to the County Council. This and other changes to the NHS, including proposals for upper-tier authorities to establish a statutory Health and Wellbeing Board, were set out in the Health and Social Care Bill. The Chief Executive of the NHS had written to stress the importance of continuing with the work to develop local Health and Wellbeing Boards.

With regard to Public Health, it was reported that responsibilities currently undertaken by Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts would be divided between a new body – Public Health England – and upper-tier local authorities.

The County Council would receive a ring-fenced Public Health Grant from Public Health England from 2013/14, and there would be a shadow allocation in April 2012/13 to plan prior to its formal introduction. A new 'payment by results' system had been proposed, which would reward councils for making progress in improving health outcomes and reducing health inequalities. The County Council would be required to appoint a Director of Public Health, jointly with Public Health England. Details were given of the work that the County Council would be the primary commissioner for, and it was stated that the commissioning of health visitors would also transfer to the County Council. There would be joint Public Health England/County Council primary commissioning responsibilities, and the County Council would provide a supporting role to Public Health England in relation to infectious diseases and emergency planning and pandemic influenza preparedness.

There was a requirement to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board, and the requirements of the Board were highlighted. The Council had accepted an invitation from the Government to be an early implementer for Health and Wellbeing Boards, and the aim was to establish a shadow Board at the earliest opportunity. The shadow Board would act as an advisory body to the County Council's Cabinet, NHS Derbyshire Board and the GP Commissioning Consortia, and the full Board would be in place from April 2013.

In terms of membership of the Board, a number of statutory members had been stipulated, and the likely core membership of the shadow Board was stated. The Board would determine the supporting structures to ensure engagement from a wider range of organisations, including all district and borough councils, providers (including hospitals and the voluntary and community sector) and other stakeholders. The aim would be to ensure that the Board engaged with all partners effectively. Regular formal reports would be made to the Forum on progress and email and the website would be used to update and involve the wider membership in the work of the Board.

The issue of membership was queried, as it was felt that there were perhaps some sectors/agencies that were not represented. It was stated that there could be further changes to the membership if Government guidance changed, and a further discussion with partners would take place prior to any final agreement.

RESOLVED to note (1) the current proposals in relation to public health responsibilities; and

(2) the proposed framework of arrangements for the Health and Wellbeing Board.

56/11 DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM – PRIORITIES MOVING

FORWARD Over the last three years, partners had played a key role in supporting the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Derbyshire Local Area Agreement 2008-2011. The abolition of local area agreements and the National Indicator Set had led to greater local freedom to determine performance management arrangements. This had presented an opportunity for the Forum to review the focus of its activities and to develop a framework that worked locally. As part of the consultation on partnership governance arrangements, partners had been asked to consider the need for high level priority and target setting. The responses had indicated wide support for high level priorities supported by a reduced number of agreed targets.

The Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-14 still had three years to run, and many of the issues and priorities contained were still relevant. However, a new performance framework for the partnership was required. Partners had recently attended a workshop to review existing priorities and to identify key issues which still needed to be addressed. The findings from the workshop were presented, and gave a relative sense of priorities.

Initial views at the workshop had indicated that there was scope to aggregate a number of the identified issues into cross cutting overarching outcomes. These, alongside underlying measures, would provide the basis of a performance framework for the partnership. It was also proposed to allocate responsibility for priorities to individual lead officers, who would be responsible for reporting progress on activities in support of priorities.

Work would be undertaken over forthcoming weeks to refine the priorities and to further develop the performance framework for the partnership. This would be circulated to partners for consideration in due course.

RESOLVED that (1) the findings and issues identified from the recent workshop be noted;

(2) partners agree the approach for further developing priorities and the performance framework for the partnership, as set out in the report; and

(3) further reports on progress be brought to future meetings of the Forum in due course.

57/11 THE ENGLISH INDICES OF DEPRIVATION 2010

The Forum was informed of the key findings from the English Indices of Deprivation 2010 and the latest position for Derbyshire. The most deprived Lower layer Super Output Area (LSOA) within Derbyshire was Hopewell North, which was within

the Ilkeston North Ward and covered part of the Cotmanhay area. This ranked in the top 3% most deprived areas in England.

There were 17 LSOAs within the 10% most deprived areas in England, and 60 in the 20% most deprived in England. The number of LSOAs in the least deprived 10% in England had increased to 42, and this had maintained the upward trend. Across all the LSOAs in the county, there had been an improvement over time, and the average rank of Derbyshire's LSOAs nationally had fallen by 1%. It was stated that populations in urban areas in Derbyshire were more likely to live in deprived areas than elsewhere. However, the average rank for both urban and rural populations had improved.

Bolsover and Chesterfield were ranked as the most deprived of Derbyshire's districts taking account of the five local authority summary measures. In comparison to the 2007 indices, six of the eight districts in Derbyshire had shown improvement. Chesterfield had shown the greatest improvement, followed by North East Derbyshire, Bolsover, South Derbyshire, Amber Valley and Derbyshire Dales. However, there had been a worsening in High Peak and particularly Erewash.

Amongst the 152 county/unitary authorities in England, Derbyshire ranked between 78th and 102nd on the five local authority summary measures. Derbyshire's position had improved relative to other areas in four of the five summary measures, and was the only county in the region to show net improvement across all five measures.

Across the seven domains of deprivation, Derbyshire had scored worst on the Health and Disability Domain, and the second worst was Education, Skills and Training. There were almost 93,000 people in the county who were classed as income deprived, including nearly 23,000 children and over 30,000 people aged 60 or over. With regard to employment deprivation, over 44,000 people of working age had fallen into this category.

The results for the Barriers to Housing domain had highlighted that of the 16 highest LSOAs, 11 were in Derbyshire Dales. For the crime domain, 13 LSOAs were within the 10% most deprived areas in England, and an analysis of the average rank of all LSOAs in the county showed that there had been a significant worsening for this domain.

On the Living Environment domain, there were 8 LSOAs in the county in the 10% most deprived areas in England, but there were 34 LSOAs in the least deprived 10% in England.

A report containing more detailed analysis of the Indices of Deprivation 2010 would be available on the Derbyshire Observatory website in due

course. This would provide analysis on the individual domains, and the report would also examine deprivation at district and county level and the change in deprivation ranks between 2004, 2007 and 2010.

RESOLVED to note the latest position for Derbyshire on the English Indices of Deprivation 2010.

58/11 **GETTING BRITAIN WORKING INITIATIVE** The Forum received a presentation from Bob Kendall, Job Centre Plus, on initiatives to reduce unemployment. It was reported that in Derbyshire, the number of 18-24 year olds that were unemployed at April 2011 was at the highest since the previous year, and it was anticipated that this trend would remain over the coming months. More than 1,000 18-24 year olds had been unemployed for more than six months.

The range of proposed initiatives were detailed, and included:-

- Work clubs throughout the county
- Work Together - an initiative to help unemployed people to undertake volunteering work to obtain skills to help them get back into paid employment
- New Enterprise Allowance – this would be in operation from the Autumn, and would help people set themselves up in business
- Enterprise Clubs – these were being developed with partner organisations, and it was the intention to have three running soon
- Work Academies – these would provide skills to individuals prior to them obtaining employment
- Apprenticeships
- Work Programme – this was to commence on 1 June, and was primarily to assist people who had been unemployed for a long period of time
- Work experience

Partners were asked to give support wherever possible to any of the initiatives. It was stated that the County Council intended to create 500 apprenticeships over the next four years, and support was to be given to S.M.Es to allow them to have an apprentice. It was also felt that disabled young people needed to be considered for apprenticeships.

The use of volunteer centres was highlighted, as it was felt that their support was very important, particularly in the securing of work experience placements.

59/11 **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SCHEME** The Forum received a presentation from Bex Sims, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue, on the Youth Engagement Scheme, which had been operational since 2007, particularly in

deprived areas of the county. Information was given on the scheme, and the type of young people who were referred to take part. These were 13-16 year olds who were young carers, looked after children, from a pupil referral unit, someone who required a positive role model, someone with low self esteem, a young person with anti-social behaviour or failing in the school environment.

There were a number of positive impacts on the young people from taking part in the project, including increased attendance, increased self-esteem, improved relationships, improved aspirations, a return to education, improved ability to manage behaviour, and an ability to solve problems and make positive choices. Once the twelve week scheme was completed, each young person had the opportunity to join the Fire Cadets.

With regard to funding the scheme, £25,000 had been allocated from the Working Neighbourhoods Fund to fund the Cadet units at Chesterfield and Staveley for the next two years. Courses had been planned for a further year under the current funding arrangements, and grant applications would be submitted in September to allow the project to continue. Bespoke courses had been created to sell to schools, and work had now commenced with families, so that parents/carers had greater involvement in the scheme.

60/11 **FOOD AND DRINK FAIR** The Forum was reminded that the County Council's Food and Drink Fair was to take place at Hardwick Hall on 21-22 May 2011.

61/11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** The next meeting would be arranged on a date to advised.