

ADUR AND WORTHING

NOTES FROM JOINT LSP BOARD EVENT ON 15 APRIL 2009

Ambitions for Working Together on the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)

Hopes

- Build on what has gone on already
- Be more strategic with the county
- Achieve a better understanding of the SCS
- Ability to harness and combine resources
- Develop a plan which will deliver effectively

Advice

- Don't reinvent the wheel
- Don't lose sight of who this is for (delivering improvements for local people)
- Recognise the local differences
- Have to have a real purpose - not be just aspirational

What is Involved in producing an SCS

- Lancaster situation has many similarities
- Important to join up consultations.
- Adur and Worthing are developing separate Core Strategies
- Adur consultation involves a stakeholder consultation in 3 weeks time, followed by main consultation in June with a further one later. Also involving the Area Action Plan process
- Worthing consultation on revised strategy is in June/July.
- Want to take into account the county's SCS and LAA (especially where there are locality-based targets). Can the CLCs contribute to the process?

Establishing the Joint Working Group

Does this look about right?

- Yes but needs more detail and be a bit more understandable
- More detail about how the 'local' feeds up. Not to lose sight of the differences between localities.
- Needs to be supported by a meaningful consultation process which uses existing LSP structures and local groups like the CDRPs, etc. To look at training volunteer residents.

Is the membership about right?

- Needs a broader education perspective than just the college
- Perhaps not Fire & Rescue
- Perhaps more business reps?
- Do we need two members rather than one?
- Why invite GOSE? What about SEEDA?
- Some agencies (e.g Highway Agency and SEEDA might be better engaged through separate one to one meetings)
- On the whole want the group to be a bit smaller (it is a 'task' group' working to a tight timetable)
- Involve people who are really focussed on Adur and Worthing but can also make decisions on priorities ('quite high up the chain') and can attend a (limited) number of focussed meetings
- Focus clearly on joint actions

How will thematic groups best contribute?

- Need them to provide strong evidence and information
- Use their membership's knowledge and views
- Build a strategy on the information, especially for deprived areas
- Will need to coordinate across both Adur and Worthing

Next Steps

- First meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) planned for the 6 May
- The agenda to reflect the presentation slide, plus planners' presentations
- Officers to prepare papers for the meeting
- Planners to make presentations to the meeting on emerging Core Strategies and 'story of place'.
- Officers to hold pre-meeting to ensure preparation
- Resources to support process may be an issue, and main partners need to be part of this.
- James to identify a small list of key participants (bearing in mind the individual is as important as their 'label') and discuss with Leaders