

Worthing Together Partnership Event 22/11/05 Feedback



Workshop Instructions

- (i) In relation to your theme in The Town We Want and what Worthing Together said it's going to do next - broadly are these still the right priorities?

(The Housing workshop group will consider the relevant priorities from the Inequalities theme)

- (ii) Are there any needs which are not currently being addressed?

(iii) What are the top three priorities for your theme now?

(iii) What are the obstacles and barriers to achieving these?

- (v) What opportunities exist, either for further growth in your three priorities or to address unmet needs, through closer working with other partners in Worthing Together?

To set the scene, there will be a presentation on the key data for Worthing, and information in delegates' packs about the Local Area Agreement (LAA) and what the partners said they would do next (albeit nearly 2 years ago) in The Town We Want. The Annual Report, which contains progress reports on all the current actions, will also be available in case your group identifies on-going work or a spin-off development as a key priority.

Following the workshops, which will run for 40 minutes, delegates will have an opportunity to walk around and comment upon the emerging priorities from the other groups using Post It notes.

Each group will feed back their 3 top priorities and highlight where greater partnership working will help to achieve them and fill gaps.

1. Community Engagement & Volunteering

	Name		Organisation
1.	Alison	Booker	Volunteer Centre
2.	Jane	Claxton	Worthing Community Partnership
3.	Roger	Foregard	Worthing First
4.	Clare	Gardiner	WSCC (Facilitator & Feedback)
5.	Toni	Lamb	Worthing CAB
6.	Ian	Richardson	EWRA
7.	Cllr Clem	Stevens	WBC
8.	Vanessa	Taylor	AAW PCT

3 Top Priorities:

1. Develop responses to address the needs emerging from the Voluntary/Community Sector Audit
2. Promote Volunteering
3. Deliver an integrated information service

Focus on:

- Setting clear targets for LSP Partners to achieve (priority 2)
- Using grants in the community to promote volunteering (priority 2)
- Share Volunteer Training
- Produce and share presentations/CD Rom on volunteering
- WCP currently investigating linkage with WSCC contact centre

Post It

Charities and voluntary sector contribute literally ££ millions to Worthing. Volunteers are the life blood —often highly skilled, often very committed, but they need support to continue to deliver the broad range of public services the community rely upon!

2. Crime & Community Safety

	Name		Organisation
9.	Lesley	Banks	Jobcentre Plus
10.	Cllr Ann	Barlow	WBC
11.	Roy	Barraclough	WSCC (Feedback)
12.	Insp.Steve	Eldridge	Sussex Police
13.	Gavin	Hunnikin	WSCC Trading Standards
14.	Cllr Geraldine	Lissenburg	WBC
15.	Haydn	Smith	WBC (Facilitator)
16.	Ch Insp Jason	Taylor	Sussex Police

Crime & Community Safety Priorities

In the Home:

Distraction Burglary
Cold Calling
Rogue Traders
Domestic Violence
Fire Safety
Family Activities

Out & About:

Intimidation
Assault
Safe at night
Promote night time economy
Road & Safety
Night time Economy
Promote inclusionary activity
Binge drinking
Under-age Sales

Education:

Promote positive messages
Positive attitude; Community Leadership
Raise Community Involvement
Restorative justice; Conference; Respect
Churches; Voluntary sector; Ethnic Groups
Parental involvement training/education

Post-it Notes:

Link Schools with local firms/groups
Provision of evening/weekend (for young people) transport possible via minibus brokerage

3. Economic Development & Regeneration

	Name		Organisation
17.	Christine	Beveridge	
18.	Julia	Carrette	WCVS
19.	Robin	King	Worthing Homes Ltd
20.	Sally	Smith	WASH
21.	Richard	Speller	WSCC - Highways
22.	Dale	Thomson	WBC (Facilitator & Feedback)
23.	Paula	Welland	Coastal WS AIF

Current Short term Targets

Teville Gate

Good start but will it cause displacement? (Dome, Connaught)

Seek to inform and engage Teville Gate development by/in Masterplanning (rather than independent of it).

Master Plan

Ensure LSP is informed of salient findings & responses and is able (with Worthing 1st) to give feedback and take a view:

Worthing 1st

Good start – develop Terms of Reference, reporting back structure & accountability/ links to LSP

Develop a Corporate Social Responsibility group.

Steer emerging E.D. Strategy.

Raise profile, capture early wins.

Involve Worthing 1st in S.M.E. development

Re-cycling targets

Worthing 1st should engage with sustainable Business Unit – assist businesses to re-cycle. LSP partners should also lead by example

Current Medium Term Targets

Credit Union – consultation imminent & feasibility study. This objective should stay

Enterprise Initiatives – self –employment is being developed – must address sustainability. Business Advice via Enterprise Centre is now happening. Keep these objectives.

New objectives – maintain & grow S.M.E's.

New Town Planning Framework- Statement of Community Involvement (requirement of LDF) is currently out for consultation – issues and options being explored. LSP must keep overview of process (clear links to Master Plan)

3 Principles for Economic Development:

- Sustainability – ensure longer term future of initiatives being developed
- Continued engagement of LSP in integrated development strategies (Master Plan & Local Development Framework both key issues)

- Firm up expectations of Worthing 1st as sectoral group (links, objectives, bending strategy etc.) – clear terms of reference for sectoral groups

Post-It Notes:

Twinning Schools & Businesses

Adopt a School

Support CAB both Youth & traditional volunteers.

Support CVS

MasterPlan should be able to produce results for the wider voluntary & community sector in terms of floorspace which can be managed for much wider benefit for a larger range of groups.

WBC should be leading on securing a new CAB for the town built to modern-day standards in a town centre location.

4. Health & Social Care

	Name		Organisation
24.	Tracy	Allan	AAW PCT
25.	Jacqueline	Clay	WSCC (Facilitator)
26.	Anita	Counsell	AAW PCT
27.	Ann	Cox	Coastal Enterprises
28.	Brian	Gill	WCVS
29.	Jennie	Musgrove	Guild Care (Feedback)
30.	Catherine	Scott	AAW PCT
31.	Catherine	Sweeney	WSCC
32.	Jane	Williams	AAW PCT / DAAT

Suggested that above title is changed to 'Independence, Health & Wellbeing'

3 Core Priorities:

1. Better balance between prevention & intervention – promoting health & wellbeing
2. Making it easy to access information & services
3. Address inequalities by targeting most disadvantaged through co-ordinated and informed action

Does priority mean just those who need independent living support?

Include promoting health & wellbeing & primary prevention.

Split priority 1: prevention & care/support

Interventions with young people in Durrington

Develop a plan which will support a better balance between prevention & treatment (Outcome 22) in community settings

Target areas or settings e.g. Durrington

Engage all sectors & partners including business

Post-it Notes:

Independence, Health & Wellbeing & Primary Prevention

Community transport – particularly dial-a-ride makes huge contribution including health, assisted shopping & social inclusion & other accessibility trips. Unfortunately is turning clients away because of lack of funding.

Neighbourhood Mediation Services

Support Shopmobility & Dial-a-Ride.

Encourage businesses to share facilities e.g. leisure associated equipment/sites.

Encourage churches to share sites/rooms/staff volunteering

Invest more in healthy living activities to keep people out of the health & social care systems

Join together health & social care services & funding wherever possible and get WBC to take a lead on promoting health & wellbeing in the Town

5. Leisure & Culture (inc Children & Young People)

	Name		Organisation
33.	Peter	Downey	Salvation Army
34.	Anne	Jones	WBC (Facilitator & Feedback)
35.	Joan	Kemish	WCVS
36.	Jenni	Lewis	WSCC Children's Fund
37.	Cllr Keith	Mercer	WBC
38.	Phil	Papps	MILE Project
39.	Hilda	Sherwood	Homestart
40.	Tim	Everett	WBC
41.	Diane	Smith	WSCC SureStart
42.	Julian	Stevens	WBC
43.	Mike	Tyler	Churches Together

3 Priorities:

1. Find out what young people want
Use Children's Fund 'Advisory Groups' for hard to reach groups
Use youth council to research/investigate possibilities
2. Better information sharing of what is currently going on
 - a) To young people;
 - b) To other professionals
3. For all leisure activities, investigate
Accessibility
Price
Location (Transport)
Times of sessions

Additional comments:

Involve Probation Service and Schools
Promote leisure opportunities in schools
Stage event like this for young people asking them the same questions

Post-It Notes:

Leisure Services too expensive - £35 per month too much
Join Sydney Walter £30 per year!!
Accessibility for young people could be improved by minibus brokerage (part of community transport strategy)
Attract bodies like NACRO & YMCA who have great expertise in work with young people & bring funding with them

6. Learning

	Name		Organisation
44.	Adrian	Barritt	WCVS
45.	John	Crow	GOSE (Facilitator)
46.	Robina	Edser	WSCC (Library Service)
47.	Chris	Ellis	Northbrook College (Feedback)
48.	Janet	Goldsbrough-Jones	East Worthing Residents Assoc.
49.	Eleanor	Hope	Volunteer Centre
50.	Mike	Kendall	WSCC
51.	Trish	Tame	WSLP

Top 3 Priorities:

- 1) Children 0 – 19 years (targets 6.1, 6.2, 6.3)
- 2) Long-Term Future for Life Long Learning:
Affordable;
For older people (retired, working) & Young People
Skills for Life:
Basic Skills, Literacy, Numeracy, ESOL, IT Skills; Outreach
- 3) Workforce Skills Development

Short Term Priorities

- 6.1 **Nursery Education**
SureStart – Data Evidence
Issue – Lack of co-ordination. Education of early years
Not enough short-term creche provision
- 6.2 **Children's Centre**
Durrington Ward needs a CC (now a deprived ward). One Children's Centre in Town Centre.
- 6.3 **Family Learning**
Linking into extended schools
Still rolling out
- 6.4 **Learning Champion**
Champions needed from Community & Workforce
- 6.5 **Action 4 Business College**
2 Colleges (6th Form/General FE)
Workforce development
Messages from Business. They need skilled workers

Other Priorities:

University for Worthing
Address Young People Migration

Barriers to Participation in Learning:

- Lack of Accessible Information
- Community Safety – Perception, Fear of Crime
- Transport to Services; Parking, Public Transport, Cycle Routes
- Information to 'hard to reach' ie retired; young people; teenage mums; BME
- Affordability to User
- Funding from public agencies
- Priorities have changed
- Package of Services – integrated need more engagement with Community to find what they need
- Community Consultation on-going
- Statistics

Post-it Notes:

WSCC have been running basic skills outreach in the community. Discussions taking place with LSC to carry this on post SRB. **LSP support to this would be valuable.** Colleges need to be more flexible with the delivery of training at community venues – not schools & colleges.

Please take learning opportunities to places older people go or where they live rather than focusing it all at the FE Colleges & break down the barrier.

Link 0-13 Learning (out of school hours) to childcare provision for working parents to enable affordable childcare to those unable to access it at the moment.

Lifelong learning – Dial-a-ride provides transport for clients to attend art classes, who could not otherwise have access to them.

Lifelong learning – Colleges should develop criteria for Adult Ed. based on factors other than pure economics. Show commitment to the Community by offering some fully subsidised courses e.g. for volunteers (as happens elsewhere)

Connexion & LEA have done some research on this. Rather than ask those not engaged what they want, why not ask those engaged what has meaning for them & keeps them as responsible citizens. Peer pressure much better incentive than distractions or sanctions. Positive peer group role models.

Example of After School Clubs – One, in Worthing served several schools very successfully but had to close because couldn't afford transport! Help could have been available but found out too late. Transport provision is key to such facilities.

Increase in fees for Further Education – preventing people learning, cutting down on opportunities for people to socialise, many people who are not elderly eg those out of work, cannot afford the exorbitant increase in fees this year. The charges were increased without people realising what was happening.

7. Housing

	Name		Organisation
52.	Richard	Belcher	Southern Housing Group
53.	Gill	Blackwood	AAW PCT
54.	Tony	Chasteauneuf	WCHP
55.	Moira	James	Worthing Homes Ltd (Facilitator & Feedback)
56.	Elaine	Sola	MIND
57.	Cllr Hazel	Thorpe	WBC

Housing Top Priorities

1. **Extra Care housing/scheme**
support systems
2. **Low Cost housing**
Workers (salaries vs housing costs)
Fuel poverty/substandard accommodation
Debt advice
3. **Young people's Strategy**
Accommodation – advice-provision
Diversionary activities
Sustainable communities
4. **Supporting People Fund**
Ensure local needs are met & services are preserved

Existing Priorities

Extra care housing – crucial/priority
Alcohol – key when considering health inequality & accommodation issues
Fuel Poverty (4.4 and 4.8) – expansion of scheme/issues i.e. substandard private sector.
Partnership working – crucial/key

Unmet Needs:

Facilities for young people:
Accommodation, homeless provision, access, advice (YAS)
Diversionary activities
Capacity building – Community Development
Partnership working ** joint use of facilities /people (extended schools)
Transport – access
Young people strategy/action plan
Credit Unions/debt advice * Finance links to housing*
Supporting People – non statutory.

Post-it Notes:

Incorporate transport planning very early in the process
What about housing co-ops. A way of encouraging active citizenship & stakeholder culture incl. for insecurely housed & hard to reach groups.

8. Transport and Environment

	Name		Organisation
58.	Barry	Candy	WSCC –Highways
59.	Ken	Costello	WBC (Facilitator)
60.	Sally	Dovey	WSCC
61.	Martin	Downy	WSCC (Feedback)
62.	Cllr Peter	Green	WSCC
63.	Alan	Jones	East Worthing Residents Association
64.	John	Kemish	WCVS
65.	Dr. Jeffrey	Lake	AAW tPCT
66.	Richard	Wells	WSCC Highways

Top 3 Priorities:

1. A27 – (Pressure on Central Government not partners)
2. Sustainable/Integrated Transport
3. Congestion at peak times; School run, Workplaces

Missing from Priorities:

More attention to sustainable travel; Congestion, Pollution, Active Transport, Improve Environment

Accessibility:

Social Exclusion, Particular focus on Youth (concessionary fares etc.)

Needs Not Addressed:

- Integration (rail & bus interchanges)
- Off-peak rail services to outlying areas of town
- Community Transport
- More integration/coordination
- Planning & strategies for new schools

Obstacles/Barriers

- Central Government Policy
- Commercial constraints on transport operators
- Planning policy (needs integration) & transport seen as a priority
- Attachment to cars

Opportunities:

- Link to: Housing Development. Public transport agencies involved with LSP
- A quality bus partnership
- Active Worthing co-ordinated school workplace & community

Post-it Notes:

Link to sustainable business – if 10% of business allowed staff who could work 1 day a week at home reduce travel congestion, pollution & business costs.

If further 10% engaged in flexible working, to avoid peak travel time – cut congestion, pollution, travel to work times, accidents.

Use of sea for transport to Brighton, Pier to Pier?

Bus links to central town locations/key employers.

Parking

Ensure no erosion of services for those with disability. Keep equalities a key principle & accessibility as a goal.

Provide development funding to set up co-ordinated community transport to bring into use all the mini-buses which sit idle for a large part of every day/week/month.

As well as integrating rail & bus – you need to consider those who live outside main bus routes & consider parking at railway stations – there is not enough or it's too expensive – you choose to drive to work instead.

Provide a cheap park & ride scheme

Co-ordinate running of dial-a-ride & share overheads with another community transport service & this will integrate community transport.

Encourage car sharing within workforce/leisure distribute bus timetables to residents with council tax leaflets/recycling times etc.

Night buses for all

Challenge educational establishments to house recycling facilities i.e. schools

Central West Sussex Transport Partnership currently working on integrating & coordinating community transport groups & minibus brokerage.