

**MEETING of WORTHING TOGETHER LSP on
WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2009 in the
GORDON ROOM of WORTHING TOWN HALL**

1. Attendance, apologies and introductions

CHAIR FOR THE MEETING	√	Andrew Gardiner (for Farhang Tahzib)
PARTNERSHIPS		
Voluntary Sector Forum	√	Julia Carrette
Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership	√	Roy Barraclough (for Andy Tonks)
Economic Development & Regeneration Ptnp	√	Tina Tilley
Health and Wellbeing Partnership	√	Debra Balfour (for Martin Sherred)
Learning Network	A	Anne Parkinson
Worthing Arts Council	√	Dan Thompson (for Stefan Sykes)
Children & Young People Forum	A	Sue Bull
Transport & Environment Partnership		VACANT
Churches Together in Worthing	√	Mike Tyler
Worthing Community Partnership	A	Jane Claxton
LOCAL AUTHORITIES		
Worthing Borough Council	A A	Cllr John Rogers / Cllr Joan Bradley Cllr Bob Smytherman
West Sussex County Council	A A	VACANT Sue Couchman (non-voting)
OTHER MAJOR ORGANISATIONS		
West Sussex PCT	√*	Debra Balfour
Environment Agency	A	Carina Strutt
West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service	√*	Roy Barraclough (for Andy Tonks)
Sussex Police	A	Chief Insp Howard Hodges
SUPPORTING OFFICERS		
WBC	√	Anne Jones
WBC	√	Bill Parsons
WBC	√	Sarah Garbutt
WBC	√	Tina Favier
WBC	√	Norma Ndoping (notes)

* Previously recorded on the record of attendance, i.e. member represents more than one partnership/organisation

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Appointment of Chair for meeting; Future charring arrangements

It was agreed that Andrew Gardiner should chair the meeting in the absence of both Chair and Vice Chair.

Worthing Together and *Adur in Partnership* will continue to operate as separate bodies until the autumn, at least. Owing to a change in circumstances, Dr Farhang Tahzib is unable to continue to serve as chair. Accordingly, a timetable for electing a new Chair/Vice Chair for forthcoming meetings has been distributed, together with nomination forms, and a membership list, with indication of all those partners who have a vote under the current constitution.

4. The Place Survey 2008 (Bill Parsons and Sarah Garbutt)

The Place Survey replaces the Best Value User Satisfaction Survey. It focuses on the local area, homing in not only on the council but also on other services and on matters such as

respect, consultation, volunteering etc. The results are now available, though not yet officially published nationally. Three thousand printed questionnaires were distributed between September and December 2008 and there was a response rate of 47%, which is good, although it is true to say the proportion of young people responding was low.

The results will be useful for priority setting.

5. Update on Adur—Worthing Sustainable Community Strategy

Currently, work is in progress towards the formation of a joint working group to draw up a joint SCS. A meeting is envisaged towards the end of the month.

6. Worthing and Adur Councils' Climate Change Strategy

Please send your comments on this through Anne Jones: Anne.Jones@adur.gov.uk

7. Update on LAA1 projects

£200,000 has been spent and currently reports are still being gathered. The Worthing Together website contains news on some of the projects:

<http://www.worthingtogether.org/together/Projectsinpriorityareas/>

LAA2 will need to build on information from LAA1 Outcome 22 projects.

Julia Carrette expressed the hope that an analysis would be made of reasons why projects were successful and that the contribution of the voluntary and community sector should be acknowledged.

8. Use of LAA2 funding (£100,000 for Worthing Together)

A small group had put together a broad first draft of a joint action plan for Worthing and Adur. This would form discussion material for a meeting of the LNIA Network to be held the following day; an Adur—Worthing action plan needs to dovetail with the West Sussex LAA.

Julia Carrette briefed the meeting on a need for funding for the Worthing Together Children & Young People's Forum (CYP) to further its aim of encouraging understanding and more widespread adoption of the use of the Common Assessment Framework. This would improve the quality of referrals and lead to faster interventions and improved outcomes. Also, Sue Couchman of WSCC was to give a presentation to the CYP on the WSCC Children's Plan currently being developed.

Debra Balfour added that the CYP was also interested in interventions for looked after children, and this too would require funds. A smaller working group was to help clarify detail.

In answer to a question as to what consultation had been conducted before the draft LAA2 action plan was drawn up, it was acknowledged that consultation is needed. Tina Favier said that as the draft stands, it is so broad that it will be possible to include content that consultation shows a need for.

Roy Barraclough expressed disappointment that the draft did not appear to include opportunities for West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service involvement. It was suggested he should email Tina Favier with his comments.

Debra Balfour maintained that the template received from the LNIA Network could be altered if it did not match need. Andrew Gardiner said that proposals would need to fit in with the LAA targets, which were fairly narrow.

9. Update on Community Cohesion funding

Funding was provided to Worthing for community cohesion and contingency planning to be undertaken. This will involve a mapping of local community issues with a view to improving situations. The aim will be to look at tensions and identify what can lead to them. Monthly reporting to the Government Office is a requirement. A Community Cohesion Officer is being

appointed, whose duties will extend to Adur. A monitoring group will be chaired by the Police, as a subgroup of the CDRP and LSP.

Debra Balfour said she can envisage useful linking with mapping to be undertaken by the Health and Wellbeing Partnerships of Worthing Together and Adur in Partnership.

10. Feedback on Northbrook / West Durrington Community Conference (Mike Tyler)

This Conference, held on 18 April, aimed to: focus on what the community really needs and wants; consider what is already provided, and how that can work better; consider additional services / facilities that could be offered. The Conference brought together thirty agencies from the public, private, voluntary and faith sectors, who provide, or could provide, services to this community. The public were invited and a small number attended.

Six high priority proposals resulted from workshops (see page 5 of the Report distributed at the meeting). These needed shaping before being presented to Worthing Together for action at that level.

Discussion followed on how best to communicate with the general public to encourage involvement in community issues. Suggestions included a focus on welcoming newcomers so that they come to feel a part of the community, and the use of publications such as Broadwater Pages. It was also suggested that mechanisms for consulting communities needed to be streamlined, with bodies such as Neighbourhood Panels and County Local Committees combining forces. Reference was made to the need for a Comprehensive Community Engagement Strategy.

11. Other business

a. Participatory Budgeting (Mike Tyler)

Mike Tyler outlined the principle of Participatory Budgeting: ring-fencing a small amount of funding whose use was determined by the community. He offered to arrange a presentation by a contact he had in Southampton, and also to lend a video on a successful project in Keighley, Yorkshire. He suggested that Durrington could be used as a pilot for such a scheme.

Similar principles are behind the Community Chest funding made available by the Council. The Worthing Arts Council also operates a scheme of this type. It was acknowledged that there were CLC underspends but there were concerns about raising expectations ahead of the Sustainable Community Strategy and other planning in progress.

Tina Favier borrowed the DVD Mike had offered.

b. Family Intervention Project (Tina Favier)

Funded by PSB and West Sussex County Council, this is a new project aimed at improving a wide range of anti-social behaviour issues centring round 20—30 families in Worthing and Adur. It features in the LNIA action plan.

c. Worthing Arts Council (Dan Thompson)

Worthing Arts Council has been awarded funding by Worthing Borough Council under the programme of Regeneration and Sea Change.

12. Forthcoming meetings Meeting dates were agreed as follows:

- Wednesday 23 September 2009 at 14:30
- Wednesday 25 November 2009 at 14:30

Both meetings will be held in the Gordon Room of Worthing Town Hall.