

# **REPORT ON JOINT MEETING OF ADUR IN PARTNERSHIP AND WORTHING TOGETHER LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**

held on 14 January 2010 at The Barn, Field Place, Worthing  
to review the evidence and choose the priorities for  
*waves ahead* sustainable community strategy

## **Attendance**

### **Members of**

#### ***Adur in Partnership Board:***

Adrian Barritt  
Cllr Dave Simmons  
Cyril Cannings  
John Haffenden  
Julie Toynbee for Heidi Brown  
Keith Humphrey  
Paul Stoggles  
Ruth Andrews  
Sarah Lamb

### **Members of**

#### ***Worthing Together Steering Group***

Jane Claxton  
Cllr James Doyle for Cllr Bob Smytherman  
Cllr Robin Rogers  
Cllr Kevin Skepper for Cllr Joan Bradley  
Julia Carrette  
Mike Tyler  
Peter Hayward  
Stefan Sykes  
Tina Tilley

### **Members of both Adur in Partnership Board and Worthing Together Steering Group**

Andrew Gardiner  
Andy Tonks

Debra Balfour  
Insp Allan Lowe

### **Co-opted participants, guests and observers:**

Arjan de Jong	James Appleton	Norma Ndoping
Bill Parsons	Janice Hoiles	Peter Latham
Carol Stephens	Jeff Fullard	Peter Ridge
Claire Hunt	Joanne McIntyre	Ron Crank
Dave Mason	Julian Stevens	Ruth Goldstone
David Steadman	Mark Pollock	Steve Clayton
Dick Bryant	Martin Sherred	Sue Couchman
Cllr Hazel Thorpe	Mo Belcher	Tina Favier
Ian Lowrie	Moirra Hayes	
Jacqui Cooke	Nicky Fiondella	

## **Opening**

The meeting was opened at 9.30 am with a welcome from Jane Claxton, Chair of Worthing Together, who handed over to Ian Lowrie, Chief Executive of Adur and Worthing Councils to introduce the occasion.

Ian spoke of the importance of partnerships and of the need for a joint community strategy that was sustainable, and that took into account the fundamental changes that had taken place since Adur and Worthing Councils had produced their community strategies in earlier years.

## **Progress towards *waves ahead***

Ruth Goldstone and Claire Hunt briefed the meeting on progress so far towards the joint Sustainable Community Strategy *waves ahead*. (see Appendix 1).

## **Selection and ordering of possible priorities**

There were four table groups based on the following themes, consistent with the focus groups from the previous meeting:

- A better place to live and visit
- Better health for all
- Learning, training and employment opportunities for all
- Staying and feeling safe

The purpose of the exercise was to:

- Familiarise the attendees with the range of priorities that have been identified under at least one theme.
- For attendees to sort the priorities as a guide for the thematic groups that will create action plans around them.

The four table groups sorted the priorities, written on cards, placing them under short, medium and long term headings, according to whether they would expect that the LSP could create some action on that priority within the next 3 years, or over a longer time frame.

The tables were then asked to group priorities in the short term time-frame under appropriate sub-headings and to rank the sub-groups by importance, by attaching sticky dots. The 'Better Place' group did not have time to complete this activity due to the high number of priorities they had to deal with.

The boards were available for attendees to browse during lunch.

A summary of the outcome of the exercise is as follows:

In many cases, the tables indicated that actions should be started in the short term but work would continue into the future. Where this is especially the case, this is mentioned below.

### **A better place to live and visit**

- Strengthening the identity of the area & maintaining quality of place
- Meeting people's housing needs (longer term)
- Improving sustainable travel and transport
- Enhancing sustainable and energy efficient development (longer term)
- Maintaining and improving social and sports facilities
- Maintaining and improving green and open space (longer term)
- Supporting tourism, culture, heritage and the arts
- Encouraging the sense of community identity and engagement

### **Better health for all**

- Promoting healthy weight & more physical activity for adults
- Reducing excessive alcohol use amongst adults
- Helping adults to stop smoking
- Promoting healthy weight & physical activity for children & young people

- Tackling alcohol & substance misuse amongst young people
- Encouraging better sexual health in young people
- Improving mental health in both adults & children (after data collection)
- Helping older people to live healthily at home
- Strengthening the role of the community and voluntary sector in health and well-being initiatives
- Reduce inequalities in health and quality of life (medium to long)
- Provide more family support (medium to long)

#### **Learning, training and employment opportunities for all**

- Improving basic skills, providing re-training & apprenticeships
- Motivating young people and increasing opportunities for them (medium to long)
- Expansion & diversification of business (medium to long)
- Promoting local goods, resources, business, people and volunteering
- Supporting parents and carers in returning to work
- Improving business infrastructure

#### **Staying and feeling safe**

- Tackling alcohol & substance misuse
- Informing perceptions about crime & increasing confidence
- Supporting families
- Engaging children & young people (longer term)
- Reducing domestic & sexual violence (longer term)
- Encouraging community engagement & volunteering (longer term)
- Improving community cohesion and reducing tensions. (longer term)

## **NEXT STEPS**

Tina Favier briefed the meeting on the timetable of steps that *waves ahead* would follow to reach sign off in March and subsequent delivery.

It was agreed that the needs of delivery would determine the future structure of the LSP, and that there would be a need for neighbourhood action plans.

## **CLOSING**

The meeting closed at approximately 11.30 with thanks and an invitation to stay for lunch. Adrian Barrit, Chair of Adur in Partnership, and Jane Claxton, Chair of Worthing Together, spoke of the need for decision makers to participate in future LSP work and for delivery to involve working together and joint commissioning. There was a need to meet shared needs and aspirations at the same time as celebrating differences.


## **NEXT JOINT LSP MEETING**

04 March 2010 16:30 at Southwick Barn




## Progress in Preparing Waves Ahead

Claire Hunt and Ruth Goldstone  
Adur and Worthing Councils Community  
Wellbeing Team




- Quick recap:
  - role of LSPs and Waves Ahead
  - a joint strategy, and the Joint Working Group
- What progress on the last SCSs?



**LSP purpose**  
*“Providing coordination, liaison and agreement of joint priorities, including Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement.”*

**Waves Ahead purpose**  
*“In any given local authority area, the SCS is the overarching plan for promoting and improving the well-being of the area.”*


- Creating strong, safe and prosperous communities. Department of Communities and Local Government, 2008.



**Implementation of the previous Sustainable Community Strategies**


Progress on many of the issues raised in last SCSs.

Many priorities continue to be so.



**Implementation of the previous Sustainable Community Strategies - examples**

- **Fuel Poverty** – awareness training, leaflets, events
- **NHS Fit for the Future consultation in July 2006** – special meetings to gather LSP input for consultation
- Supported **adult education and skills development** in areas of deprivation.
- Significant **anti-social behaviour** work.
- **Fishersgate Community Picnic** – healthy eating initiative aimed at children.
- **Teville Stream** scoping work



**Implementation of the previous Sustainable Community Strategies - examples**

- **Portable multi-use games area** ‘The Cage’ used at holiday events in LNIA wards, urban days, health fairs etc.
- **Securing the Family Intervention Project** – intensive family support relating to antisocial behaviour.
- Number of **Children and Family Centres** in Adur and Worthing.
- Encouraging use of **libraries**.
- influencing the **Local Development Framework** and built infrastructure.
- Crucially, improvement in awareness of the **Local Neighbourhood Improvement Areas** in Adur and Worthing.



**Implementation of the previous Sustainable Community Strategies - examples**

As well as directly funded projects, eg:

- Health is Your Business
- Community Development Workers
- Community Link Worker for older people
- Homelessness prevention
- Healthy walking



**Would these have taken place without an SCS/LSP?**

In many cases - yes of course!

- SCS **not a replacement** for work and strategies of other agencies and groups (statutory or not). Common aims of improving quality of life.
- SCS **spotlights big issues** across the social, environmental and economic spectrums, and uniquely shows these in one document.
- Understanding of local big issues creates **accountability** in all LSP partners for what is done about them.
- SCS guides LSPs in **questioning, supporting and directing resources** where necessary and possible.
- Purpose of an LSP **cannot not be measured solely on its tangible outputs**.
- It is a strategic level of coordination, accountability and action, the quality of whose achievement, crucially relies on the quality of the input of those involved.



**Many priorities remain the same, and new ones have appeared...so**



**...Look Out!**  
**Waves Ahead**



**Waves Ahead key stages**

- Sept 2009 - evidence gathering
- 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009 - Joint Working Group meeting
- December 2009 - community and residents consultations until 12<sup>th</sup> February
- 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 Consultation Sub-Group – previous strategies
- January 14<sup>th</sup> 2010 – Joint LSP meeting



**How the priorities were arrived at**

- Requests for evidence circulated to partners - September 2009
- Gathered under four headings:
  - Better health for all
  - Opportunities for all
  - A better place to live
  - Staying and feeling safe
- Various meetings to clarify or assist



### How the priorities were arrived at

- 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009 Joint Working Group meeting prioritised the evidence collected
- Ranking exercise to pick three priorities under each of the four themes
- Resulted in thirteen key priorities which then became twelve

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- Keeping children and young people safe



### How the priorities were arrived at

- Comments added about issues missed, issues to be deleted, amended or moved
- Four focus groups discussed the three issues under their theme
- Reported back on key points on each issue
- Highlighted gaps in the evidence
- Suggested groups to target for consultation



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- Current long list is combination of original evidence, the work from the 24<sup>th</sup> Nov meeting and priorities from past strategies



### How the priorities were arrived at

- Suggested document structure recommends that we choose four to five key themes
- Kept four original headings, which also correspond to West Sussex Sustainable Community Strategy
- Also identified cross-cutting themes (as did past strategies)
  - Community engagement
  - Children and young people
  - Local Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (LNIAs)



### How the priorities were arrived at

- Three Impact Assessments required:
  - Equalities Impact Assessment
  - Sustainability Impact Assessment
  - Health Impact Assessment



### Waves Ahead consultations

- Consultation sub-group of Joint Working Group coordinating.
- Initial 'soft' consultation started September 09 – Worthing Pier Day, Fishersgate Children and Family Centre, Fit for Life older person's day, Mash Barn community event etc.
- Key questions then chosen and key groups identified.



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- Views of individuals and groups are being gathered using online and hard copy questionnaires
- Opportunity to rank the twelve priorities from 1 - 4
- Open texts boxes to express additional views
- Monitoring data



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•Groups will be reached via partner agencies and other organisations, eg

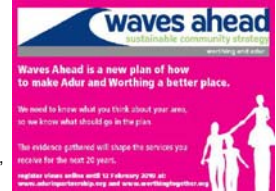
- Community Wellbeing team
- Adur and Worthing District Councils
- West Sussex County Council (youth service)
- Adur and Worthing Councils for Voluntary Services



## Waves Ahead consultations

Individuals will be reached through:

- Stalls at Shoreham Food and Drink Festival
- Adur Funding Fair
- Worthing Vibe
- Adur Outlook
- Adur & Worthing Citizens Panels
- Public places like libraries, community centres, bus stops, Train stations etc



## Waves Ahead consultations

What can you do to publicise the consultation?



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- The consultation will end on 12<sup>th</sup> February
- Results will be collated and reported to Joint Working Group on 25<sup>th</sup> February
- They will then be incorporated into the strategy