

Worthing and Adur Local Strategic Partnerships Joint Meeting
29th March 2010

Present

Debra Balfour
Joan Bradley
Jane Claxton
John Haffenden
Nigel O'Dwyer
Peter Ridge
Paul Stoggles
Tina Tilley
Andy Tonks
Julie Toynbee
Andrew Swayne
Cyril Canning
Ruth Andrews
Julia Carrette
Jason Wilson
Andrew Gardiner
Alison Edwards
Tina Favier
Ruth Goldstone
Claire Hunt

Apologies

Sean Stones
Sue Couchman
Adrian Barritt
Dick Bryant
Ron Crank
Roger French
Peter Hayward
Peter Latham
Carolyn Phelps
Stefan Sykes
Gareth Williams
Sarah Lamb
Bob Smytherman

1. *waves ahead*

a. Councils' comments

Tina gave feedback about the response to *waves ahead* from the Councils' Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee 16th March and Joint Strategic Committee 23rd March, and the amendments that Council Members had recommended.

A draft of *waves ahead* (draft 5) had been prepared by officers which contained the small number of changes following the above Council meetings. The LSP meeting was given a cover sheet to detail exactly what those changes were.

The LSPs requested minor changes in wording, delegating to the officers for the actual wording. It was also agreed that the impersonal, report style of language should be used for the document, except for the content of the boxes which would be personal. It was understood that there would also be minor changes as a result of proof reading.

The meeting voted unanimously to accept the document, with delegated authority to the Chair if any final amendments/changes need agreeing. Attached (Appendix A) is the sheet detailing the changes that the LSPs agreed and subsequent wording used by the officers – this has now

passed to Councillors as additional information for them when they consider *waves ahead* for final approval at Full Council meetings on Weds 31st March (Worthing Borough Council), and Tues 13th April (Adur District Council).

A draft of the final printed version will be available by 19th April.

b. Impact assessments

The Equalities, Health Inequalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments were briefly discussed and it was explained that these high level documents will be taken forward at the project planning stage.

c. Delivery half-day

The delivery half-day workshop was agreed as **11th May, 2-5.30pm**, venue and agenda to be confirmed.

The meeting suggested the following as key points to be discussed:

Monitoring – look at previous practice in Adur and Worthing and best practice elsewhere.

Prioritising – “quick wins” should be identified in each of the 4 work streams with delivery dates.

Resources – they should be identified and the implementation plan based on what is available throughout the life of the strategy. However, some of the work will be possible without resources. As a partnership document, it is not up to any one organisation to deliver or provide resources for all of it.

Lead partners – should be identified for each action.

Impact Assessments – to be taken forward at action plan level.

A joint LSP – this is preferred by the Council and Chairs will need to discuss this in relation to the delivery half day (see above). An informal poll of attendees showed that at least three quarters supported a joint LSP.

2. Councils’ Partnership Scrutiny Working Group

Ruth gave feedback about the meeting which Julia Carrette and Adrian Barritt had attended on behalf of the LSPs.

Whilst recognising that LSPs should stress their tangible achievements, Julia pointed out the need to make it clear that the process (the membership meeting and working together) is also an outcome.

It was agreed that a member of the Working Group could observe LSP Steering Group/Board meetings, and that they would report back to the Partnership Scrutiny Working Group which itself reports to Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Appendix A

Changes to *waves ahead* since Draft 4, as agreed by the Joint Strategic Committee (23rd March 2010), and then by the Adur in Partnership and Worthing Together (29th March 2010)

Pg 5, FAQ – **replacing**:

- Resources will be required to deliver this vision and it will require partners to find, secure and put together adequate resources and to find ways of using existing resources better.

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- Partners will be required to work together to deliver this vision within available resources.

Pg 15, Priority 1, “What we have done already in Adur and Worthing” –

insertion of:

- Gained and retained Green Flag Award (national standard for quality parks and green spaces) for Highdown Gardens since 2001.
- Worked in partnership at Denton Gardens to provide an opportunity for people with mental health issues to work their way back into mainstream employment.
- Provided a series of floral displays with baskets and planters which sets Worthing apart.
- Worked to improve our landscaping by increasing its environmental sustainability and reducing the potential for anti-social behaviour eg. in Heene Terrace and Marine Gardens respectively.

Pg 16, Priority 1, “What we will do” – **insertion of:**

- Work with partners to secure funding to help provide a football centre at Palatine Park.

Pgs 16, 18, 21, 24, “What we will do” section of all four priorities –
‘support volunteering’ **moved within the list.**

Pg 21, Priority 3, “What we will do” – **insertion of:**

- Continue to develop a wide range of degree qualifications that can be studied locally at Northbrook College (over 60 degree pathways on offer in 2010).

Pg 25, “Delivering the Vision” - **replacing**

- We recognise that this is going to depend on working better together and additional and / or pooled funding.

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- We recognise that this is going to depend on effective partnership working within the available resources.

The entire document will also be amended so that it consistently uses the third person impersonal report style (eg It is recognised that), apart from in the boxed sections where the personal style will be used (eg we will do, we have done).