

Adur & Worthing LSP Merger Feasibility Study

Joint LSP Workshop
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Context ...

- Merger feasibility study
- New Sustainable Community Strategy
- New LAA (with focus on delivering improvements)
- Similar patterns of deprivation
- Comprehensive Area Assessment (efficiency and effectiveness)

Options

- Merger into one cross-boundary LSP
- No changes to current arrangements
- Incremental changes
 - Joint SCS & Scrutiny
 - Joint SCS, Executive Boards & Scrutiny
 - Joint SCS & some merged sub-groups

Process

Half day workshops with Adur and Worthing LSPs on the 24th September, to consider the options.

This led to

General Conclusions

We want:

- a more effective voice at County level
- a more strategic response to worsening deprivation
- to focus on delivering outcomes
- to streamline arrangements
- to improve scrutiny role
- to ensure we keep stakeholder involvement

Overview of Proposals

- Further develop neighbourhood-based delivery
- Form two District Community Sounding Boards
- Regroup and merge Theme Groups
- Establish new joint Executive Team
- Develop a joint Sustainable Community Strategy
- Establish joint scrutiny arrangements

Feedback from Adur LSP

- Enjoys and values way its LSP works
- Strong engagement from stakeholders
- Well informed
- Partnership could be improved and strengthened
- Need a more strategic response to major issues of deprivation
- Want a more effective voice at County level

Feedback from Worthing LSP

- Theme Groups work well and do make a difference
- Feel LSP is not effective, not well informed
- Want to make a new start
- Want to streamline arrangements and work with Adur
- Concern about local areas of deprivation
- Need to focus on delivering improvements
- Want better grass roots involvement

Working with Communities

- Community Sounding Boards
- Lively and proactive debates
- Empowerment and accountability
- Relationship with County Level Committees
- Neighbourhood Plans - driven by local people and ward councillors (11 priority areas)
- Build on Safer Neighbourhood Panels?

Workshop task

- How can we make neighbourhood-based delivery work for local people?
- How can we ensure the Community Sounding Boards add value to partnership working?

Joint Theme Groups

- Theme Groups will be the key drivers for service improvements. Need to focus on making decisions and taking action - not just talking.
- Have specific expertise and include service decision-makers.
- Critical to engage with County Theme Groups.

Workshop task

- Can we be more effective as joint Theme Groups?
- How do we keep in touch at the very local level?
- Is Crime & Disorder Reduction different?

Future Direction

- Joint Sustainable Community Strategy?
- Neighbourhood-based delivery in priority areas?
- Joint Theme Groups?
- How can County Local Committees work with District Community Sounding Boards?
- Joint Executive Team?
- Joint scrutiny arrangements?

Next Steps

What needs to happen now?