



PARTNERSHIP BOARD (PMB)

Action Points from a meeting on 18th March 2005

Item 1 Presentation and debate on the South East Plan.

Maddy Winters, Head of Planning at TVBC, gave a presentation on the South East Plan the main points for debate are set out below.

The plan sets out three possible scales of housing growth for the region 25,500, 28,000 and 32,000 per annum respectively. In terms of distribution there are two options; one continues the current plan with regeneration in the South and East, with some growth in the west plus 3 major growth areas, the second, the sharper focus places a stronger emphasis on coastal regeneration and the economic growth areas in the West of the region.

Maddy made the point that the sharper focus option meant sufficient housing growth to Andover without it being swamped and brings fewer houses overall to Hampshire.

Following questions about social need Maddy stated that the plan for affordable housing was not overly generous.

A point was made that there are 832 persons currently in need of housing in Test Valley and this is a concern.

Concern was also expressed about the level of infrastructure and the implications for services in terms of growth and delivery. It was generally acknowledged that there must be provision of sufficient infrastructure to support the level of growth.

There was agreement that the terms 'the rest of Hampshire', and 'residual Hampshire' employed in the Plan suggested that much of the area covered by the Partnership is regarded as peripheral and that the needs of the area may not have been adequately recognised. It was agreed that this was a point that would be strongly made in our response.

Action It was agreed that Barbara North would draft a response stating our concerns, and circulate for comment. The consultation closure date is 15th April 2005.

Item 2 Implementing the Children Act

Colin Hardy, from Hampshire County Council, gave a presentation which looked at the potential role for Strategic Partnerships in bringing partners together locally to support development of the Duty to Co-operate under Section 10 of the Act. The Act requires partners to work together to plan and deliver services to improve the outcomes for all children and to reduce the risk of poor outcomes for vulnerable and disadvantaged children in 5 key areas:

- Physical and mental health and emotional well-being
- Protection from harm and neglect
- Education, training and recreation
- The contribution made by children and young people to society
- Social and economic well –being

Colin indicated that a set of measures is being developed that would indicate to what extent partners are working effectively to achieve improved outcomes.

The Board agreed that the LSP is the most appropriate forum to support this work and to reflect local issues. Although we have not chosen to have a separate group on the subject of children and young people their needs are taken into account within each themed group and would continue to influence budgets and service plans.

Action: Barbara North to draft a response which needs to be with HCC by 11th April. 2005

Item 3 Progress of Action Groups

Marion Woods explained to the Board that she had asked each Action Group for a short progress report that related directly to their stated priorities. This information provided came in several different forms indicating the need for a more consistent approach to gaining the information. She drew attention to the good work achieved by the Partnership that was evident from the report.

Marion distributed a copy of a simple template for performance monitoring and asked for the view of the Board. The Board agreed that this model would be adopted as a starting point, with a view to further adaptation, as necessary, with use. It was also agreed that exception reporting would be acceptable to the Board.

Marion also mentioned an agreement with Winchester and Basingstoke LSP to jointly run a Performance Management event in November with Mark Friedman from the Institute of Fiscal Studies in New Mexico. A bid to HCC has been successful in funding this.

Action: Marion to introduce performance monitoring template at the joint meeting of chairs and co-ordinators that is to take place on April 27th. Action groups will also be asked to review priorities, setting new priorities for the coming year where necessary.

A number of points were raised by the Board which included;

- Frequency of Board Meetings. Are two per annum sufficient? This will be discussed with the Partnership Management Group in the first instance.
- That chairs need to understand at their meeting that they are speaking as representatives of their groups and not simply expressing personal opinion. Marion to make this clear to all attendees in advance of the meeting.
- The need for Marion to meet on a regular basis with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board. Marion agreed to arrange this.
- Concerns about the withdrawal of Basic Skills training at Cricklade College because of lack of funding. The point was also made that this training had also been withdrawn from villages where it was previously delivered on an outreach basis.

Action: Jan Lefley agreed to circulate a paper to the LSP for an e-mail exchange of information/views. The Board wish to make their view known to the Education Action Group.

Item 4 Progress Update on Turn-Around Project

John Spens reported that the project is going well and is on track. The purpose of the project is to conduct a survey of the Alamein ward community by means of a Participatory Needs Assessment. It is intended that the information gained will inform future work of the Partnership. There have been 4 training days for those directly

undertaking the survey. As well as the direct work in the Alamein ward service providers have been contacted in order to ascertain the current position on service provision and future plans. This will all form part of the overall assessment. A fun day is planned in June involving the Alamein community in the findings. An open event is also planned for July 14th which will present the issues that have been identified to the wider community. This in its entirety will be presented to the Board in October.

Jan Lefley suggested that it would be more empowering of the community if they themselves had been PNA trained suggesting that the community were likely to be more open and comfortable in their answers. Jon Spens said that this would be taken into consideration in any similar happening in the future.

John also stated that a decision is awaited on an application that has been made to HCC for funding that amounted to £4400.

Ann Wakefield mentioned the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership fund saying that the project was likely to fit the criteria. She suggested that JS could contact the Community Safety Manager to make enquiries.

Item 5 Agree Partnership Terms of Reference

Time constraints brought about by a very full agenda meant that there was not time to discuss this.

Action: It was agreed that the Board would forward any comments to Marion Woods.

Item 6 Information Exchange

6.1. Andover Vision

Bernard Sully explained that this was a planning process that was a sub set of the Community plan that was looking at the sort of place that Andover would be 20 years hence and what it would have to offer. Currently there is no LSP involvement and he suggested a meeting to consider how the Partnership can be involved. He suggested that this be a fully inclusive meeting involving chairs, co-ordinators and the Board.

Action: Marion Woods to convene a meeting.

6.2 National Evaluation of LSPs

Marion Woods has attended several events linked to the National Evaluation of LSPs undertaken by the University of West of England. The report is incomplete and is not yet with Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. Some of the issues raised were as follows;

- developing a workable structure
- the need to work with neighbouring LSPs
- communication – both internal and external
- establishing a role and purpose
- understanding the role of the LSP and the confusion that this causes when not shared
- establishing, agreeing and resourcing performance management systems

Marion explained that some of the above are issues for the Test Valley Partnership and would inform the agenda for the Partnership Away Day in May.

6.3 Partnership Away Day and AGM

Venues are booked for both events which will be discussed in more detail at the Partnership Management Group meeting on 11th April.

The next meeting of the Board will take place on October 7th at 10am at TVBC, Duttons Road, Romsey in the Council Chamber.



MEMBERSHIP			
Sector	Organisation	Present on 18.3.05	Apologies
ARTS	Test Valley Arts Foundation	Madeline Edmonds	
BUSINESS	Andover Chamber of Commerce		
DISABLED PERSONS	Andover Action Committee for Disabled People		
EDUCATION	Test Valley Schools	Jan Lefley Wendy Morrish	
EMERGENCY/ SAFETY	Hampshire Constabulary – Andover and Eastleigh & Romsey Divisions	Supt Ann Wakefield	
FAITH	Basingstoke Andover North Hampshire Industrial Mission	Rev Derek Overfield	
GOVERNMENT	Government Office of the South East (GOSE)	Sarah Wymer	
HEALTH	Mid Hants PCT	Dr Bob Coates	
	Eastleigh & TVS Primary Care Trust	Mel Cook	Pauline Owen
	Winchester & Eastleigh Healthcare Trust	Barbara North Partnership Vice-Chairman	
HOUSING	Testway Housing	John Spens	
LOCAL AUTHORITIES	Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC)	Cllr Mrs Sandra Hawke	Cllr Ian Carr Partnership Chairman
		Bernard Sully Maddy Winter	

	Test Valley Partnership	Marion Woods, Partnership Manager	
	Hampshire County Council (HCC)	Roger Lawes Cllr Pat Pierce Tim Knight Colin Hardy	
	Test Valley Association of Parish Councils (TVAPC)	Cllr Roy Clough	
MILITARY	Defence Logistics Organisation (DLO)	Lt. Col Paul Harris	
VOLUNTARY	Test Valley Community Services (TVCS)	Janet Blann	
YOUTH	Hampshire County Council Youth Services		Anthony Fielding