



## **PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

Notes from a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2006

### **Item 1 Local Development Framework**

Steve Lees, Planning Policy Manager TVBC, led a discussion on the implications of the Local Development Framework which it is intended will be the spatial element of the Community Plan. The main points of the discussion were as follows;

- the new emphasis on community involvement can create a tension between the expectations and hopes of the community and the need to deliver on new housing figures imposed by government. This relates particularly to location of new housing which has to be determined by the local authority
- it might not always be possible to accommodate the expectations of the economic community
- it is important to consider what the likely impact of further development will have on the present population in terms of successful integration of newcomers
- the necessity for adequate infrastructure to be provided
- the initial draft of the Local Development Framework will be put out to public consultation by the end of 2006
- the Test Valley Partnership provides a forum for an inclusive debate on future planning
- Steve attended an Economic Development Group meeting which was constructive in engaging with good representation from the economic community.
- he would like attend the other partnership groups to have a similar discussion on the implications of intended new developments in Andover both to promote understanding at a local level and to gauge the local perspective

**Action; Marion Woods to contact other groups asking them to invite Steve, or one of his team, to a future meeting**

### **Item 2 Hampshire Market Towns Initiative**

Anne Harrison, County Co-ordinator, introduced the above item, giving some background and context to the Romsey Health Check. Stockbridge is also at an early stage in the Health Check process. The main points that she made were:

- the Health Check is an initiative that should be principally led by the community
- the Health Check is based on research based analysis to identify strengths and weaknesses of town
- local information is gained through research and presented in workbook form
- analysis of the information identifies community needs and gaps in provision
- a 10 – 15 year vision is prepared which looks at opportunities for towns
- any bids for funding to SEEDA will need to be matched from another source

Christine Cole, Town Centre Manager TVBC, gave an update on the Romsey Healthcheck. The main points were;

- the Health Check process commenced in Oct 2004
- work groups were set up and they produced locally researched information which has been presented in work books under four themes, Environment, Transport and Accessibility, Social and Community, Work and Economy
- the next stage is to set up a steering group to prepare a vision
- New Milton, who are further ahead, have agreed to advise and assist Romsey in the process
- officer time has been the only resource up until this point
- it has been difficult to gain support from the community up to this point
- just a few local people had remained involved up until this point
- there would be a drive to enlist more as local ownership and input is key
- there will be an open meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January which will be publicised and hopefully this will attract local attention

Christine stated that she is keen to engage with Test Valley Partnership

**Action; Marion Woods to forward meeting dates of Action Groups to Christine with a view to their possible involvement as the project moves forward**

**It was agreed that Christine would provide a short progress report to the Partnership on a regular basis, as an update.**

### **Item 3 Andover Vision**

Claire Chidley gave a presentation on the above. The main points were as follows;

- the Vision arose from a widespread concern that Andover faced a series of threats, especially economic ones, to it's future wellbeing
- the Vision focuses on the next 20 years

- Charles Landry of Comedia, a consultant in community development of world-wide reknown has been engaged in the development of the Vision for Andover
- one of the aims in planning the project has been to define Andover and its future in a philosophy which gives a particular flavour - 'The Andover Twist'. This seeks a particular future identity for the town based on its individuality and its strengths.
- 6 themed work groups were set up to inform a local visionary approach. These were Arts and Entertainment, Sport and Leisure, Education and Learning, Business and Retail, Environment and Health
- the next step is to hold a Stakeholders day on 27<sup>th</sup> January with the aim of engaging with the wider community in hearing their views to shape future plans

Several points were raised by the Board in response to the presentation

- inevitably those who are currently involved in TVP have also been involved with the Vision and there is concern about possible duplication effort .
- to an extent the Vision has existed alongside the Partnership rather than being encompassed by it and links need to be clearer
- more emphasis on business support for the work of Andover schools would be welcome
- councillor involvement is crucial in engaging with the community
- it is noted that there are plans both for Romsey (Health Check) and the Andover Vision and it is important that we do not lose sight of the rural communities between the two
- funding would inevitably be an issue.

Overall the Andover Vision was received favourably and it was noted that in terms of linking the project to the Partnership at this stage Barbara North, the chair, sits on the Andover Vision Board.

#### **Item 4 The Children and Young People Plan**

Anthony Fielding from the Hampshire County Youth Service presented this item together with his colleague Lynne Meechan, Participation Development Youth Worker. The New Forest and Gosport were given as examples of good practice in engaging with young people.

The main points made in the proposal for taking the CYPP agenda forward are summarised below;

- it is important to engage with young people and to take account of their views
- they are not represented through usual democratic processes
- the first step would be bringing together a group of professionals at service delivery level to identify need/gaps

- this group could also identify young people who may wish to be part of a representative young people's group.
- the Targeted Youth Support Pathfinder has started the process of bringing together and consulting with professionals to identify need
- the aim of the Pathfinder is to integrate services and to target early intervention to those YP in particular need
- the Pathfinder dovetails into Test Valley Partnership's developing plan to bring young people together as a consultative and representative body as well as bringing those that work with them together in a separate but inter-connected group

It was clear that Anthony's plan is at an early stage and that he intends to consult with professionals and young people about what is needed in detail, rather than his being prescriptive in his approach.

**Decision: Anthony's proposal was accepted in principle. It was agreed that he would keep the Board regularly informed of progress.**

## **AOB**

The Community Networking Lunch which is the first community action to be implemented the Turnaround Project Group is to take place in 'The Entertainer' public house on 9<sup>th</sup> February from 12-2 pm. Janet Blann has organised the event and the initial response to invitations has been excellent

The Community Safety Partnership had a very productive day at the Corus Hotel in Ampfield on 19<sup>th</sup> January when the government's new Respect Agenda was discussed and the Turnaround Project recommendations were considered, amongst other items.

Susan Chivers our new GOSE representative expressed a willingness to attend our meetings. A warm welcome was extended to her.

**Action; Marion Woods to e-mail dates of future meetings**

