

# DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM (DPF)

15 June 2012

## Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising
3. Partnership Reports
  - 3a) Draft Partnership Annual Report 2011 – 12
  - 3b) Safer Communities Board
  - 3c) Culture Derbyshire
  - 3d) Derbyshire Economic Partnership
  - 3e) Environment
  - 3f) Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board (with discussion on Draft Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy)
4. Plan to deliver the Accommodation Care and Support Strategy for older people in Derbyshire – Bill Robertson
5. Community Budget for families – Nick Hodgson
6. Financial Inclusion Strategy – Emma Bates
7. Presentation on Community Directory Derbyshire – Pete Edwards
8. Strategic Flood Board – Ian Stephenson

<p><b>9. Key discussion item</b> <b>Climate change - Ian Stephenson</b></p>
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10. Any other business
11. Date of next meeting
  - 10am Friday 14 December 2012

**NOTES** of the **DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM** held on 9 December 2011 at County Hall, Matlock

**PRESENT**

Councillor A I Lewer  
(in the Chair)

<p><b>Amber Valley Borough Council</b> Councillor S Bradford J Townsend</p> <p><b>Amber Valley CVS</b> L Allison</p> <p><b>Big Lottery Fund</b> M Rowe</p> <p><b>Bolsover District Council/North East Derbyshire District Council</b> W Lumley</p> <p><b>Chesterfield Borough Council</b> H Bowen Councillor J Burrows</p> <p><b>Chesterfield College</b> S Kelly</p> <p><b>Community Voluntary Partners</b> L Wallace</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Association of Local Councils</b> B Wood</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Constabulary</b> R Foster</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Dales CVS</b> N Moulden</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Dales District Council</b> Councillor L Rose D Wheatcroft</p>	<p><b>Derbyshire County Council</b> Councillor J Allsop Councillor Mrs C A Hart Councillor C W Jones Councillor B Lewis Councillor S Spencer S Eaton R Fletcher R Gent S Goodwin N Hodgson B Laurence D Lowe M Molloy B Robertson I Stephenson M Whelan J Wildgoose A Wright</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Fire &amp; Rescue Service</b> S Frayne J Scott</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Older Person's Advisory Group</b> P Frakes</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Probation</b> R Plang</p> <p><b>Erewash Borough Council</b> Councillor C Corbett L Poyser</p> <p><b>Erewash CVS</b> P Edwards</p>
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<p><b>High Peak Borough Council</b> Councillor C Bisknell D Lerner</p> <p><b>Job Centre Plus</b> B Ganatra</p> <p><b>North Derbyshire Voluntary Action</b> J Willis</p>	<p><b>Read On Write Away!</b> S Burkinshaw</p> <p><b>Skills Funding Agency</b> P Johnson</p> <p><b>South Derbyshire District Council</b> Councillor R J Wheeler</p>
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Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor G Baxter (North East Derbyshire District Council), J Birkin (Chesterfield Royal Hospital), N Caldwell (High Peak CVS), M Creedon (Derbyshire Constabulary), G Gowcher (Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce), S Green (Rural Action Derbyshire), C Lawton (LINKS CVS), A Layzell (NHS Southern Derbyshire), S Lee (CHART LSP), R Marwaha (NHS Derbyshire), F McArdle (South Derbyshire District Council), Councillor K Parkinson (Derbyshire County Council), S Quinlan (Environment Agency), D Sharp (NHS Derbyshire), Bishop H Southern (Churches Together in Derbyshire), and B Thacker (Derbyshire Constabulary)

**73/11**        **MINUTES** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 September 2011 were confirmed as a correct record.

**74/11**        **SHADOW HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD** The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board had been established in July 2011, and there had so far been three meetings. The Board had begun initial work towards its core purpose, which was to join up commissioning across the NHS, social care, public health and other services to improve health and wellbeing outcomes and better quality of care within available resources.

One of the Board's key functions was to develop a Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and this would be framed around a small number of high level priorities. The strategy was currently being developed, and built on existing strategies, plans and priorities, including the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the health related priorities agreed by the Partnership Forum. A draft strategy would be published for consultation in June 2012. The effective engagement of a wide range of stakeholders would be essential for the development of the strategy, and a Stakeholder Engagement Meeting had been held. An initial report outlining the priorities for the strategy would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board in January 2012, and the selected priorities

would be those where clear benefits from joint action across partner agencies could be achieved.

HealthWatch would be the new consumer champion for health and social care, and there would be a national organisation and local HealthWatch. The County Council would be responsible for the development of the Derbyshire HealthWatch, and this would commence in October 2012. A service specification was currently being developed, and initial discussions had taken place with Derby City Council to identify potential ways of ensuring that each HealthWatch organisation provided clear advice across boundaries, and to consider how infrastructure costs could be shared.

A range of other key areas of work were highlighted. The local authority would take responsibility for most sexual health commissioning from April 2013, and this would have a budget of over £7m. The Board was working to ensure that progress was maintained on the sexual health agenda through the transition. An initial proposal for a new model of commissioning for Children's Services had been agreed by the Board at its last meeting, and the new approach was being developed to meet the needs set out in the Health and Social Care Bill. The model would build on the existing joint arrangements between the County Council and NHS Derbyshire, and further work was being undertaken to develop the approach. Governance would be via the Children's Trust Board.

Following a report on the progress made towards implementing self-directed support, the Board had agreed that the issue of adult care support should be a central part of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Also discussed at the last meeting of the Board was ensuring that appropriate transition arrangements were in place for screening and immunisation programmes for Derbyshire.

The Adult Care Board and the Children's Trust Board reported to the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board, and updates were given of the recent activity of these Boards.

**75/11**      **CULTURE DERBYSHIRE** Culture Derbyshire, which had replaced the former Culture Thematic Partnership Board, had held its first meeting in September. The role of Culture Derbyshire was to exercise strategic leadership of the cultural sector in Derbyshire, and this included archives, arts, libraries, museums, sport and active leisure and tourism. Culture Derbyshire would champion cultural services and act as a focus for their co-ordination and development within the county. Membership was detailed, and it was stated that a particular aim had been to involve private sector organisations who had not previously

been represented. Work was underway to identify and engage more private and voluntary sector partners who had an interest in cultural services.

As there was no longer a need to deliver on national indicators, the Board would focus on strategic leadership of the sector. It had established a number of broad priorities to reflect its role in championing and leading the cultural sector in the county, and these priorities were detailed. In addition, there was an important role for the Board in defining the value and impact of cultural services, and identifying the outcomes which the investment in cultural services delivered. A three year collaborative doctoral project would be undertaken with the University of Sheffield, and this would commence in January 2012. This project had been wholly funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, and it was the intention that the project's outcomes would be of value in the future planning and advocacy for cultural services in Derbyshire.

In the medium term, Culture Derbyshire would deliver on a number of more specific priorities. An annual Cultural Conference would be hosted, and this would enable a much wider range of organisations to participate. The first conference was planned for summer 2012, and would be a launch pad for a new cultural strategy. The strategy would draw on the broad priorities already agreed by Culture Derbyshire, but would be practical and focused on activity, engagement and increasing participation. Creation of the strategy would commence as a 'bottom-up' process, and would make use of strategic plans which some partner organisations already had in place.

The work which was being undertaken with partner local authorities, community organisations and the voluntary and commercial sectors would be used as a springboard to deliver a Year of Culture in 2015. This programme would be led by the City and County Councils in partnership, and could provide the basis for a bid to the Government's City of Culture competition. A mapping exercise would be undertaken to ensure that the Derbyshire tourism offer benefitted from a clear understanding of what cultural and heritage providers could offer, and it was the intention to support Visit Peak District and Derbyshire in creating packages which would convert day visits into overnight stays.

The Culture Derbyshire Board was supported by an Executive Officer Group, and this group would plan and deliver the Cultural Strategy and the Board's wider priorities. There was also a wide range of other partnerships which would contribute, and many of these were represented on Culture Derbyshire.

**76/11**      **DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**      The Partnership met on a bi-monthly basis to discuss economic priorities which affected the county's economic wellbeing from its three sub-groups – Business and Skills, Infrastructure and the Rural Forum and partner organisations. Details were given of the main issues considered at the last meeting.

Part of the Board's role had been to award and monitor the impact of Derbyshire's allocation of single programme funding, but this fund had now ended. Monitoring of projects would continue until at least the end of the financial year or the project's final completion date. The final figures for the programme would not be known for some time, but since it had been formed in 2003, the Partnership had administered in excess of £51m single programme funding, with £64m of match funding recorded to date. The final estimate for match funding was £70m. The outputs to date were 5,875 jobs created or safeguarded, 5,491 people assisted to find work, 1,253 new businesses created, 14,162 businesses supported, 38 hectares of brownfield land reclaimed, and 16,232 people assisted with skills development. A meeting was to take place with partners to discuss the restructure of the Partnership's role going forward.

The Board also had the role of advising and providing data and information to the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, D2N2. At the last meeting of the Board, both members of the Derbyshire Economic Partnership and D2N2 Boards had welcomed the grants awarded to Derbyshire companies from the Round 2 of the Regional Growth Fund, but there was disappointment that some significant bids had been unsuccessful.

Consultation was ongoing with partners as to what should be included within an Economic Strategy for Derbyshire. There were a number of economic strategies and priority statements for the districts, but no overarching strategy for the county. District Councils and partnerships had been contacted and requested to submit any key points or issues, and it was stated that further consultation would take place over the coming months through the sub-groups with a view to completing the document by the end of the year.

At the end of November 2011, the local delivery of Business Link Services ended and had been replaced by a national web based service. As a result, Derbyshire Economic Partnership had updated its website to signpost local businesses to other enterprise support services being delivered in the county and to the national initiatives that were available. On 9 December 2011, the Partnership was holding a workshop for local enterprise agencies to come together and advise of

the services they offered and consider how to collectively support businesses across Derbyshire.

Over the last twelve months, Derbyshire Economic Partnership had been consulting on and developing a centralised Inward Investment Service for Derbyshire to support businesses and attract new investment into the county. The service included a Memorandum of Understanding with D2N2 partners and UKTI as to how inward investment enquiries would be handled. A new website to support the service would be launched in the New Year.

In terms of next steps, key activities for the Partnership over the next six months would be to establish a portal for business support advice, develop a centralised Inward Investment Service, and develop an overarching economic strategy for Derbyshire.

**77/11      SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD** The role of the Safer Communities Board was to give strategic leadership and direction to tackle crime, disorder and substance misuse. The remit of the Board also met the statutory requirements which required a county level group to identify priorities to feed into a County Community Safety Agreement. The current three year agreement 2011-14 identified priorities to reduce crime, disorder and substance misuse and the coordination arrangements for effective delivery by partners.

There had been two significant developments for the Board since April 2011. Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 had come into force, and this had established multi-agency domestic homicide reviews on a statutory basis to ensure that all agencies identified lessons that could be learned from domestic violence homicides. The statutory responsibility lay with individual community safety partnerships, with an option for those partnerships to agree a suitable local forum to fulfil the requirements of the Act. The legal definition of responsibilities was being questioned by the Board, and was to be raised with the Home Office. In the interim, the district Community Safety Partnerships had agreed to devolve the responsibility to the Board, and this would be routed through the joint city and county multi-agency Domestic and Sexual Violence Governance Board.

The new responsibility posed challenging issues in terms of capacity and capability to undertake such reviews, and the Governance Board was overseeing the development of an awareness raising and training plan to address this. There were also some potentially significant cost implications for the responsible crime and disorder authorities. It was reported that Derbyshire had experienced its first

domestic violence homicide under the requirement, and was undertaking a review as per the guidance.

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act had received Royal Assent in September 2011, and this would see the introduction of elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) for each force area from 15 November 2012, and these would replace the current Police Authorities. The PCC would be responsible for producing a local policing plan and for setting the force budget. The PCC would also be given a number of other budgets, and these were to be confirmed. It was anticipated that the PCC would have the freedom to commission any services they saw fit in order to support the delivery of the plan. This would impact on the way some services were currently commissioned and delivered.

In anticipation of the introduction of the PCC's, the Board had agreed to undertake a detailed mapping project. Crime and disorder priorities were determined annually, and work was underway to map services against the priorities together with funding and identification of gaps.

The work of the Board and the annual action plan underpinning the County Community Safety Agreement impacted on a number of areas within the Sustainable Community Strategy. A significant number of diversionary activities had led to drops in police calls for service around crime and anti-social behaviour. The County's drug and alcohol treatment services, together with enforcement and education activity, impacted on crime. Treating those who misused substances helped to reduce the number of victims of crime, whilst impacting positively on the health and wellbeing of service users, and if an offender, their ability to reduce their offending behaviour. Substance misuse services played a significant part in the County's Integrated Offender Management Scheme, which brought multi-agency support and enforcement to a targeted cohort of offenders. This scheme had been launched in June 2011, and early indications were good in terms of its impact on re-offending. A full analysis of its impact would be undertaken after a year.

Information sharing was a key element of the work that was undertaken by the Board and other partnerships across the county. Information sharing in relation to crime and disorder was generally positive, but the need to share information securely was becoming more of an issue. As a result, other ways of sharing information securely needed to be explored.

In terms of key activities for forthcoming months, as well as the mapping exercise, there would be a refresh of the Community Safety

Agreement Action Plan to take into account new actions in relation to the priorities. The identified priorities were highlighted, and alcohol related harm remained a significant issue. Action to look at the strategic overview and coordination of the response to this issue would be taken forward over the coming months.

**78/11**      **OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY** The Forum was informed of Derbyshire's plans for the Olympic Torch relay event. Details had now been published of where the torch would be visiting in Derbyshire, and the majority of Districts would be included. However, the street level route would not be announced until very close to the date of the visit. Attempts had been made to ensure the event was as inclusive as possible, as this would be a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The Olympic torch would be visiting Derbyshire on 29 June 2012, and there would be a farewell ceremony on 30 June in Derby. This event would be one of only a few with extended coverage from the BBC's 'The One Show'. There would be 120 torchbearers, and these had been selected through an open recruitment process. The torch would also be carried via a number of vehicles, and would stop at a range of attractions throughout Derbyshire, including the Heights of Abraham and Chatsworth.

A 'Championing Derbyshire' Steering Group had been established, and within this there were four sub-groups, working to make this event as memorable as possible for all. A wide range of activities had been planned in different locations, and it would be necessary to create a consistent theme to link the elements. Dance would be a major theme of the activities along the route, and two dance artists had been appointed by the County Council to co-ordinate this, involving schools and local community dance groups..

District Councils were working with partners on a range of initiatives, including competitions for school clusters to design their own Olympic Torch, planting of parks and gardens along the route in Olympic colours, flag and banner design and making, sports demonstrations, an evening celebration in Bolsover, and a pancake racing bid for recognition.

Community celebrations were being planned, called Olympicpics, and these would take place in the run-up to the Torch visit or on the actual day. This would be open to all ages, and the public was asked to bring a picnic to the event. A range of other activities were to take place around the weekend and afterwards.

**79/11 COMMUNITY BUDGETS FOR FAMILIES FACING MULTIPLE PROBLEMS**

The Government had recently published its Community Budgets Prospectus, and this invited a small number of areas to work with the Government on two new pilot Community Budget approaches, involving the co-design of a neighbourhood level Community Budget and the co-design of a whole place Community Budget.

Community Budgets for families facing multiple problems were already running in sixteen areas across the country. The County Council had expressed an interest in participating in the roll out of Community Budgets for families facing multiple problems. No formal response to the expression of interest had yet been received, although all areas that had expressed an interest in participating in the roll out were being encouraged to develop a plan to commence from April 2012.

Nationally, there was an estimated 120,000 families with multiple needs. The Department for Education estimated that Derbyshire had between 1200 and 1510 families with multiple problems, and of these families, between 470 and 590 also had a child with SEN or behaviour problems. In Derbyshire, a wide range of agencies worked with families facing multiple problems on a daily basis. Many of the problems were interdependent and whilst there were many initiatives across and between partner agencies supporting families, the scale of the problem was cause for concern.

The development of a Community Budget for families facing multiple problems in Derbyshire presented a unique opportunity for partners to review, reshape and redesign services. Securing better outcomes for existing families with multiple problems at a reduced cost should be a key aim. Equally, reducing the number of families developing complex needs through prevention and early intervention was crucial. Involving local partners, professionals, practitioners and families at the very earliest stages in Community Budget development also needed to be a priority.

The level of commitment and resource required from individual agencies to support the development of plans was currently unclear, but it was anticipated that this would become more clear as discussions took place. To begin a dialogue with partners, a facilitated discussion about the development of a Community Budget for families with multiple needs was to take place at the conclusion of the Partnership Forum. The main aims of the discussion were highlighted.

**80/11**        **DENISE WHITE** The Forum was informed that Denise White, Head of Derbyshire Probation, was retiring. The Forum wished her a happy retirement.

**81/11**        **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** The next meeting would be held on 15 June 2012.

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**15 June 2012**

**Safer Communities Board**

**Context**

The role of the Safer Communities Board (SCB) is to give strategic leadership and direction to tackle crime, disorder and substance misuse. The remit of the Board also meets the statutory regulations which require a county level group to identify priorities to feed into a County Community Safety Agreement. The current three year Agreement 2011-14 (refreshed annually) identifies priorities to reduce crime, disorder and substance misuse and the co-ordination arrangements for effective delivery by partners.

**Wider issues and challenges facing the partnership**

The Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act will see the introduction of elected Police & Crime Commissioners (PCCs) for each police force area on 15 November 2012 replacing the current Police Authorities. The PCC will be responsible for producing a local policing plan, in consultation with partners.

Considerable work has been undertaken locally over the past six months in relation to preparation for the transition to PCCs. The Police Authority and the Constabulary's Chief Officers' are leading their own transition but the PCC will impact on much wider community safety and criminal justice partners and issues. The SCB has therefore commissioned a piece of work outlining the community safety work undertaken in partnership in Derbyshire, together with the risks associated with a number of funding streams transferring to the PCC from April 2013, in the form of a briefing pack for all PCC candidates.

The Act also requires each police force area to establish a Police & Crime Panel (PCP), a joint local authority committee, to scrutinise the work of the PCC. In Derbyshire the County Council will host this panel which will consist of an elected representative from each local authority area across the city and county together with two independent members. The PCP will convene in early July 2012 to take forward planning in relation to its role once the PCC takes up office in November 2012.

In addition, the police and partners are looking closely at the format of the annual threat and risk assessment, which identifies the priorities for the police and community safety partners. This year the assessment will include a broader approach looking at key strategic issues impacting on crime and community safety. It is likely that a presentation of the findings of the assessment in October 2012 will move from being focused on action planning to a more strategic presentation of the priorities to senior managers and leaders across the partnership arena.

The current priorities are:

Acquisitive Crime/Offender Management  
Alcohol Related Harm  
Anti-social Behaviour  
Domestic Abuse  
Drugs  
Organised Crime Groups  
Rape & Serious Sexual Violence  
Killed & Seriously Injured (Roads)  
Safeguarding Adults  
Safeguarding Children  
Terrorism & Extremism

### **Derbyshire Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Strategy 2011-14**

In partnership with Derby City we have signed up to a strategy to tackle domestic abuse and serious sexual violence. The strategy has four key outcomes across Derbyshire and Derby City as follows:

- Ensure that victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence are able to access support and feel safer as a result
- Ensure that all children who have experienced or are at risk of domestic abuse or sexual violence have access to appropriate advice and services and consistent, proportionate and timely action to ensure their safety and wellbeing
- Ensure that adults at risk/vulnerable adults who have experienced domestic abuse or sexual violence have access to appropriate advice and services to ensure their safety and wellbeing
- Ensure that victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence are protected and that perpetrators are held to account

A full copy of the strategy can be found at [www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk)

## **Successful Outcomes**

Considerable work is being undertaken around evaluation of current initiatives such as our Integrated Offender Scheme (IOM). In the county we are currently managing approximately 300 offenders, in a multi agency way, who are impacting the most on our communities, with a view to reducing their reoffending and as such, reducing the number of victims of crime.

Since 1 June 2011 we have been tracking a cohort of IOM offenders and can report that early indications are that based on numbers of arrests the scheme reduced their offending by 14% by the end March 2012. Work is ongoing to collate the full 12 months data to the end of May 2012 and evaluate the cost saving to the public purse, which is anticipated as significant as well as the reduction in the number of victims of crime.

## **Information sharing**

This continues to be an issue for us all and a number of Derbyshire County Council Departments are working with the Council's Transformation Team to identify suitable solutions to enable more efficient and effective partnership working.

A key development in relation to sharing information in order to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) is the introduction of a web based multi agency case management system. This is being led by the police, but will be developed with partners in Chesterfield and Bolsover over the next few months before being rolled out across the county. It is anticipated that this system will be significant in identifying vulnerable victims of ASB, case managing offenders and coordinating agency responses with a view to preventing any tragedy arising out of ASB, such as the Fiona Pilkington case in Leicestershire.

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**Culture Derbyshire**

**15 June 2012**

**1 Governance and representation**

In its first few months Culture Derbyshire has taken steps to increase member representation at Board level from the public, private and voluntary and community sectors. The University of Derby, Gallery Top, the Welbeck Estate, Buxton Festival and First Movement have broadened the range of skills and experience to the Board.

A newly-constituted organisation, Arts Derbyshire, has replaced the former Derbyshire Arts Development Group and Derbyshire Arts Partnership to improve the coordination of input to Culture Derbyshire from the arts sector.

The Derbyshire Cultural Officers' Group has been re-launched as the Derbyshire Leisure Officers' Group and will focus primarily on sport and leisure provision.

The former NI7 Steering Group, set up to progress the delivery of the national indicator on a thriving voluntary and community sector, has been revamped as a VCS Strategic Partnership Group. The county council is represented on the group by the Cultural and Community Services Department and the Chief Executive's Policy Unit. The group will maintain an overview of the relationship between the council and the voluntary and community sector, picking up issues arising from other DPF partnerships and taking responsibility for the Derbyshire Compact.

**2 Performance measurement**

Culture Derbyshire owns two priorities as part of the Sustainable Community Strategy. These are:

Engaging local people in the responsibilities, opportunities and benefits of taking part in culture, arts and sports;

Encouraging more organisations to recognise the value of sport and physical and mental activity to improve quality of life.

The Board has agreed a limited basket of performance indicators to monitor the achievement of these priorities:

Visits to museum and heritage sites

Number of volunteer hours donated to cultural activities

Number of attendances at arts events

% of adults 16+ who participate in moderate sport

Use of library resources: issues, online accesses, enquiries

% of residents who are satisfied with arts culture and leisure services

Because of the diversity of cultural provision across the county, and the need to avoid an over-reliance on local authority data, most of these indicators will be based on a dataset sampled from a number of partners. This data is being collated at present to create a baseline from which to move forward.

#### A Cultural Prospectus for Derbyshire

The Culture Derbyshire Board, supported by the Executive Officer Group has been working to produce a high level Strategy to guide its work over the next five years. The resulting document provides a concise overview of the context, challenges, aspirations and achievements of cultural services across the county. At its meeting on 25th May the Board decided to promote the document as a 'prospectus', rather than a 'strategy'.

The Prospectus identifies a number of ambitions, to which all partners subscribe:

Create opportunities to take part in cultural activity – so that services are inclusive and more people are able to enjoy a better quality of life.

Improve and protect Derbyshire's environment – so that we make the most of our precious natural and man-made assets.

Support the cultural and creative industries – so that small businesses can thrive and make a real contribution to the success of the Derbyshire economy.

Develop sustainable tourism – so that more people visit Derbyshire and stay longer, contributing more to the local economy and employment.

Raise aspiration and achievement in local communities – so that local people are equipped to take advantage of opportunities.

Encourage people to be more active – so that they enjoy better health and wellbeing.

Raise the profile of volunteering – so that more people volunteer and feel involved in their local community.

Most of all, we want engagement in cultural activities, either as a participant or a volunteer, to be an enjoyable and fulfilling experience for everyone.

The document includes an action plan which highlights the contribution which partners will make to the achievement of these ambitions. It includes a number of measures to increase participation and engagement.

## Consultation

On 22nd June Culture Derbyshire will hold its first annual Cultural Conference at the Winding Wheel in Chesterfield. The conference will enable a much wider range of organisations to participate, and will provide an opportunity to exchange views, secure buy-in from the wider sector, and ensure that Culture Derbyshire's planning is informed by as wide a range of opinion as possible. This first event will be used to consult on a final draft of the Cultural Prospectus.

## Impact

The collaborative PhD project with the University of Sheffield Department of Information Studies, to research the value and impact of cultural services in Derbyshire, has completed almost six months. The time has been spent conducting a detailed literature review, firming up the scope and methodology of the study and planning the data collection phase of the project. The Board will receive an update report at its September meeting.

## Activities and initiatives

### Olympic Games

Culture Derbyshire and its members have been active in planning for the arrival of the Olympic Torch Relay in Derbyshire on 29th June and has received a report on the Olympic legacy. The Games have had a significant economic impact: East Midlands companies have secured

contracts to the value of £460million, of which 25% came to Derbyshire. More schools have been involved in the National Sports Week programme than any other county in the country, and take-up of the Inspire Mark has been very high.

## World War 1

The Board agreed at its last meeting to plan a county and city-wide commemoration of the centenary of World War 1. The four years 2014 – 2018 will see an ongoing programme of activities, exhibitions and research (including capturing oral history records), and will include a number of high profile activities to mark events of particular significance.

## City and County of Culture

Preparation will continue for a County of Culture celebration in 2015, while awaiting further detail from Government about its plans for a national competition post 2013. Derby City Council will make a decision about its participation following the Olympic Games.

## Culture Marque

The use of the Culture Marque, jointly commissioned by city and county councils to create a stronger brand for the cultural offer across the city and county is being taken up by partner organisations and achieving growing recognition.



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**15 June 2012**

**Derbyshire Economic Partnership**

**Purpose of the Report**

To inform partners of the work of the Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DEP).

**Background and Information**

The Partnership meets every two months to receive reports, discuss and develop economic priorities which impact on the county's economic well-being from its three sub-groups: Business and Skills, Infrastructure and the Rural Forum and partner organisations. The Board is currently developing and supporting the following activity:

**Single Programme Funding**

Monitoring of the projects funded through Single Programme Funding which are still under contract for match funding and outputs will continue until the end of this financial year. The Deed of Termination for the Single Programme Funding was signed off with *emda* prior to their operational closure in March and all contractual arrangements with *emda* have now ceased. Over the eight year lifetime of the programme the Partnership has administered in excess of £51million single programme funding with over £64.0 million of match funding recorded to date. The outputs recorded and verified to date are: 5,875 Jobs created or safeguarded; 5,491 People assisted people find work; 1,253 New businesses created; 14,162 Businesses supported; 38 Hectares of brownfield land reclaimed; 16,232 People assisted with skills development.

The Partnership's future role is to develop and support its agreed vision of:

*'working with partners to stimulate, develop and encourage a range of strategic economic development opportunities in Derbyshire'* and through delivering services on behalf of its partners, bidding for funding, lobbying and engaging with local, sub- regional and national bodies the Partnership will encourage 'Investment in Derbyshire' in its widest form.

**Business and skills**

On behalf of the Partnership as Chairman of the Business and Skills Group and as a Director of Babington College, Frank Lord, was invited to a meeting in London, 21 May 2012, with the Department of Education to discuss the Government's proposals for A Level Reform. Frank Lord

would like to thank all of our partner organisations which fed into the consultation.

The focus for Business and Skills over the coming months will be to develop the web portal to showcase business services for Derbyshire, the Derbyshire Knowledge Exchange and to work with UKTI, Local Authorities to develop a clear approach to Investor Development support including sectors and supply chains.

### **Infrastructure**

Invest in Derbyshire is the new web portal to support and attract inward investment in Derbyshire, <http://www.investinderbyshire.co.uk/home> and DEP is working closely with UKTI, to attract and secure investment from overseas. An event will be held on the 3 July 2012, at The Derbyshire Hotel to promote the new Invest in Derbyshire website and the Derbyshire Property Search database to private sector commercial developers and property agents. The Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan 2012 was approved by Derbyshire County Council on 24 April 2012. A copy of the plan can be downloaded from:

[http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/planning\\_policy/infrastructure\\_planning/default.asp](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/planning_policy/infrastructure_planning/default.asp)

### **Rural Forum**

The Rural Forum, chaired by Cllr Lewis Rose, is currently focusing on three main areas of work:

- supporting the development of our market towns and smaller urban areas
- development of a rural skills needs statement for Derbyshire, and if required the development of a new apprenticeship service to meet the needs of Derbyshire's rural communities,
- a review the proposed changes to rural development funding post 2013, how it will impact on Derbyshire and develop a plan for aligning future partner activity.
- The two LEADER Programmes in the county, Bolsover and NE Derbyshire and Peak District, have both recently received additional funding and have recently held additional funding rounds.

### **Next Steps**

Key activities for the Partnership over the next six months will be to:

- enhance and develop the portal for business support and advice across Derbyshire; the Derbyshire Knowledge Exchange,
- continue the development and investment in a centralised Inward Investment and Investor Development Service under the role of 'Invest in Derbyshire',
- finalise an overarching economic strategy statement for Derbyshire.

**Community Strategy Priority**  
**Supporting a thriving local economy and sustainable communities.**

• **Providing affordable decent housing**

439 affordable homes were delivered across the county in 2010/11 against a challenging target in the current economic climate of 482. Whilst some delivery is obtained through change of tenure (transfer into a Housing Association, previously known as Registered Social Landlord ownership), the majority is achieved through the grant of planning permission. On-going economic viability issues of housing sites for developers, the difficulties of securing affordable housing through the planning system during a period of economic downturn, and funding issues have all contributed to a level of development below the target.

**Gross number of Affordable Housing Completions 2010/11**

<b>District</b>	<b>2010/11</b>
Amber Valley	101
Bolsover	45
Chesterfield	9
Derbyshire Dales	105
Erewash	58
High Peak	31
North East Derbyshire	0
South Derbyshire	90
<b>Derbyshire</b>	<b>439</b>

**Source:** Core Output Indicator H5 (Gross affordable housing completions) contained in District and Borough Council Local Development Framework (LDF) Annual Monitoring Reports (AMR) submitted to DCLG in 2011

• **Supporting businesses to help them grow**

In supporting Derbyshire's businesses in the last six months the Partnership has developed and taken forward:

- the Derbyshire Knowledge Exchange, which had brought together business to meet national and local business support organisations to find out more about support that is on offer,
- developed the DEP WebPages to provide news updates for business wanting to find out about how to grow their business,
- had on-going liaison with Local Authorities about what support they offer to business,
- signposted business support enquiries to relevant organisations and support that is available,
- administered through the DEP the Peak District LEADER programme and through CHART, the Bolsover and North East Derbyshire LEADER programme.
- provided an Inward Investment and property search service.

In the next six months the Partnership will:

- develop web portal to showcase business services for Derbyshire,
  - work with UKTI, Local Authorities to develop a clear approach to Investor Development support including sectors and supply chain,.
  - support and develop information to facilitate ideas exchange through events, discussion and information portal,
  - raise the profile of, monitor and collate information on business support activity throughout Derbyshire,
  - develop further the Invest in Derbyshire support service.
- **Raising aspirations, confidence and skills of local people**  
In support of raising the aspirations, confidence and skills of local people in the last six months the Partnership has:
    - worked with partners to develop an Employment and Skills priorities statement,
    - worked on funding bids to develop a Skills Response Unit
    - promoted apprenticeships, youth contracts and other programmes.

In the next six months the Partnership will:

- work with on the development of City Skills Fund in particular to improve the use of labour market intelligence to align skills provision in the area with current and future needs of employers and communities,
  - bring stakeholders together to discuss issues of importance.
  - continue promotion of skill programmes and engagement with key stakeholders.
- **Reducing the numbers of people aged 16-19 not in education, employment or training**  
In support of this priority in the last six months the County Council has launched its Apprenticeship scheme to support 700 local young people in apprenticeships.

## **Community Strategy Priority**

### **Provide well connected communities**

- **Improving local accessibility and sustainable travel choices**  
In support of improving local accessibility and sustainable travel choices:
  - The County Council's Sustainable Travel team continues to provide dedicated support to schools and businesses. This operates primarily through outreach work, providing advice and materials on travel alternatives.

- A car sharing scheme is supported allowing anybody within Derbyshire to register a journey and to check whether others making the same trip might be prepared to share a vehicle.
- The County Council has modest budgets in place to provide incentives for businesses and schools to adopt travel plans, with cycle storage being a good example of a low-cost intervention which can influence travel choices.
- The Local Sustainable Transport Fund has recently, through a bidding process, offered the opportunity for packages of measures to be supported by Government grants with the objectives of reducing carbon emissions and supporting local economies. One of the bids is on behalf of Sustrans, the national cycling charity, for access to a number of rail stations including Chesterfield.

During 2012/13:

- The County Council will make a £0.9 million investment in pedestrian networks, including dropped kerbs, controlled crossings and surfacing of footways during 2012/13. Also they will be investing £0.6 million in cycling networks, including one major new link connecting the community of Holymoorside with Chesterfield, and £0.4 million in bus stop and shelter improvements.
- The Sustainable Travel team will be establishing how best it can provide a dedicated resource to facilitate and encourage community travel plans alongside its existing commitments with schools and businesses.

With regard to business planning looking further ahead the County Council would welcome, in particular, input from the Partnership Forum over how best it could assist public health outcomes through the encouragement of walking and cycling in urban areas as well as between settlements. Resources will continue to be made available, as noted above, on facilities such as dropped kerbs and safe crossing points. In order to target these effectively, though, any advice would be gratefully received over which parts of the County should be regarded as priorities and whether particular journeys (for example routes to GP surgeries) would best help to assist healthy activity.

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**15 June 2012**

**Update on Sustainable Community Strategy Key Priority  
To improve and protect the local environment**

**Background**

As part of the Governance arrangements for Derbyshire Partnership it was agreed that the update from each of the four main Boards, i.e. Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board, Safer Communities Board, Derbyshire Economic Partnership and Culture Derbyshire would also include a section on performance against the key SCS priorities that were agreed as priority areas of focus in September 2011.

This report provides an update on progress against the key Sustainable Community Strategy priority to “improve and protect the local environment” which was not allocated to one of the four main Boards but is contributed to by the work of a number of different organisations and groups.

**Managing Waste in a more sustainable way**

The County Council continues to work in partnership with Borough and District Councils to promote waste reduction and recycling. These efforts have seen an improvement in recycling and composting performance from 42.1% in 2010/11 to an anticipated 43.9% in 2011/12. In addition to this the amount of waste sent to landfill is anticipated to have reduced from 55.5% in 2010/11 to 48.7% in 2011/12 beating our target of 55.5%.

The amount of residual waste collected per household is anticipated to have reduced to 559.69kg exceeding our target of 590kg.

North East Derbyshire District, Bolsover District and Chesterfield Borough Councils have introduced new recycling bins into which residents can recycle a wider range of household materials. This has had a positive impact on their kerbside recycling performance. Bolsover District Council has also introduced alternate weekly collection which has further improved recycling performance.

The County Council has run over 70 recycling roadshows talking directly to over 10,000 residents about recycling issues and have run a range of adverts on buses and bill boards that have been seen by hundreds of thousands of people. 150 parents have benefited from the

£25 real nappy cash back scheme and over 700 residents have purchased home composters through the Council's discount mail order scheme.

In the Matlock area, residents have benefited from a new Household Waste Recycling Centre with 5,000 tonnes of waste anticipated to be taken to the centre every year and more than 70% expected to be recycled / composted.

Our annual survey of visitors to Derbyshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres indicated in 2011 that of the 700 people questioned 95% were satisfied or very satisfied with the remaining 5% being fairly satisfied.

The number of schools achieving Eco School – Green Flag status has increased from 48 in 2010/11 to 55 in 2011/12 exceeding the target of 53.

### **Working with communities and organisations to protect the natural and built environment**

The County Council's Countryside Service works in partnership with a number of organisations to help deliver practical action in the countryside. It has renewed service level agreements with 2 groundwork trusts, the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) and the Parkwood Centre for people with learning disabilities who have established a conservation volunteer group.

The Countryside Service has benefited from 3625 volunteer days worked on countryside sites, public rights of way and in the wider countryside in the last 12 months.

20+ sites in the North East of the county have been entered into the DEFRA Higher Level Stewardship scheme attracting £30,000 per annum to develop and manage these sites for the next 10 years.

Significant features of the grade II listed garden at Elvaston Castle have been carefully restored to a value of £800,000.

An historic aqueduct on the Cromford Canal has been fully restored by the County Council at a cost of £400,000.

Significant progress on the restoration of the Chesterfield Canal has been achieved with the completion of sections at Staveley and the opening of the Staveley Town Basin.

Derbyshire Greenwatch Action Grants have delivered a funding boost to

green projects around the county.

Derbyshire Environmental Studies Service is working together with the Derbyshire Lowland Biodiversity Partnership Officers to develop an educational programme to encourage young people to engage in taking positive action in their own environments for biodiversity. 8 schools in the Lowland Derbyshire area are piloting the programme which provides learning resources, educational experiences, monitoring and surveying.

Four Conservation Area Grant Schemes are being run by the County Council in partnership with English Heritage and district and borough councils in Glossop, Cromford, Belper, Milford and Swadlincote. These have helped to preserve and enhance the historic character of these settlements.

**Encouraging the sustainable use of Derbyshire's Landscapes, biodiversity, network of paths etc for learning and sport**

In 2011/12 visitors and residents experienced even greater access to the countryside with 75.7% of the public rights of way network being open and available to the public.

17km of new greenways were constructed and opened in 2011 adding significantly to the existing network in the county. 300km of Greenways are now predominantly accessible for wheelchairs, mobility scooters and anyone who wants easy access to the beautiful Derbyshire countryside. The network has only gentle gradients and easy start and finish locations. There are now five "Tramper" scooters available from various countryside sites, designed to cope with rough and tough terrain giving people with mobility problems the chance to get out and about in the Derbyshire countryside.

The Countryside Service has supported 3 walking festivals and run an events programme with many walks across the county.

The County Council has designated 3 more Local Nature Reserves bringing the total to 13 These provide local people with special opportunities to study and learn or to simply enjoy the sites.

The County Council's Environmental Studies Service has developed learning opportunities at a range of countryside sites and other outdoor and heritage rich areas. Resources which are available free to download are available for Black Rocks, Middleton Top, High Peak Junction, Shipley Country Park, Belper and Ashbourne and are currently in development for Elvaston Castle Country Park and Buxton.

The Service also supports sustainable use of woodland sites across the county for Forest School. Working with landowners, schools, nurseries and over 100 different settings in the County young people have been provided with access to our natural landscapes all year round for learning in harmony with the needs of wildlife and biodiversity. The Service has also provided training for 46 individuals towards becoming accredited Forest School Leaders.

### **Strengthening work in partnership to conserve Derbyshire Landscape character and built heritage**

The County Council's Conservation and Design Section, in partnership with the District and Borough Councils, has been working to develop a planning tool which identifies Areas of Multiple Environmental Sensitivity (AMES). This study, which builds on previous work to develop the award winning Landscape Character of Derbyshire document, pulls together historic, ecological and general landscape character information to establish high quality landscapes that is desirable to protect in the future from the impacts of development.

The Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Partnership has established an education project group to work with mill sites, land owners and education providers along the Derwent Valley (Masson Mills, Strutt's North Mill Belper, Cromford Mills, Silk Mill and Derby Museums and Gallery, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Crich Tramway Village etc.) to providing training, advice and support in creating educational resources and interpretation materials for a variety of projects:

<http://www.derwentvalleymills.org/learning>

### **Providing support to reduce the impact, and be resilient and adaptable to climate change**

The Climate Change Sub Group reformed in May 2011 to assess how the group could function under the new Derbyshire Partnership Forum structure. The group proposes to develop an area wide strategy and action plan.

The Carbon Trust, Climate East Midlands and other local authorities across the East Midlands have been working together on a pilot energy efficiency and carbon reduction programme for schools. Derbyshire selected 10 schools to participate in the programme which aims to reduce energy consumption by up to 10%.

Following feedback from pilot schools and those that attended the energy workshop at the Derby and Derbyshire Eco Schools Conference, a proposal for delivering a carbon and energy management programme within schools is currently being developed and is likely to include;

- Energy and climate change guidance, including lesson plans, produced and published on Extranet
- Training / workshops to be delivered to Headteachers, Bursars, Governors, Caretakers and Eco Team members
- Support and advice to be provided by the council's Carbon and Energy Management Team

All schools will be contacted once the final carbon and energy management programme for schools has been agreed.

Global Action Plan has been working with the County Council to deliver energy efficiency and sustainability training to 60 people across Derbyshire. Almost 200 people signed up to the online Derbyshire Eco Challenge, and have completed six months of environmental behavioural changes. A new Eco Teams scheme for 2012/13 is currently under development.

Derbyshire County Council has been working with Climate East Midlands on the Well Adapting East Midlands project. The project was designed to support the decentralisation of power to the local level by enhancing the skills that local authorities and their local communities need to take positive action on climate change. The project provided continuing support to local authorities and their local strategic partners in becoming more resilient to extreme weather and better adapted to the future climate.

The Authority has produced a draft Adaptation Action detailing work on adaptation in the areas of:

- Minimising flood risk
- Infrastructure
- Building Resilience Within Service Delivery
- Adapting the Built Environment
- Community Resilience Planning.

The Council is now in the process of developing a monitoring and evaluation process to improve the effectiveness of work on adaptation.

Local Authorities within the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Area Energy Partnership have worked towards delivering the Warmstreets insulation scheme across the two counties, providing heavily discounted or free wall and loft insulation to residents.

The LAEP has been working with National Energy Action and the Local Government information Unit to appraise best practice for Local Authorities in rolling out the future Green Deal scheme.

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**Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board, Adult Care Board and  
Children's Trust**

The Shadow Health & Well Being (HWB) Board has been in place since July 2011 following the requirements set out in the Health and Social Care Bill, which became law in March 2012. Derbyshire is an 'early implementer' for Health and Wellbeing Boards and is making progress towards its core purpose, which is to join-up commissioning across the NHS, social care, public health and other services to improve health and wellbeing outcomes and better quality of care within available resources.

**Board Development - Bespoke Local Government Association  
(LGA) Offer**

Derbyshire is one of a small number of authorities selected to receive bespoke support from the LGA to further develop the Board and its leadership role. This work will inform a new development tool for Health and Wellbeing Boards across the country. The aim is to provide Boards with a tool that will enable them to move beyond assessing how ready the Board is, towards how effective it is being in practice. The Board will be supported to explore its strengths and weaknesses, to inspire ambition, develop a clear sense of purpose and an approach that will help transform services and outcomes for local people. An initial half day session is to be held in July.

**Derbyshire Health & Wellbeing Strategy**

A key function of the Board is to develop a Health and Wellbeing Strategy framed around a small number of high level priorities for Derbyshire.

Following the approval of the draft priorities by the Board at its meeting in March, consultation was carried out with the public and stakeholders to seek views on whether these were the right priorities for Derbyshire. Nearly 400 responses were received to the survey and the Stakeholder Engagement Forum held in March provided a wide range of useful and informative feedback. The draft strategy is being updated in light of the feedback and will be presented to the Board on 31 May for approval to go out for a 12 week consultation over the summer.

The vision set out in the draft Strategy is to reduce health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing across all stages of life by working in partnership with our communities. This builds on the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) priority to: “Promote health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities.

The two areas of focus in the SCS: ‘Creating an environment which promotes healthy lifestyles – physical activity, smoke-free environment, alcohol’ and ‘Improving emotional and mental ill health and providing more mental health services’ have been identified as priorities in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The draft document gives details about the challenges Derbyshire faces in relation to these areas and the actions that will be taken to deliver outcomes and can be found on the DPF website:

[http://www.derbyshirepartnership.gov.uk/thematic\\_partnerships/health\\_wellbeing/strategy/](http://www.derbyshirepartnership.gov.uk/thematic_partnerships/health_wellbeing/strategy/)

### **HealthWatch**

HealthWatch will be the new consumer champion for health and social care in England. The County Council is responsible for the development of the local Derbyshire HealthWatch Service that will provide people with opportunities to have their say, influence commissioning, signpost people to sources of information and advice and support people to gain access to independent complaints advocacy if needed.

Following feedback from Local Authorities and Local Involvement Networks (LINKs), the Department of Health put back the date that Local HealthWatch is required to be established, from October 2012 to April 2013. The existing contract for the delivery of the LINK has therefore been extended to the end of March 2013.

The local multi- organisation project team is on track to tender in September for the provision of Local HealthWatch. Work will focus over the forthcoming months on ensuring that there is effective engagement with local communities, particularly in the co-production of the service specification and to ensure effective governance structures are in place.

There are a number of constraints that have been identified that may impact on the project timeframe being maintained to achieve the April 2013 deadline for setting up the Local HealthWatch Group. These concerns have been fed back to the Department of Health through the Local Government Association. These are:

- The funding from the Department of Health for the provision of HealthWatch is unlikely to be known until late in the Autumn;

- Secondary legislation which might impact on the final description of the role and activity of Local HealthWatch is not expected to be available also in the autumn.

The Authority also has to take on the responsibility from April 2013 for procuring specialist Health Advocacy services. There is currently a lack of guidance around this responsibility and no confirmation of the funding available to meet this need. Regional work is being undertaken to ameliorate this risk, firstly to see if we can access the current Department of Health contract for this service and to see if there could be a regional procurement response to gain efficiencies.

### **The Derbyshire System Integrated Plan**

The Derbyshire System Integrated Plan, which sets out how national, regional and local priorities will be delivered, was submitted to the Strategic Health Authority and accepted by the Board in March. The plan focussed on current delivery as well as building for the future by maintaining quality and productivity, reducing unwarranted clinical variation and duplication, ensuring tight financial control during 2012/13, ensuring that statutory functions continue to be delivered and supporting transition to the reformed architecture of the NHS.

### **Other Key areas of work**

- The new direct commissioning system that has been developed following the passing of the Health and Social Care Bill provides an approach to the performance frameworks, central policies and procedures which local teams will use to transact relationships with providers, give routine assurance to the Board of the safety and effectiveness of provision. Consideration is being given to the impact the system will have in Derbyshire and how it will work in practice.
- The Board has been provided with details of the County Council's plans for the modernisation of accommodation, care and support for older people. It endorsed the stage 2 consultation to be undertaken with relevant parties where they are affected by specific proposals to implement the revised plan to modernise accommodation, care and support for older people.
- The Chief Executive of the National Forest Company gave a presentation to the Board on the contribution made by the National Forest to the health and wellbeing of local populations, especially hard to reach groups. The Board is keen to further engage with the National Forest and other such health assets in the county to make full use of the outdoor facilities in Derbyshire to improve local people's health.

Other key areas of focus include:

- Joint Commissioning for Children and Young People's Services and Adult Care Services
- Tobacco Control Services
- Troubled Families
- Clinical Commissioning Groups Authorisation
- Public and Stakeholder Engagement
- Information Sharing across partners organisations

For further information, please see the Health and Wellbeing page of the DPF website:

[http://www.derbyshirepartnership.gov.uk/thematic\\_partnerships/health\\_wellbeing/default.asp](http://www.derbyshirepartnership.gov.uk/thematic_partnerships/health_wellbeing/default.asp)

### **Adult Care Board**

Alongside the Health and Wellbeing Board, Children's Trust and other partnerships, the Adult Care Board is responsible for the joint commissioning of Health and Social Care across a number of communities of interest.

The Board now has an established programme of two monthly meetings. There has been an increased focus on ensuring that the emergent Clinical Commissioning Groups are full participants. The Chair of the Adult Safeguarding Board is now a full member of the Adult Care Board.

The Board has made significant progress, including:

- Agreeing joint commissioning priorities between Adult Care and the local NHS. These include:
  - Improved integrated, 24/7 services, particularly for frail older people and people with long term conditions. This includes modernising accommodation care and support. (This work involves four of the Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups and Adult Care, together with local NHS services. Much of this work is at a formative stage, with the Adult Care Board focussing on co-ordinating the approach across the County)
  - Providing breaks for carers that are more flexible and responsive to carers needs
  - Increased usage of community facilities for people with learning disabilities
  - Reviewing implementation of the jointly agreed pathway for younger people in transition to adult life

- Implementation of the new national mental health strategy 'No Health Without Mental Health' and the statutory requirements of the Autism Act.
- Agreeing to, and supporting, the 'Dignity in Care' programme in Derbyshire, which includes:
  - Over 40 teams/services receiving the locally determined Bronze Award
  - The development of a Silver Award which is to be launched in Autumn 2012
  - Supporting the commitments from Adult Care, Derbyshire Community Health Services and Chesterfield Royal Hospital to apply Dignity in Care to hospital discharge.
- Focussing on Adult Care's plans to modernise accommodation, care and support. This includes the development of Community Care Centres providing specialist dementia care and increasing Extra Care housing provision to give local people more choice in their older age.
- Contributing to the development of the Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy with consideration of proposed priorities.
- Overseeing the work of the four steering groups that report to the Adult Care Board covering:
  - Prevention
  - Accommodation with support
  - Adult Safeguarding
  - Joint Commissioning of Health and Social Care services.

### **Providing Support to Informal Carers**

Key actions undertaken by the Adult Care Board include:

- The joint development and piloting of personal budgets for carers funded by Adult Care and the two current Primary Care Trusts.
- Agreement on joint investment in supporting carers between Adult Care and the two Primary Care Trusts. In addition to personal budgets this includes support for sitting services, covering day and night time, training and investment in services for Young Carers.
- The Chief Executive of Derbyshire Carers Association, is a member of the Adult Care Board and so is able to contribute a Carers perspective on all agenda items.

- Derbyshire Carers Association, working with Adult Care and the local NHS has successfully bid for £300k over 2 years from the Department of Health to enhance work in hospitals, with GPs and Primary Care about carers.
- Work with carers is increasingly based on a 'Think Family' approach which emphasises considering and responding to the whole family, rather than solely on the client/patient.

### **Promoting the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults in Derbyshire**

Key actions undertaken by the Adult Care Board include:

- The Chair of the Adult Safeguarding Board is now a member of the Adult Care Board, with a standing agenda item on this topic.
- Staff in all service provider agencies, including Housing Related Support, are expected to be trained in Safeguarding. Compliance is monitored through contract monitoring.
- Adult Care and the local NHS, together with the Care Quality Commission, where appropriate work closely together to tackle safeguarding concerns in registered and other services.
- The Adult Care Board has supported the development and implementation of a joint approach to Dignity in Care. This includes the promotion of the Bronze Award, now earned by over 40 Teams/Services. The criteria for a Silver Award have been agreed by the Adult Care Board, with a launch planned in the autumn.
- Adult Care is launching an enhanced approach to Befriending, with investment in additional capacity, together with a new initiative to develop 'trusted befrienders'.
- Oversight of the full range of Safeguarding actions and initiatives will take place at the meeting of the Adult Care Board in July when it considers the Safeguarding Annual Report.

### **Children's Trust**

The Derbyshire Children and Young People's Trust brings together all relevant services in Derbyshire to focus on improving the lives of all children and young people.

### **Protecting children from abuse, neglect and bullying**

The Children's Trust Board held a successful joint conference with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and Adult Services from the

county and city in April. The focus of this conference was 'Think Family-early intervention and prevention'. This was the first jointly held conference with Derby city and was instrumental in identifying the next steps in developing safeguarding services for children and their families.

Joint commissioning priorities have been agreed by the Trust and include the introduction of Multi-systemic Therapy to improve emotional and psychological well-being of children and young people

### **Targeting children and young families in greatest need for early intervention**

The Trust has established a working group, chaired by the Director of Children's Services, which will focus on reinforcing the importance of antenatal support for families, reinforcing the lead professional role, develop pathways for vulnerable families and examine how social media can be used to connect with vulnerable families. There has been a Trust-wide consultation on these areas and effectiveness of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and plans to build on the CAF and develop a single assessment for vulnerable families.

Health Visiting services have been implementing the national Action for Health Visitors agenda and Chesterfield is an early implementer site delivering the Healthy Child Programme.

### **Raising the aspirations of young people by increasing the level of participation in a range of positive activities**

The Trust is consulting on a new youth offer which will include providing qualified youth workers in multi-agency teams and establishing a youth activities grant to support new projects and vci groups to deliver youth activities. The consultation also includes the proposal to no longer directly deliver frontline activities for young people and to close youth clubs and the mobile bus service.

The Trust has approved the Strategy on 'Raising the Participation Age' and this includes trialling a model of a strategic review of post 16 provision in Bolsover and North East Derbyshire.

### **Providing advice and support to families**

The Troubled Families initiative will be rolled out across the county to reduce youth offending and anti-social behaviour, improve attendance at school and increase the number of adults into work

Domestic violence services have been re-commissioned for children and families.

The NSPCC is providing support to children in schools on positive relationships aimed at reducing bullying

### **Cross cutting outcomes**

- Coordinate communication and engagement to make best use of resources and information
- Support and engage a vibrant, diverse and independent VCS

The Locality Planning and Commissioning Partnerships provide statutory and voluntary, independent and community organisations with the opportunity to agree local priorities, share information about the most vulnerable families and pool resources and service provision where appropriate.

The Voluntary, Community and Independent (VCI) Sector is being supported by the Trust to develop The Group Reference Influencing Development (GRID Reference Group) into a company limited by guarantee to enable it to attract additional income into Derbyshire. The GRID meets on a bi-monthly basis to oversee and discuss developments with groups working with children, young people and families.

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**15 June 2012**

**Report of the Strategic Director Adult Care**

**PLAN TO DELIVER THE ACCOMMODATION CARE AND SUPPORT STRATEGY FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN DERBYSHIRE**

**Purpose of report**

To update the Partnership Forum on the Plan to Deliver the Accommodation Care and Support Strategy for Older People in Derbyshire

**Information and analysis**

The Plan to Delivery the Accommodation Care and Support Strategy for Older People was approved by Cabinet on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

This report sets out a summary of what those plans are, what progress has been made in their implementation, what the implications are for partners, and what the next steps are.

**What are the plans?**

The plans set out to reconfigure the accommodation, care and support for older people through 4 Specialist Community Care Centres and 2 dispersed rural centres which will consolidate specialist dementia services across the county; supported by a network of Extra Care schemes providing a range state of the art apartments with on-site personal care and support, some with additional specialist services; and an increased range of agreements with partner agencies to deliver health and wellbeing zones.

In summary, the provision would comprise:

- 4 Specialist Community Care Centres providing:
- 4 health and wellbeing zones
- 4 day care services accommodating a total of 80 people at any one time
- 64 long term dementia beds
- 32 respite beds and
- 32 intermediate care beds
- 2 geographically dispersed Specialist Community Care Centres covering the Ashbourne and the west Derbyshire Dales area, and the High Peak area providing, on a networked basis
- 2 health and wellbeing zones

- 3 day care centres accommodating a total of 55 people at any one time
- 20 long term dementia beds
- 10 respite beds
- 8 intermediate care beds, (with provision of intermediate care in Ashbourne through St Oswald's hospital)
- 8 additional health and wellbeing zones provided through the health and wellbeing strategy
- Approximately 1600 Extra Care apartments across 27 sites (1583 in current plan, 88 of which would be used for residential care). Some of these sites would incorporate elements of the dispersed Specialist Community Care Centres in High Peak and the west of Derbyshire Dales as described above. Some would incorporate elements of the service capacity contained within the original plan. These are summarised below
- 7 schemes with day care facilities for a total of 140 people at any one time
- 1 scheme providing 8 units of respite care
- Joint investment in 2 schemes providing 16 intermediate care apartments), and
- 3 schemes providing 48 apartments for specialist long term dementia care.
- At least 4 current DCC homes for older people providing 129 beds including a range of traditional long term beds and 24 short term beds.

In addition to the above, discussions and negotiations are on-going with health partners and particularly Derbyshire Community Health Services on the inclusion of NHS provision and investment within a number of the proposed developments.

Of the 27 current homes for older people (including two resource centres) it is proposed that four would be maintained as residential homes for older people (Castle Court at Castle Gresley, Whitestones at Chapel en le Frith, Thomas Colledge at Bolsover, and The Grange at Eckington).

The precise configuration of the new provision and the new service model will be subject to detailed consultation in respect of each establishment that will be affected by the proposals.

### **Progress on implementation**

A phased approach to implementation of the plan is being used.

#### *Phase 1:*

Three Extra Care schemes are already operational at Whitfield House in Glossop, Waltham House in Wirksworth, and Stonelow Court in Dronfield

The Staveley Community Care Centre is already open, and has been operational since March 2010.

The second scheme; Oakland, in Swadlincote, comprises a Specialist Community Care Centre and an extra care scheme of 88 units, and will be open in Autumn 2012.

*Phase 2:*

A partnership with Chevin Together Housing is being finalised to deliver the next three Extra Care Schemes in 2014 - 15 at:

- Cressy Fields, Alfreton
- Market Street, Clay Cross
- Foolow Court, Chesterfield.
- Two Specialist Community Care Centres will be developed through a design and build contract at Darley Dale – estimated 2014
- Heanor (subject to the outcome of consultation) – estimated 2014.

*Phases 3 and 4:*

A further five schemes have been identified for Chevin Together Housing which will be subject to confirmation of a detailed business case. They:

Include potential sites at Belper, Cotmonhay, Tibshelf and Ashbourne. Will be subject to consultation on some sites. Includes a site which is still being sought for Chapel en le Frith.

Further development partner(s) are being sought through a Competitive Dialogue procurement to deliver Extra Care between 2014 – 2017: Approximately 800 apartments across approximately 12 sites

**What are the implications for partners?**

Boroughs and districts: working together to deliver housing strategies, to bring in affordable housing for local people; and to jointly allocate Extra Care apartments through allocation panels. Planning agreements will be sought from County and District / Borough planners.

NHS Commissioners and providers: land issues; possible co-location and integrated service delivery to local people.

Voluntary sector: involvement in new centres, providing a range of advice and support eg Age UK, Alheimers, Stroke Association, Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Carers and other groups: working together to provide advice, support, and opportunities for respite and specialist service provision.

### **What are the next steps for implementation?**

The next steps for delivery of the plan include:

- Consultation with affected services, residents, relatives and staff.
- Cabinet decisions on individual homes.
- Continued procurement and working with partners to deliver the accommodation.
- Work with partners to agree, jointly commission and deliver service models.

### **Officer's Recommendations**

It is recommended that the content of this report is noted by the Partnership Forum.

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**DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM**

**15 June 2012**

**Report of the County Council Chief Executive**

**COMMUNITY BUDGET FOR FAMILIES**

**Purpose of report**

To update partners about the development of a Community Budget for families facing multiple problems in Derbyshire and action taken to implement the Government's Troubled Families initiative across the county.

**Information and analysis**

Nationally, there are an estimated 120,000 families with multiple needs. These families make up less than one per cent of the population yet cost the economy over £8 billion a year. Families with multiple problems are more likely to make disproportionate demands on local services, absorbing the resources of multiple agencies often with evidence of duplication of support. Many of these families have entrenched social problems which can also impact negatively on the local communities in which they live.

Community Budgets for families facing multiple problems are up and running in 16 areas across the country. Many of the 16 pilot areas are in their second year of operation and are using the development of a Community Budget for families with multiple problems as the springboard for more wide ranging and ambitious plans to transform and reshape public services in these areas.

The development of a community budget for families facing multiple problems in Derbyshire was a key topic for discussion at the Partnership Forum in December 2011, following the County Council's expression of interest to participate in the roll out of the scheme.

Targeting children and families in greatest need for early intervention is a key priority for the Derbyshire Partnership Forum and a high level strategic priority for the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy. A wide range of agencies are working with families facing multiple problems on a daily basis and these families impact significantly on the work of those concerned. Many of the problems faced by families are interdependent and whilst there are many initiatives across and between partner agencies including the voluntary and community sector (VCS), the scale

of the problem – maintaining and improving outcomes for families in the current financial climate is challenging.

During the key topic discussion at the Forum in December 2011 partners agreed that the development of a Community Budget for families facing multiple problems presented a unique opportunity for the Council and its partners to review, reshape and redesign a wide range of services. The following two aims were seen to be key in the development of Community Budget proposals:

- Securing better outcomes for existing families with multiple problems at a reduced cost to the public purse, by pooling and reprioritising resources, aligning funding and decommissioning ineffective services.
- Reducing the number of families developing multiple needs through prevention and earlier intervention.

The Partnership also agreed a number of high level principles to guide future work as follows:

- Prevention - by early intervention.
- Targeting – to make best use of resources.
- Focus on what works – decommission when required.
- Better outcomes at lower cost.
- Co-production – designing and developing services with the users.

Partners were generally very supportive of the development of community budget proposals recognising that the “community budget” element - the pooling of funding by agencies into a central pot - was potentially misleading. There was a strong feeling that any proposals should reflect the current position in the county and that any definition and the targeting of support should consider issues such as mental health, domestic violence and criminality which were pertinent to families facing multiple problems in Derbyshire. Partners also put forward proposals to pilot and test work in a small number of geographical areas in the county before a wider roll out and agreed that a phased approach would be appropriate in the development of community budget plans for Derbyshire.

### **The Troubled Families Initiative**

Since the last meeting of the Forum in December 2011, the Department for Communities and Local Government have announced a £448 million package of funding to support priorities aimed at turning around the lives of troubled families across the country. In March 2012, the Troubled Families Team published a financial framework setting out proposals for the payment-by-results scheme.

The Team estimate that Derbyshire has 1,355 troubled families and will pay the County Council up to a maximum of £4,000 per family over a three year period. Successful intervention projects for such families usually cost about £10,000 per family and local authorities and their partners are expected to provide the remaining match funding through existing sources. To receive the maximum funding available, local areas are required to meet all or a combination of the three key outcomes set out below.

- Reduced youth offending and anti-social behaviour (ASB)
- Improved attendance at school
- Increased numbers of adults into work

Local areas have the discretion to identify a fourth local outcome to ensure that the required number of families are targeted each year. Local authorities will also receive funding to appoint Troubled Families Coordinators who will form part of a national network across the country. It is hoped that a Troubled Families Coordinator for Derbyshire will be in post by July 2012.

During the first year of the Troubled Families initiative, Derbyshire will work with 474 families. A significant amount of work has taken place since December through a partnership Information Group to ensure that families meeting the Government's criteria are identified. Additional work to better understand the characteristics of such families has also been undertaken and this will be vital in assessing the needs and level of support required by families participating in the scheme.

It is envisaged the project will be rolled out across the county using existing Multi-Agency Teams as a platform for coordinating a multi-agency response. Work to ensure that all agencies have the opportunity to be involved in implementation of the initiative will be an important task over the forthcoming weeks.

### **Development of the Community Budget**

Since December, work has been taking place to develop a Community Budget Plan which meets the ambitions and long term aspirations of both the County Council and partner agencies. The announcement of funding for the Troubled Families initiative has impacted on the development of Community Budget Plan and the initiative has now been incorporated into proposals. As agreed by partners at the last meeting, the Plan will adopt a phased approach as follows:

- Phase 1 - existing families are mapped and targeted for support under the Troubled Families initiative commencing in April 2012.
- Phase 2 - small number of geographical pilots in Bolsover/North East Derbyshire, Erewash and High Peak commence work to test new ways of working with families from September 2012 onwards.

- Phase 3 - potential redesigning and reshaping of existing services from April 2013 onwards.

The new Troubled Families initiative, working with existing families, will kick start work on the Community Budget but this is one part of overall plans for Derbyshire. A key part of the Community Budget process will be to identify ways in which the number of families developing multiple needs, through prevention and earlier intervention, can be reduced. Work with potential pilot areas and the discussion of proposals with relevant agencies, including district and borough councils, has recently commenced and this will form the basis of Community Budget Plan proposals. Work is also taking place to map the range of existing interventions and initiatives supporting families facing multiple problems in Derbyshire. This should improve both the Council's and partner agencies' understanding of the full extent of activity and resources already supporting this area of work.

Involving professionals, practitioners, local partners and the families themselves at the very earliest stages of this process is a priority. A range of techniques will be used to gain a better understanding of the issues and problems facing families. An audit of resources will be undertaken and cost avoidance models will also be developed to identify the current impact on the public purse. Evidence gathered and lessons learnt from the first and second phases will be disseminated and shared at a number of events involving all relevant agencies and families involved in the project. This will help to develop a common understanding of current practice, likely challenges moving forward and will support the potential redesign and reshaping of existing services during the third phase which will commence from April 2013 onwards.

### **Moving Forward**

The Community Budget presents an excellent opportunity for the Partnership to draw together and simplify the vast array of initiatives and schemes across Derbyshire supporting families with multiple problems. Over forthcoming weeks work will be taking place to finalise Community Budget proposals and locality briefs for the pilot areas participating in the second phase.

A small project group has been working on the development of the Troubled Families initiative and this will be broadened out, through a virtual project group, to ensure that all interested partner agencies have the opportunity to be involved in the on-going development of proposals. Partners will be asked to nominate individuals who can support and add value to this work shortly.

Governance arrangements for the Community Budget and Troubled Families initiative at a strategic level are also being developed. It is recommended that a time limited task and finish group comprising senior officers be established. This strategic group will oversee the development and implementation of community budget proposals and report into the Forum on a six monthly basis. Given the cross cutting nature and reach of the Community Budget, it is also recommended that reports on progress be presented to other relevant partnerships and sub-groups on a regular basis.

### **Officer's Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Forum:

1. Note the latest progress on the development of the Community Budget in Derbyshire and the publication of the Government's Financial Framework for the Troubled Families initiative.
2. Invite individual partner agencies to identify representatives to participate in a virtual project group to support the on-going development of Community Budget proposals.
3. Approve the establishment of a time limited task and finish group comprising senior officers, to oversee work on the Community Budget and Troubled Families initiative.
4. Receive further reports on progress in due course.

**Nick Hodgson**  
**Chief Executive, Derbyshire County Council**

**DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM**

**15 June 2012**

**FINANCIAL INCLUSION DERBYSHIRE STRATEGY 2012-2015**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To inform partners of the draft 'Financial Inclusion Derbyshire Strategy: 2012-2015' and to seek their endorsement.

**2. Background and Information**

2.1 The original Financial Inclusion Derbyshire Strategy was endorsed by Derbyshire Partnership Forum in June 2009. A new strategy has now been developed for the county 2012-2015 (attached).

2.2 Financial Inclusion Derbyshire Partnership is a wide partnership of organisations from across the county, including a range of local authority departments, probation, advice services, affordable credit providers, NHS Derbyshire, housing providers, some banks and other specialist organisations (appendix A).

2.3 Partners have worked together over the last 2-3 years to deliver against the original financial inclusion strategy, and have begun tackling a range of issues in Derbyshire. Of the original 43 actions, forty were achieved (appendix B).

2.4 Since the original strategy was developed the national economic picture has changed dramatically. More people are now out of work, there has been a significant rise in the cost of living, and personal debt problems have increased. At the same time the financial world and the array of products and associated deals has grown increasingly complex; and high cost lending marketing has increased. Finally, the Welfare Reform Act changes will lead to various adjustments and related support required for those concerned.

2.5 We know from national data (HM Treasury/ Experian) that financial exclusion levels in 32 of Derbyshire's wards across six districts, fall within the worst affected septile in the country, many more falling within the second worst septile. All eight districts have particular geographical areas of concern.

2.6 A new strategy has been formed to tackle future priorities in the county, and builds upon work achieved to date. This was informed by events held in the county in January 2012 involving some 130 people.

This initial draft was then sent out for consultation across all LSPs, Councils, Voluntary and Community Sector and NHS Derbyshire, leading to the final draft.

2.7 The strategy covers seven theme areas, related to the current Derbyshire context:

- Banking
- Credit
- Debt
- Financial Capability/ Education
- Savings
- Illegal Money Lending

### **3. Next Steps**

3.1 The next step will be for Financial Inclusion Derbyshire partners to develop the detailed action plans under each theme, and commence delivery.

3.2 It should be noted that areas of ongoing work will continue in the meantime.

3.3 Financial inclusion and financial capability has implications across many service areas and client groups. This includes many of the organisations across the Forum.

### **4. Recommendations**

4.1 To endorse the Financial Inclusion Derbyshire Strategy 2012-2015

4.2 That Forum members receive a progress report in a year.

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**DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM**

**15 June 2012**

**Report of the County Council Strategic Director Environmental Services**

**Derbyshire Strategic Flood Board**

**Purpose of report**

To inform the Partnership Forum about the Strategic Flood Board's role in coordinating flood risk in Derbyshire.

**Information and analysis**

In the summer 2007 the UK suffered severe flooding affecting 55,000 properties and estimated damages of £6 billion. Sir Michael Pitt was asked to lead an extensive review into the causes, management and consequences of the flooding "The Pitt Review" was published in 2008 and recommended:

*"the role of local authorities should be enhanced so that they take on responsibility for leading the coordination of flood risk management in their areas"*

At the same time widespread flooding in Europe resulted in an EU Directive to undertake risk assessments for flood risk and two pieces of legislation were passed; the Flood Risk Regulations 2009 and Flood and Water Management Act 2010 within a few months of each other. These acts represent one of the more sweeping changes in roles in a number of years, vesting the responsibility for Flood coordination with the County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority

The main thrust of Pitts review was the lack of coordination in managing and responding to flood risk and this was quickly established as one of the key drivers for the Flood and Water Management Act.

Derbyshire were proactive in setting up a strategic flood board prior to the acts being passed as it was clear the direction things were heading. Early coordination of the key respondents in any future crisis was seen as essential to manage flooding in the County. The Board comprises a high level strategic body of members from the Environment Agency, Water Authority emergency Services, Lead Local Flood Authority (DCC) Emergency Planning Officer and Flood Risk manager, Risk Management Authorities (representatives of the Districts and Boroughs) and Member representatives. The group is chaired by the Strategic

Director Environmental Services and meets on a regular six monthly cycle.

### **Current position**

Clearly flooding does not discriminate between its sources of fluvial (river) and pluvial (rainfall), particularly in periods of heavy rainfall. Consequently the role of the board is to oversee the coordination of the risk management and the emergency response through the two key responsible bodies, the Environment Agency (rivers) and the County Council (surface water, ground water and ordinary watercourses)

The board has encouraged the development of a strong link between the Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority particularly in terms of data capture and developing the County's understanding of the extent of its new responsibilities, the Environment Agency has been extremely supportive in this.

The links between the two agencies have resulted in a better understanding of the mapped risk of fluvial and surface water flooding. This has provided information from which the County Council can begin to investigate and prioritise the risk to communities and provide better data to the emergency planning teams on which to base their strategies

As flood risk and in particular surface water flood risk management becomes more embedded into the councils structure the board has been instrumental in providing a platform for all of the Risk Management Authorities to agree protocols and procedures in how to approach flood risk management;

- it supported and provided the strategic linkages for the County's Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment, which was held up as an exemplar piece of work by the Environment Agency and Local Government Association
- it supported the remodelling of the Flood Maps for Surface Water to provide increased granularity to provide an accurate data source from which to determine flood risk in urban and rural communities, as well as the risks of surface water flows on the County's infrastructure
- it approved the joint Derbyshire protocol for formal investigations of flooding required under the Act
- and more recently, as the County is beginning to develop its understanding of flood risk in Derbyshire, the Board is taking a lead in joint funding arrangements enabling partnership approaches to resolving problems

### **Next Steps**

The Board is a part of a hierarchal process linking the technical approach with the strategic overview and this will be key in developing a

strategy for Derbyshire, understanding the environmental risks and constraints and delivering schemes that Prevent, Protect and Prepare communities, businesses and infrastructure from the risks of increased flood risk and climate change.

Over the next year the Board will help define the strategy, consider flood risk management schemes and be instrumental in negotiating funding between its members, developing partnership and working to deliver flood risk protection and mitigation measures on the ground through cooperation and collaboration

**Officer's Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Partnership Forum:

1. Note the work of the Strategic Flood Board
2. Note the need to be supportive of future bids to unlock partnership funding necessary to prevent, protect and prepare, Derbyshire communities and businesses from Flood Risk

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