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Dear Derbyshire Partnership Forum Member,

DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM

The next meeting of the Derbyshire Partnership Forum (DPF) is to be held from **10.00am on Friday 25 June 2010 at County Hall, Matlock.** Refreshments will be available prior to the meeting and a buffet lunch will be provided following the meeting.

Please find attached the full agenda and papers for the meeting including the minutes and action points from the previous meeting. The latest minutes of the DPF Board and Thematic Partnerships, the LAA Performance Report and Reducing Alcohol Harm in Derbyshire June 2010 are attached as separate documents.

Following the Forum there will be a **workshop from 12.30pm – 15.00pm in the Members Room at County Hall.** The workshop will enable the Partnership to review progress against the priorities set out in the Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2014, and will focus on key achievements over the last year. In order to participate fully in the discussions it may be useful to consider how your organisation has contributed, and the difference you have made, in advance of the workshop.

We would be grateful if you could attend the workshop and identify any other individuals from your organisation who could contribute to the discussions. Please could you confirm your attendance, if you have not done so already, with lia.ottosen@derbyshire.gov.uk 01629 539172 in order to assist with planning for the event.

Please confirm whether or not you can attend by return of email to Andrea Bond andrea.bond@derbyshire.gov.uk. Please indicate any access or dietary requirements.

If you have any queries or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Cath Walker on 01629 538359 or cath.walker@derbyshire.gov.uk.

DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM (DPF)

25 June 2010

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising
3. Minutes of the DPF Board 2 June 2010 (in a separate document)
4. Minutes of the DPF Thematic Partnerships (in a separate document)
5. Alcohol Harm - update on cross cutting work
6. Employment of people with a learning disability
7. Local Area Agreement - update on Performance 2009/10 year end
8. JSNA/Director of Public Health Report
9. Health Inequalities Strategy
10. Reducing deaths and inequalities in Derbyshire caused by tobacco
11. Derbyshire Employment & Skills Board – update for information
12. Any other business

Date of the next meeting – 24 September 2010

Dates of future DPF meetings

- 10 December 2010

NOTES of the **DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM** held on 26th March 2010 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor A Lewer (Derbyshire County Council)
(in the Chair)

Amber Valley Borough Council Councillor S Bradford (also representing DCC) S Bamford	Derbyshire County Council continued... S Goodwin D Hickman N Hodgson D Lowe J Matthews M Molloy B Robertson I Stephenson J Wildgoose
Audit Commission B Rowland	
Bolsover District Council Councillor A Tomlinson	
Chesterfield Borough Council Councillor R Russell H Bowen	Derbyshire Dales CVS N Moulden
Chesterfield College J McArthur	Derbyshire Dales District Council Councillor L Rose D Wheatcroft
Churches Together in Derbyshire R Jordan H Southern	Derbyshire Economic Partnership B Smithurst
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils B Wood	Derbyshire Fire and Rescue J Amos S Frayne
Derbyshire Constabulary M Creedon P Rouse B Thacker	Derbyshire Old Peoples Advisory Group T Whittaker
Derbyshire County Council Councillor C Hart Councillor C Jones Councillor S Spencer Councillor A Western B Buckley S Eaton	Derbyshire Police Authority J Birkin
Erewash Borough Council Councillor C Corbett	Derbyshire Sport D Joy
	Environment Agency S Quinlan
	NHS Derbyshire County D Black D Bray I Forrest

<p>L Poyser</p> <p>Erewash CVS P Edwards</p> <p>GOEM S Battlemuch T Evans</p> <p>High Peak Borough Council D Larner</p> <p>High Peak CAB and Advice Derbyshire D Walker</p> <p>LINKS CVS C Lawton</p> <p>NHS Tameside and Glossop E Michel</p> <p>North East Derbyshire District Council Councillor G Baxter M Goodwin</p>	<p>Rural Action Derbyshire S Green</p> <p>Peak District National Park Authority R Gillis</p> <p>South Derbyshire CVS J Smith</p> <p>South Derbyshire District Council Councillor H Wheeler F McArdle</p> <p>Third Sector Support for Derbyshire (3D) K Fletcher</p>
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Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor J Allsop (Derbyshire County Council), Councillor T Critchlow (Derbyshire County Council), J Acred (Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust), S Bate (Police Authority), P Coleman (Peak District National Park Authority), R Gent (Derbyshire County Council), E Green (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust), H Hastie (Connexions), J Herbert (Derbyshire Dales/High Peak LSP), J Jaroszek (Erewash Borough Council), W Jones (Derbyshire Health United), P Morris (North Derbyshire CAB), E Morton (Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust), M Rowe (Big Lottery Fund), K Skingsley (High Peak CVS), B Tregunna (Chief Fire Officer), L Wallace (Bolsover Community and Voluntary Partners), D White (Derbyshire Probation Service), and A Wright (Derbyshire County Council).

01/10 JOHN FOTHERBY – FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL The Chair reported that John Fotherby the former Chief Executive of Bolsover District Council had recently died. As a mark of respect a minutes silence was observed.

02/10 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th December 2009 were confirmed as a correct record subject to the notation for future that David Joy attends the meeting as a representative of Derbyshire Sport rather than Derbyshire County Council as listed.

03/10 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The following issue was raised:-

Councillor A Western asked when a performance summary report up to the end of March 2010 would be presented to the Forum. David Lowe confirmed that a full year's performance update would be made to the next meeting in June.

04/10 **MINUTES OF THE DPF BOARD** The minutes of the DPF Board meeting held on 26th February 2010 were received.

05/10 **MINUTES OF THE DPF THEMATIC PARTNERSHIPS** The minutes of the following DPF Thematic Partnerships were received:-

- Children and Young People's Trust Board – 21st January 2010;
- Culture Board – 27th January 2010;
- Safer Communities Board – 24th February 2010;
- Sustainable Communities Board – 23rd February 2010.

It was noted that the following minutes would be published on the DCC website when available:-

- Children and Young People's Trust Board – 18th March 2010;
- Culture Board – 23rd March 2010;
- Health and Wellbeing Partnership – 1st March 2010;
- Transformational Management Board – 29th March 2010.

06/10 **DELIVERING CREDIT UNION SERVICES ACROSS DERBYSHIRE**

Pursuant to minute reference 22/09, the Forum considered a report which gave details of the findings from the study which had been undertaken to identify the best option for delivering Credit Union services across the whole of Derbyshire. A presentation was made at the meeting by Peter Bussy of ABCUL.

The study had considered all options available which had included the following:-

- an expansion of the existing Derbyshire credit union provision to fill in any gaps;
- the establishment of a new county-wide credit union;
- an invitation to the well established credit unions on the Derbyshire borders to expand into the County.

The main report detailed the Credit Unions already established in Derbyshire, gave details of combined membership and informed the Forum of consultation which had taken place. A summary of the interim report on the surveys findings was circulated at the meeting. This included a detailed options appraisal and full cost implications. It was reported that the completed study would be available from 31st March 2010.

The report concluded that the preferred option would be the expansion into the county of the well established Credit Unions operating on the Derbyshire borders and to work with the local credit unions. It was estimated that this option would have a cost of approximately £190,000 for each of the first 3 years of operation (£574,000 over a 3 year period) and thereafter the provision should be self sustaining. The report also

outlined possible funding partners and suggested contributions. In addition, North East Derbyshire had submitted a bid to the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Programme (RIEP) on behalf of the partnership and this was for £195,500 which would cover the first year's costs. If this bid was successful it would reduce the overall contribution required to £378,500 to meet years 2 and 3 costs. However it was noted that the RIEP money would only be available until the end of March 2011 and therefore a commitment to funding years 2 and 3 was required by May 2010 from the proposed funding partners for the bid to succeed.

In response to the presentation the following points were raised:-

- concern regarding the level of contribution expected from Derby City Council; it was felt that this was not in proportion to the population it supported in this area.
- assurance sought that the new provision would be an enhancement to the existing facilities and would not conflict;
- concern expressed regarding the voluntary sectors involvement and funding requirements;

It was confirmed that the figures detailed in the report were indicative and could be reviewed. The expansion of the provision would enhance existing provision and there was no intention for conflict or competition. The point regarding the voluntary sectors contribution was acknowledged.

In general there was a high level of support for the project from partners present at the meeting and a number pledged financial support although certain partners still felt that the issue regarding Derby City's contribution needed to be re addressed. It was suggested that a meeting should be arranged by Derbyshire County Council involving all partners to discuss the funding arrangements in further detail. In response it was confirmed that further discussions were to take place with Derby City Council regarding this matter. It was also pointed out that perhaps other partners would want to be included such as the Police Authority and the Probation Service and it was reported that this would be investigated.

The chair agreed to convene a further meeting should one be required after all relevant discussions with other organisations had taken place.

RESOLVED (1) to note the findings of the feasibility study on credit union provision;

(2) that the preferred model (option 3 as set out in the report) be agreed;

(3) that the "proposed funding partners" consider the full study as a matter of urgency and indicate any financial commitment by the end of May 2010.

07/10 **UNDER PRESSURE: TACKLING THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGE FOR COUNCILS OF AN AGEING POPULATION** The Forum considered a report and received a presentation that highlighted proposed actions for the Health and Wellbeing Partnership to respond to the recent national Audit Commission report "Under Pressure – tackling the financial challenge for councils of an ageing population.

The Audit Commission's report had analysed the scale of the increasing older population and it had identified cross organisational implications specifically against a backdrop of pressure on public spending. It had also identified the organisations which could best tackle the increased volume of need which would result from the population changes.

The summary and full results of the study were available on the Audit Commission's website at www.audit-commission.gov.uk

A number of priority actions had been identified in the report and these were being taken forward.

These included:

- Joint commissioning strategy for older people;
- Draft Health Inequalities Strategy;
- Derbyshire County Council Ageing well in Derbyshire.

The report had also provided renewed emphasis on the following key tasks:-

- Poor housing and environment;
- Health and mobility problems;
- Informal support;
- Social isolation;
- Understanding local population changes;
- How to invest to produce the best results for local older people.

The intention was to take forward work on these tasks specifically through:-

- Focusing the next Health and Wellbeing Partnership summit on the priorities identified in "Under Pressure", which would include an invitation to all District and Borough councils;
- Undertaking a pilot of Total Place on support for older people in one area in Derbyshire.

The following comments were received in response to the presentation:-

- the increase in life expectancy increases the gap between the more advantaged and the less advantaged which also impacts on the Healthy life Expectancy. Strokes had been identified as one of the biggest risks and the key to dealing with issues such as these was by encouraging younger people to be healthier;
- NHS Derbyshire had strong support for this agenda and its work was very important to the development of the economy;
- reference was made to the importance of bringing all of the strategies which were in place together and the need to investigate how information sharing could be improved. It was noted that some elements of this would be addressed by the Total Place Initiative discussed at minute reference 10/10.

RESOLVED (1) that the proposed actions of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership in response to “Under Pressure” specifically involving the next summit and Total Place pilot be supported.

08/10 **LOCAL AREA AGREEMENTS (LAAS)** Steve Battlemuch the GOEM interim Director for Derbyshire delivered a presentation on the LAA Annual Review.

Steve reported that the LSP (Local Strategic Partnership) survey had revealed that generally LSP’s had been well received. They had brought people together and benefited local people, although it had been acknowledged that there was still opportunity for further work to be undertaken. The introduction of LAA’s had been perceived to have had a positive impact on LSP’s, however, responses from districts nationally had been less favourable. 2010 would be a key year for the process and the future of LAA’s would be considered. The Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) would continue in 2011 and Total Place was likely to be an important part of the future. In conclusion, Steve informed the Forum that GOEM felt that Derbyshire had established a strong and inclusive partnership although there was still a need for more debate and challenge. He then answered questions from the floor.

RESOLVED to note the presentation.

09/10 **DERBYSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA) – ANNUAL REVIEW AND REFRESH** Consideration was given to a report which sought endorsement of the final refreshed Derbyshire Local Area Agreement (LAA) 2008-11 submission. The Derbyshire Local Area Agreement (LAA) 2008-11 refresh for 2008/09 had been approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 24th March 2009 (minute reference 112/09). The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government had subsequently approved it on 3rd April 2009.

The key aim of the annual review and refresh for 2009/10 had been to reflect on progress against agreed targets. It had also provided an opportunity to discuss issues where there was new evidence not available during previous negotiations.

The draft refreshed Local Area Agreement was attached to the report at Appendix B.

The final adopted LAA would be approved by the Secretary of State by 31st March 2010 and further reports would be presented to the Forum in due course.

RESOLVED that (1) the refreshed Derbyshire Local Area Agreement (LAA) submission 2008-11 be endorsed;

(2) further reports be presented to the Forum in due course.

10/10 **TOTAL PLACE** The Forum received a report which gave an update on Total Place in Derbyshire and which outlined proposals to take forward the initiative across the county.

In August 2009, the DPF Board had provisionally agreed that, subject to Regional Improvement and Efficiency (RIEP) Programme funding, a pilot on Alcohol should be taken forward. (Minute reference 19/09 DPF Board refers.) However, as Alcohol was a

key theme covered by at least one of the thirteen national pilots, it had been agreed that the Partnership should wait for the outcome of the pilots before progressing further. It had also been agreed that work on two existing projects; the provision of services for children with disabilities and the provision of services for vulnerable adults with learning difficulties should continue and progress reported at the appropriate time. Reference was also made to a number of other local studies and programmes, which included the investigation of alcohol issues. In February 2010, (minute reference 04/10 DPF Board refers) the DPF Board had acknowledged that the momentum surrounding Total Place appeared to be gathering and therefore the Partnership Forum would have to decide whether to develop more detailed proposals for taking the initiative forward in Derbyshire. Whilst it had been agreed that the Forum could wait until the thirteen national pilots had reported back, it had been acknowledged that it was not clear when the final report would be available, as reports would probably go directly to the Treasury in the first instance. Further discussion took place at the meeting and it was agreed that the following three themes would be used to undertake pilot studies:-

- Challenging Families – A pilot to look at how public sector agencies work with what are a relatively small number of “challenging” families and whether services could be improved and efficiencies made;
- Provision of Advice Services – A pilot to consider the range of advice services available across the county, both within the council and other public sector agencies, as well as those available within the voluntary and community sectors; and
- Older People – A pilot to look at services for older people, particularly exploring links between health and adult care.

The report also contained details regarding the structure and suggested lead accountable officers for each of the pilots.

The Board would consider initial proposals for the three pilot initiatives at its next meeting in May 2010 and an update on progress would then be presented to the next meeting of the Partnership Forum in June 2010.

In response to the report members of the Forum supported the proposals; however, the importance of cross cutting issues such as alcohol was raised. A request was made for the provision of a report to the next meeting in relation to work undertaken and progress made on issues relating to alcohol.

RESOLVED that the Forum (1) notes the contents of the report and progress made in Derbyshire on Total Place;

(2) endorse the three themes identified in the report as Total Place pilots for Derbyshire;

(3) identify partner agencies and key individuals wishing to be involved in each of the three initiatives;

(4) task the Lead Accountable Officers as set out in the report with taking the work forward on the pilots;

(5) receive further progress reports on the three pilots to its next Forum meeting in June 2010;

(6) receive a report on current cross cutting work being undertaken in relation to Alcohol issues to its next meeting in June 2010.

11/10 **'BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER' – COMMUNITY COHESION IN DERBYSHIRE** The Forum considered a progress report which gave an update on work being undertaken by the Derbyshire Partnership Forum (DPF) Community Cohesion Working Group to build community cohesion in Derbyshire.

The draft 'Bringing People Together' strategy had been presented to the Forum in September 2009 (minute reference 36/09 refers). Partners had been encouraged to comment on the document by 8th January 2010. These comments had now been incorporated into a final draft document which was attached to the report at Appendix A for partner's consideration and approval.

It was reported that the Forum's Community Cohesion Working Group would continue to raise awareness of cohesion and deliver the objectives of the 'Bringing People Together' strategy.

The report contained specific details in relation to the following elements of work being undertaken:-

- Bringing People Together in Derbyshire branding;
- Small Grants Fund;
- Promotional Campaign (11th April to 23rd May 2010);
- Mainstreaming Community Cohesion – raising awareness.

The Chair encouraged partner's to contribute to this work by visiting a 'Bringing People Together' display which was available following the DPF meeting, where they would be able to share information and learn more about their role in the promotion of community cohesion.

RESOLVED (1) to approve the final draft of the Derbyshire community Cohesion Strategy; 'Bringing People Together';

(2) to note the progress made by the DPF Community Cohesion Group in developing partners' understanding of cohesion in Derbyshire and progressing joint activities;

(3) that partners be asked to suggest events and activities which can be promoted during the 'Bringing People Together' campaign;

(4) that the 'Bringing People Together Fund' be promoted.

12/10 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** The Chair referred to the following additional documents which had been distributed at the meeting:-

- Partnership newsletter;
- Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2014.

13/10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** **RESOLVED** that the next meeting be held on Friday 25th June 2010 commencing at 10.00 am at County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire.

14/10 **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS** **RESOLVED** that future meetings for 2010 be held on Friday 24th September and Friday 10th December both to commence at 10.00 am at County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire.

DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM

25 June 2010

Reducing Alcohol Harm in Derbyshire

Purpose of the Report

Reducing alcohol harm is one of the top three priorities for the Derbyshire Partnership Forum. The harm caused by alcohol misuse will affect most member organisations in terms of their work to improve the lives of Derbyshire residents, addressing issues such as community safety, health, (re)offending, positive futures for young people, housing, employment, teen pregnancy, sexual health and supporting families.

This presentation and the attached paper will update the Forum on:

- the wider context around alcohol harm
- the current situation in Derbyshire
- performance against national indicators
- what we're doing locally to tackle alcohol harm
- blockages / opportunities.

Background and Information

Please refer to the presentation and the attached paper, *Reducing Alcohol Harm*. The Derbyshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) is a partnership of statutory agencies that works in partnership with organisations across Derbyshire. The DAAT coordinates work to address alcohol harm using the attached activity list to help avoid duplication and to share good practice.

Contribution to the Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy

Reducing alcohol harm features in three of the five themed areas of the Sustainable Community Strategy, highlighting the cross-cutting nature of the problem and the need for multi-agency responses.

Under *Safer communities*, a priority is to reduce the harm caused by drugs and **alcohol** so that fewer people in Derbyshire misuse drugs and alcohol and as a result local people do not feel threatened or suffer abuse or violence due to drug and **alcohol** use.

Under *Children and young people*, a priority is to enable more children and young people to be healthy so that they can enjoy good physical, mental, emotional and sexual health and choose to follow healthy lifestyles (eating a healthy diet and participating in physical activity) without misusing **alcohol**, tobacco or illegal drugs.

And under *Health and wellbeing*, alcohol harm is acknowledged as rising, with the provision of effective treatment for more people who misuse alcohol identified as one of the ways to achieve health and wellbeing priorities.

Reflecting the importance of this area, the LAA includes a target that is intended to measure the combined efforts of organisations working across these themed areas: National Indicator 39 – alcohol related hospital admissions. Performance is currently red and the rate of admissions continues to go up.

The work described in the presentation and attached paper shows more than 50 ways in which the partnership is working to reduce the harm caused by alcohol and thereby slowing the historic increase in alcohol related hospital admission.

The Way Forward

The attached paper and presentation illustrate how this work is being taken forward in Derbyshire, seeking Forum member organisations' continued support for the good work already underway, and exploring opportunities for further action.

Recommendations:

That the Derbyshire Partnership Forum:

- confirm that reducing alcohol harm remains a top priority for the DPF
- support the commissioning of a Hospital Alcohol Liaison Team to work with Chesterfield Royal Hospital
- support collection of enhanced data from hospital A&E departments to inform community safety work and needs assessment
- ensure frontline staff take up DAAS training on identification and brief alcohol interventions (www.daas.uk.com 0845 308 4010)
- promote alcohol awareness with partnership staff both as individuals and as parents
- support multi-agency work, recognising the links between health, community safety and social (eg housing, employment) support, ensuring relevant staff engage with local groups (eg VALs, CSPs, LSPs) tackling alcohol harm.

David Lowe
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DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM

25 June 2010

Report of the County Council Chief Executive

DERBYSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA) – UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE 2009/10

Purpose of the Report

To update the Forum on progress made towards the achievement of targets agreed within the Derbyshire Local Area Agreement (LAA) at the end of 2009/10.

Current Performance

The Derbyshire Local Area Agreement (LAA) is now moving into its third and final year of implementation. Information available at 2009/10 year end shows:

- 21 indicators had met or had exceeded the target (green)
- 5 indicators were within 5% of achieving the target (amber)
- 24 indicators were 5% or more away from achieving the target (red)

Over the course of the year, there has been an improvement in the number of indicators on target from 32% to 42%. However, there has also been an increase in the number of indicators off target from 38% to 48%.

Target Status	Indicators Q1 2009/10	Indicators Q2 2009/10	Indicators Q3 2009/10	Indicators Q4 2009/10
Green	16	20	22	21
Amber	7	3	3	5
Red	19	20	22	24
Grey	8	7	3	0

The 24 indicators that were more than 5% away from achieving the targets are listed at Appendix A, as well as the 21 indicators that have achieved target and 5 indicators that are within 5% of achieving target.

Also in Appendix A, there is a column showing each indicator's direction of travel. An arrow pointing up demonstrates that the indicator is performing better compared to Quarter 4 2008/09. An arrow pointing down demonstrates that the indicator is performing worse compared to Quarter 4 2008/09. A horizontal arrow demonstrates that the indicator performed the same compared to Quarter 4 2008/09.

Comparing performance between the latest position and its equivalent in the previous year, 2008/09, shows that:

- 32 indicators were performing better than in the same 08/09 period
- 15 indicators were performing worse than in the same 08/09 period
- 1 indicator was performing the same as in the same 08/09 period
- 2 indicators could not be compared to the same 08/09 period as there was no comparative data.

Overall there is a positive direction of progress in respect of LAA performance. Since Quarter 3 a further 11 indicators are showing a positive direction of travel. A summary of areas that are on target and not on target are outlined below. In addition, details of the key exceptions and overall performance by Thematic Board are provided separately for the Forum's information at Appendix B.

Areas on target

Services for disabled children in Derbyshire are ranked the best nationally from the latest survey and improved by over 10% from the year before. Less children reported they experienced bullying in Derbyshire over the last year - a drop of 23% from the year before which equates to over 13,000 Year 6, 8 and 10 children. The number of young people coming into court for the first time has continued to decline and is consistently under 100 young people each quarter. The rate of serious acquisitive crime also continues to decline, and has consistently since October 2009. Mortality rates for females in Derbyshire have also got better.

Some indicators are very close to meeting targets. Adult participation in sport has increased and Derbyshire is the only County that has increased significantly over the last 3 years. The number of people who have been injured as a result of an assault has decreased but only slightly. It is hoped by sharing good practice across the County this trend can be improved, as this proved to be a successful approach in reducing the rate of serious acquisitive crime.

Areas not on target

Less infants are being breastfed compared to a year ago, but all mothers with a new born have been visited offering advice and support. The number of young people engaged in positive activities has declined since last year and Derbyshire's rank compared to 11 similar authorities has dropped from 5th to 9th. The economic downturn has had an effect on progress in engaging more 16-18 year olds in education, training or employment and there has been a slight drop in the number of people of working age who are qualified to Level 2. Hospital admissions due to alcohol related harm continues to increase. Over 70 projects are underway across the partnership to tackle all aspects of alcohol harm.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Forum

1. Note the progress made towards the achievement of LAA targets in 2009/10.

**Nick Hodgson
Chief Executive
Derbyshire County Council**

Derbyshire Local Area Agreement (LAA) End of year performance 2009/10

Indicators that are more than 5% or more away from achieving the target (red)

Ind. No.	Indicator description	Thematic Partnership	Direction of Travel
18	Adult re-offending rates for those under probation supervision	Safer Communities	↑
27	Understanding of local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police	Safer Communities	↔
39	Rate of Hospital Admissions per 100,000 for Alcohol Related Harm	Safer Communities	↓
53	Prevalence of breast-feeding at 6-8 wks from birth	Children's Trust	↓
56	Obesity in primary school age children in Year 6	Children's Trust	↓
73	Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2	Children's Trust	↓
75	Achievement of 5 or more A*- C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths	Children's Trust	↑
92	Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest	Children's Trust	↑
93	Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	Children's Trust	↓
94	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	Children's Trust	↑
99	Looked after children reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2	Children's Trust	↓
100	Looked after children reaching level 4 in mathematics at Key Stage 2	Children's Trust	↓
101	Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and mathematics)	Children's Trust	↓
110	Young people's participation in positive activities	Children's Trust	↓
112	Under 18 conception rate	Children's Trust	↑
117	16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)	Children's Trust	↓
120 (x2)	All-age all cause mortality rate - (males overall and Bolsover males)	Health and Well-Being Partnership	↑
120	All-age all cause mortality rate – (Bolsover females)	Health and Well-Being Partnership	↓
130	Social Care clients receiving Self Directed Support per 100,000 population	Health and Well-Being Partnership	↑

135	Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information	Health and Well-Being Partnership	↑
146	Adults with learning disabilities in employment	Health and Well-Being Partnership	↑
9	Use of public libraries	Culture Board	↓
163	Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 2 or higher	Sustainable Communities	↓

Indicators that are within 5% of achieving target (amber)

Ind. No.	Indicator description	Thematic Partnership	Direction of Travel
1	% of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area	All led by DPF Executive	↑
8	Adult participation in sport and active recreation	Culture Board	↑
20	Assault with injury crime rate	Safer Communities	↑
47	People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	Safer Communities	↑
193	Percentage of municipal waste landfilled	Sustainable Communities	↑

Indicators that are on target (green)

Ind. No.	Indicator description	Thematic Partnership	Direction of Travel
7	Environment for a thriving third sector	Culture Board	No comparative data
16	Serious acquisitive crime	Safer Communities	↑
32	Repeat incidents of domestic violence	Safer Communities	↓
49	Number of primary fires and related fatalities and non-fatal casualties (excluding precautionary checks)	Safer Communities	↑
54	Services for disabled children	Children's Trust	↑
69	Children who have experienced bullying	Children's Trust	↑
72	Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy	Children's Trust	↑
87	Secondary school persistent absence rate	Children's Trust	↑
120	All-age all cause mortality rate – females overall	Health and Well-Being Partnership	↑

129	End of life care – access to appropriate care enabling people to be able to choose to die at home	Health and Well-Being Partnership	↑
142	Percentage of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living	Health and Well-Being Partnership	↑
153	Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods	Sustainable Communities	↓
155	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	Sustainable Communities	No comparative data
169	Non-principal classified roads where maintenance should be considered	Sustainable Communities	↑
172	Percentage of small businesses in an area showing employment growth	Sustainable Communities	↑
175	Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling	Sustainable Communities	↑
186	Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions in the LA area	Sustainable Communities	↑
188	Planning to Adapt to Climate Change	Sustainable Communities	↑
195	Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly-posting)	Sustainable Communities	↑
L1	First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 at court entry level	Safer Communities	↑
L2	All adult drug users recorded as being in effective treatment	Safer Communities	↑

DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM

25 June 2010

DERBYSHIRE'S JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JSNA 2009) / DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S (DPH) ANNUAL REPORT

Purpose of the Report

The Forum is asked to note the publication of the 2009 JSNA / DPH Annual Report. The Report updates Derbyshire's health and wellbeing priority issues including those that have been identified for 2010. Partners are asked to encourage feedback on local health and wellbeing issues.

Background and Information

Since 2008 directors of public health, children's services and adult care have been required to conduct and publish a health and wellbeing needs assessment under the Local Authority and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The JSNA sets out the strategic priorities for improving health and wellbeing and steers health and wellbeing service commissioning.

A particular strength of the JSNA, recognised by the recent Marmot Review of health inequalities, is that it has served to focus attention on the key health and wellbeing issues that affect different areas across the country.

Given the overlap in subject matter, it is appropriate that this year, the DPH Annual Report has incorporated the JSNA.

The JSNA is building a web-based resource of health and wellbeing data to establish up-to-date trends in health and wellbeing issues.
http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/Social_health/inspection_of_services/joint_needs_assessment/default.asp . During 2010/11, this web resource will be augmented with atlas software to enable visualisation of health and wellbeing issues at small- and large-area geography.

Contribution to the Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy

The JSNA / DPH annual report is a statement about the key health and wellbeing issues affecting Derbyshire. These health and wellbeing priorities feed through to the Sustainable Community Strategy and as such provide the underpinnings to the LAA Health targets, including those relating to alcohol misuse, life expectancy, supporting people to live independently, and supporting carers of vulnerable people.

The Way Forward

Identifying the priority areas at a county-wide level is a reasonably straightforward process. However, we recognise that in a county as large and diverse as Derbyshire there may be considerable local variations in health and wellbeing experiences. Partners can help us to identify these local variations by feeding back comments, concerns or other observations. This can be done through the website.

Recommendations:

Please can partners:

1. Note the Report and its content.
2. Encourage widespread discussion of its content and priority areas.
3. Encourage feedback of comments, observations and arising issues.

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Report of the Derbyshire Partnership for Health and Wellbeing

Reducing deaths and inequalities in Derbyshire caused by tobacco

Vision

By 2020 to have become an overwhelmingly smokefree Derbyshire

Purpose of the Report

To provide a summary of progress in reducing the harm from tobacco in Derbyshire and to make recommendations for further progress in reducing the death, suffering and health inequalities caused by smoking and exposure to tobacco smoke.

Background

Smoking is the single biggest cause of preventable death in Derbyshire and is responsible for almost half the difference in mortality between the most deprived 20% of the population and the average. Smoking is also a major cause of house fires and fire related injury and death. Reducing smoking and exposure to second hand smoke is essential to deliver the Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets on All Age All Cause Mortality (currently 'red'). It also makes a major contribution to delivery of the Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy (e.g. improving outcomes for children, reducing fires and reducing poverty)

It is estimated that 21% - 23% of adults smoke in Derbyshire and about 17% of pregnant women are smoking at the time of delivery. Key facts are:

- 1250 people die each year in Derbyshire due to smoking
- People in routine and manual groups are about twice as likely to smoke as those in managerial and professional occupations
- 9% of 11-15 year olds smoke
- Smoking costs the Derbyshire economy an estimated £62m each year in lost productivity.

There has been considerable progress in protecting people from the harm caused by tobacco; there is still a long way to go. Reducing the burden of tobacco harm is everybody's business and the National Support Team on Tobacco Control's visit to Derbyshire stress the importance of working in partnership.

Progress in Derbyshire

Since the publication of the Smoking Kills White Paper in 1998, considerable progress has been made on reducing smoking prevalence and on protecting people from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke. In Derbyshire we have an effective tobacco control alliance (Derbyshire Action on Smoking - DAS). The DAS Steering Group meets three times per year but recent attendance has been poor.

Tobacco control remains a key public health priority at local and national level. The national smoke free public places legislation came into force on 1 July 2007 with compliance at over 98%. Derbyshire has done very well, working in partnership through DAS, to ensure that smoke free legislation has been implemented.

There are excellent stop smoking services available in Derbyshire with about 5000 people supported to quit smoking for at least 4 weeks last year. Many go on to remain permanently quit, with substantial benefits to their health and wellbeing and that of their family. Smokers are 4 times more likely to quit with the help of a stop smoking service and the use of nicotine replacement and other National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) recommended therapies.

The PCT now provides short (30 minute) training to all new starters about how to raise the issue of smoking and signpost people to stop smoking services. This training can be provided free to other organisations.

Many, (but not all) DPF member organisations have signed the 'Derbyshire Smoke Free Charter', ensuring their sites are smoke free (buildings must be smoke free by law), and have arranged for on site provision of free NHS stop smoking services to be available for employees who smoke.

While most people are protected from breathing in other people's smoke in public places and in workplaces, significant numbers of people are still regularly exposed to smoke at home, in cars and when they are working in the community visiting the homes of smokers. Unfortunately a large proportion of those regularly exposed to smoke are children.

Derbyshire Action on Smoking

Derbyshire Action on Smoking (DAS) has updated its strategy with the broad aim to promote long life, health and wellbeing in Derbyshire through reducing the prevalence and impact of tobacco use across the whole of Derbyshire including Derby City. The key strategic objectives to achieve this aim are:

Objective	
1	To develop, strengthen and sustain an Alliance that has a membership of relevant peoples and organisations committed to a comprehensive tobacco control strategy delivered through a multi-agency approach
2	Use a multi agency approach to reduce the uptake of smoking in young people and support actions to prevent the illegal sale of tobacco products contributing to a tobacco free society.
3	Promote actions that will motivate and assist every smoker in Derbyshire to quit. The Alliance will pay particular attention to interventions aimed at reducing smoking prevalence in hard to engage with groups, routine and manual smokers and those

	communities identified as having the highest rates of smoking prevalence.
4	Sustain a strong consistent approach to current Smoke free policy; enforcement and compliance, taking a lead role in the consistent introduction of further Smoke free provision.
5	Increase knowledge of tobacco and its consequences to health by promoting the tobacco control agenda within a consistent and coordinated media strategy, including using advocacy as a tool to inform and gain public, political and media support and to promote public and partnership involvement.
6	Take the lead on the development and promotion of actions that protect families and communities from tobacco related harm.

Recommendations:

To continue to drive down the human suffering and economic damage caused by smoking the following recommendations are made to Derbyshire Partnership Forum:

Helping people stop smoking

1. That training on signposting to local NHS Stop Smoking Services is offered to all front line staff. This includes health staff and staff in non health care settings (e.g. library workers, social workers and workplace occupational health departments.)
2. That staff from partner organisations encourage colleagues and clients who smoke to seek help from local NHS Stop Smoking Services.
3. Partner organisations discuss organising workplace stop smoking sessions with the Derbyshire County Stop Smoking Service / DAS. Where several employees smoke on site stop smoking sessions can work very well.

Projecting people from smoke and changing the culture

4. With support from the Derbyshire Action on Smoking Team (DAS) all partner organisations to:
 - Ensure their organisational objectives are consistent with the Derbyshire Action on Smoking objectives
 - Sign the Derbyshire Smoke Free Charter
 - Ensure appropriate representation on the DAS Steering Group.
 - Ensure their policies meet the requirements of Smoke Free Legislation.
 - Make their grounds, sites and vehicles smoke free
 - Ensure their policies cover illicit tobacco use in the workplace
 - Protect all workers from second-hand smoke

5. That partner organisations in a position to do so, work with enforcement agencies to reduce the availability of smuggled, counterfeit and other illicit tobacco.

Protecting children

6. Partner organisations endorse the priority of preventing the uptake of smoking amongst young people. Partner organisations (where there is opportunity to do so) proactively work with Trading Standards Departments, DAS Team and the Healthy Schools Team to ensure that every young person and every tobacco retailer in Derbyshire is given information on the dangers of tobacco products and test purchasing exercises continue.
7. That partner organisations with an opportunity / role to do so, make an organisational commitment to protecting children and others from exposure to second-hand smoke in the home and car by having an active involvement in the roll out the Derbyshire Smoke Free Homes and Cars project across Derbyshire.

Delivering a Smoke free Derbyshire

8. For the Health and Wellbeing Partnership to monitor progress every six months and to report to the DPF as required to ensure satisfactory progress.

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Report for Derbyshire Partnership Forum Meeting – Friday 25th June, 2010

Derbyshire Employment & Skills Board – Update

As reported to the Sustainable Communities Board in May, 2010 the **Derbyshire Employment & Skills Board (desb)** has completed their Strategy and Action Plan and this was ratified by The Board at their meeting on 17th March, 2010. Following the establishment of the **desb** in the summer of 2007, the updated Strategy and Action Plan builds on the Skills Strategy and **desb** Development Report produced by Chimera Consulting in October 2008. Since this time there have been significant changes in the workings and composition of the **desb** – most importantly with the addition of an experienced Private Sector Chair, the strengthening of membership with other Private Sector Members and a full range of Partners covering all aspects of Employment & Skills Support. This has been further enhanced by the establishment of an Executive Group (chaired by Jobcentre Plus) which is viewed as the mechanism for developing and progressing the actions of the Board. Collaborative work with the Derby City Jobs & Skills Group is well underway, with many Partners recognising the benefits of working more closely in the future, particularly in relation to the new Theme Groups:

- **Young People into Employment** – The Government has announced its intention to Raise the Participation Age (**RPA**) in learning to age 17 in 2013 & eventually to age 18 in 2015 in order to ensure that we have the necessary skills base within our young people to meet the needs of our economy if it is going to be able to compete in a global market. In support of the **RPA**, changes are being made to the 14-19 learning offer to young people, including the roll out of diplomas, apprenticeships and foundation learning which are aimed at better meeting the learning styles of all young people. Across Derby and Derbyshire, two Local Authority based 14-19 Partnership Groups oversee the development and implementation of this new curricular offer, both educational and work based, and the information, advice, guidance and support arrangements which are necessary to ensure that young people are able to make appropriate choices and maximise their potential. On both of these Local Authority based groups, the respective Local Authority and Connexions Derbyshire Limited play leading roles and provide a linkage to the Derby Jobs & Skills Group and **desb**. Of particular note in the new curriculum offer is the development of Foundation Learning for those young people who are not ready for a level 2 opportunity, an expansion of Apprenticeships (100% increase by 2012) which will also require substantial employer engagement and 14-19 Diplomas which are academic courses within a particular vocational setting (17 lines of learning eventually). The Young People into Employment Sub Group seeks to coordinate wider partnership involvement in the development and implementation of

the new curriculum offer with particular focus on: IAG; seeking to influence the commissioning and targeting of all 16 – 18 learning by Local Authorities from April 2011 to better meet the need of all young people; Improving support to young people in learning to age 19 by reducing drop out from opportunities and promoting the concept of managed learning transfers between providers where appropriate; Engaging a broad range of appropriate support from employers to ensure that all vocationally based opportunities have real relevance to world of work. The Group hold their first joint meeting on Tuesday 6th July, 2010. It is chaired by Hugh Hastie – Chief Executive of Connexions Derbyshire Ltd. Membership consists of Connexions Derbyshire Ltd, emda, Derby College, The Derbyshire Network, The National Apprenticeship Service, Derbyshire Education Business Partnership, City & County 14 – 19 Managers, Private Training Providers and the Learning & Development Consortium.

- **Employability – Welfare to Work** – The updated **desb** Action Plan recommended a refresh of the Terms of Reference and Membership of the Welfare to Work Group, considering ways to extend the remit to pick up the wider Public Service Agreement (PSA 16) Agenda of 'increasing the proportion of socially excluded adults in settled accommodation, employment, education or training' for: *Young People leaving care, Adult offenders under Probation Supervision, Adults in contact with secondary mental health services and Adults with moderate to severe learning disabilities.* Ensuring a coherent approach presents something of a challenge given the breadth of PSA 16. Assistance in establishing contact with the relevant Derbyshire County Council department responsible for the PSA 16 Targets would be appreciated to avoid duplication of effort, particularly as the group currently has a focus on employment & skills issues in relation to all disabled **adults**. This means two of the groups within PSA 16 – young people leaving care and people on probation orders are not covered.

NI 146 - Adults with a learning disability in paid work - The Disability

Employment Project which is hosted by Derbyshire County Council has secured funding for a further year. It will continue direct work with disabled job seekers. Over the next year a strong focus of the developmental work will be strengthening links with DCC human resources to further improve recruitment and selection procedures. Recently the County Council has run a recruitment pilot aimed at people with learning disabilities. The Disability Employment Project will be working across the organisation to ensure the pilot informs future practice. Efforts will also be made to ensure practice is shared with Local Area Agreement partners to help them take steps to look at creating job opportunities for adults with a learning disability. **The High Peak Supported Employment Service** and **Pathways to Employment in Derbyshire** provide intensive support to adults with a learning disability into work. High Peak Supported Employment Service is directly provided by the County Council and Pathways to Employment in Derbyshire is partly funded through European Social

Funding. Although significantly low, at the moment, the Disability Employment Projects in operation are confident that jointly they will meet the target of 92 individuals in paid employment by the 2011 date. The Group hold their next meeting on Tuesday 20th July, 2010 and is chaired by Iseult Cocking – Deputy Assistant Director, Derbyshire County Council Adult Care. A well attended group, membership consists of providers of services to disabled people, people with learning difficulties and mental health issues.

- **Employability – Worklessness** – Due to the differences in demographics it has been decided to maintain two separate groups for the City and County, though both chaired by the External Relations Manager for Jobcentre Plus for Derbyshire. It has also been agreed the two groups come together once per year (September 2010) to share best practice and explore joint working possibilities. The group focus their efforts on providing a multi-agency approach to tackling unemployment and long term worklessness including pre-employment support, skills support and IAG. Information regarding worklessness advice, support and guidance avoiding duplication and ensuring agencies are playing to their strengths. Particular focus is given to wards with the highest worklessness rate currently (Lower Super Output Areas): 1 ward within Amber Valley, 2 wards within Bolsover, 1 ward within Chesterfield, 1 ward within Erewash, 2 wards with High Peak and 3 wards within North East Derbyshire.

NI 153 - Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods.

Derbyshire LSOAs		
Working age population		22197
Date	Claim rate	Claimants
Base (Feb 07)	28.4	6301
2009 (Mar)	27.7	6138
2010 (Mar)	26.5	5888
2011 (Mar)	25.4	5638

Clearly in the current economic conditions there is no prospect of achieving the existing target of 25.4%. Having made excellent progress towards the target, achieving 26.6% in Q2 of 2008, the impact of the recession has brought the figure virtually back to the baseline. The biggest element in the increase has been in relation to job seekers allowance claimants. Analysis of more recent JSA figures suggests there will not be any significant improvement on this position up to 2010. The County Council has examined the comparative information provided as part of the refresh process and thinks there would be some merit in using a comparative figure as the basis for the target. On the basis of the figures provided up to Q2 2009 as part of the Tools Suite a revised target has been agreed with the Government Office that we would seek to achieve a target of maintaining a position of being 1.6 percentage points below the East Midlands figure. If the East Midlands

figure were to remain at 29.8%, the figure in May 2009, then the target for Derbyshire would be 28.2% or below. The May figure of 28.1% would currently be meeting the target. Another well attended group membership consists of Providers of Services – JCP, Skills Funding Agency, Probation Service, Colleges, Private Training Providers, Local Authorities and Connexions Derbyshire.

- **Skills Development** – A newly formed group it recently held its inaugural meeting which established its key area for work and priorities for action – Workforce Development, Employer Support including Start Up’s and Leadership and Management, Adult Learning, Skills for Life, IAG, HE/Higher Level Skills for those aged 25+) which will be embedded in a formal Implementation Plan to underpin the **desb** Action Plan. The group will also focus their efforts on driving forward the recommendations contained in The Demand for Skills in Derby & Derbyshire 2009 – 2023. <http://www.derbyskills-2023.co.uk/>. The group is chaired by Ged Leahy, chair of Derby City Jobs & Skills Group. Membership consists, primarily, of Providers.
- **Sector Development** – Within Derby City the Making Derby Work Project has been established to work with Employers and Organisations in key sectors to identify recruitment & skills needs. Whilst the project is funded via Derby City Partnership, the employers engaged in this project are not exclusively based within the City and some ‘overspill’ into the County is inevitable. Within Derbyshire we are using routes to employers via established channels – the Chamber, Federation of Small Businesses and Sector Skills Councils etc to provide the intelligence required.

The timeframe for the Strategy is to shape the work of the **desb** in the short term i.e. one to two years, with the Action Plan specifically for the period 2010/2011. There is an ongoing requirement to keep abreast of policy/government changes which will impact on the work of The Board.

With effect from April 1st the new system for allocating government funding to further education and training came into effect. The *Skills Funding Agency (SFA)* will fund and regulate Adult Further Education and Skills in England. The establishment of this new system follows the publication of the Skills for Growth Strategy www.bis.gov.uk/policies/further-education-skills/skills-for-growth. The **SFA** will be responsible for all publicly funded Adult Skills Training in England (outside of Higher Education). Its main function will be to direct public funding quickly and efficiently to FE Colleges and other Learning Providers in response to individual and employer demand. The Agency will create the right conditions so that colleges and providers can deliver the skills that employers and individuals need now and in the future, supporting skills development in areas of strategic importance to the economy. It will have responsibility for informal adult learning, offender learning and provision for adult learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

Local Authorities have also taken on the responsibility for securing education and training for all 16 – 18 year olds via the *Young Persons Learning Agency (YPLA)* established to work with government and local authorities to develop and deliver their vision and plans for young people’s learning.

At the time of writing the following information regarding the Regional Skills Strategy was the current situation. It may, however, be subject to change as a result of the new Coalition Government.

East Midlands Development Agency (**emda**) has been given and enhanced strategic role in Skills. They will take on the four additional responsibilities:

- Developing the East Midlands Skills Strategy (**EMSS**)
- Developing the Regional Skills Implementation Plan
- Developing a Regional Priorities Statement
- Carrying out Skills Advocacy

The embedding of the **desb** Skills Strategy into the new Regional Strategy provides the opportunity for a co-ordinated approach to improving skills provision and ensuring alignment to local and regional needs. It will ensure that skills are embedded in Economic Development more widely and enable all partners and stakeholders to contribute through one single process. On 27th May, 2010 the consultation for the East Midlands Skills Strategy commenced and closes on Monday 28th June, 2010. Stakeholders and partners are being encouraged to comment on the document.

<http://www.emda.org.uk/employmentskills/default.asp>

Rob Seeney, Regional Skills Strategy Manager, will attend the next **desb** meeting to discuss the best way for them to collectively respond. The Chair of the **desb** has been invited to become a member of the Regional Skills Strategy Advisory Group. This group will be the key regional skills group to steer and support the development and implementation of the Regional Skills Strategy.

The evidence and underpinning analysis in the **EMSS** will then be used to develop a Regional Skills Priorities Statement. This statement will be used to directly influence the commissioning and delivery of adult skills in the East Midlands. The proposed areas of focus are set out in the following four themes:

- The Role of Skills in Economic Change
- Skills for the Regions Priority Sectors
- Progression
- Improving the Quality and Responsiveness of Supply

Derbyshire Economic Partnership Business & Skills Group

The Business and Skills Group acts as an advisory group to the Derbyshire Economic Partnership Board, principally on the Single Programme to support improved rates of business formation, survival and growth and skills agenda. Its main areas of focus are:

- Co-ordination and alignment of business support with the Solutions for Business Programmes
- Business start-up development
- Innovation and Diversification
- Business Skills and Workforce modernisation (linked to the work of the **desb**)
- Availability and access to finance

- Supporting Companies to win Public Sector Contracts
- ICT and Broadband for Business
- Strengthening Marketing and Promotional Skills

Although independent of each other the Business & Skills Group and the Derbyshire Employment & Skills Board work closely together, utilising each other wherever possible and sharing information and activity.

The **desb** website www.desb.co.uk is due to 'go live' on Monday 14th June, 2010. The website will contain up-to-date news items and policy documents together with photographs of all Board Members with a link to individual websites.

An up to date list of Board members is below. The list is not exhaustive and further representation from The Private Sector is being sought.

Frank Lord -	Chair, Lord Corporate Associates Ltd
Cllr Simon Spencer -	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Derbyshire County Council
Bev Hunt -	Derbyshire County Council, Pre-19 Learners
Bob Kendall-	Job Centre Plus
Karen Haywood -	East Midlands Development Agency
George Cowcher/ Sarah Temperton -	Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Chamber
Hugh Hastie -	Connexions Derbyshire
John O'Callaghan -	Derbyshire Education Business Partnership
Julie Richards -	Chesterfield College
Karen Rhodes -	Derbyshire County PCT
Kay Adkins -	KAM Ltd
Lisa Vernon -	Learning & Development Consortium
Maxine Simmons -	Chesterfield Royal Hospital
Mike Brittain/ Nawaz Khan -	Derbyshire County Council – Chief Executives Economic Development
Natalie Gasson -	Federation of Small Businesses
Nicholas Robinson -	Department for Work & Pensions
Nigel Jackson -	Learning & Skills Council
Paul Stuart -	East Midlands Business Link
Peter Jessop -	The Derbyshire Network
Rosie Duncan -	EMQC Ltd
Sharon Forton -	National Apprenticeships Service
Sonja Smith -	Derbyshire Economic Partnership
David Jeffery -	Unite the Union
Malcolm Healey -	Sector Skills Council – SEMTA (Science, Engineering & Manufacturing Technologies)