

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)

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

Page 7, Minute Reference – 45/09 Local Area Agreement (LAA) – Performance Update 2009/10 Quarter 2

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.