

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor A I Lewer  
(in the Chair)

<b>Amber Valley Borough Council</b> Councillor S Bradford J Townsend	<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
<b>Amber Valley CVS</b> L Allison	<b>Derbyshire Fire &amp; Rescue Service</b> S Frayne J Scott
<b>Big Lottery Fund</b> M Rowe	<b>Derbyshire Older Person's Advisory Group</b> P Frakes
<b>Bolsover District Council/North East Derbyshire District Council</b> W Lumley	<b>Derbyshire Probation</b> R Plang
<b>Chesterfield Borough Council</b> H Bowen Councillor J Burrows	<b>Erewash Borough Council</b> Councillor C Corbett L Poyser
<b>Chesterfield College</b> S Kelly	<b>Erewash CVS</b> P Edwards
<b>Community Voluntary Partners</b> L Wallace	
<b>Derbyshire Association of Local Councils</b> B Wood	
<b>Derbyshire Constabulary</b> R Foster	
<b>Derbyshire Dales CVS</b> N Moulden	
<b>Derbyshire Dales District Council</b> Councillor L Rose D Wheatcroft	

<p><b>High Peak Borough Council</b> Councillor C Bisknell D Larner</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 Olympicnics, 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 2011.