

West Sussex Public Service Board

The Corinthian Suite, The Charmandean Centre, Worthing, West Sussex
5th November, 2007 at 2.30 p.m.

Present:

Henry Smith, Leader, West Sussex County Council (Chairman).
Tom Crowley, Chief Executive, Horsham District Council.
Myles Cullen, Leader, Chichester District Council.
Richard Emmens, GOSE
John Haffenden, Airport Manager, Shoreham Airport.
Mark Hammond, Chief Executive, West Sussex County Council.
Richard Hammond, Environment Agency
Elizabeth Kitchen, Leader, Horsham District Council
Liz Lamport, Crawley VCS Representative, Chair of Crawley Together LSP.
Robert Lanzer, Leader, Crawley Borough Council.
Jeremy Leggett, Chief Executive, Action in Rural Sussex.
Ian Lowrie, Chief Executive, Adur District and Worthing Borough Council.
John Marsland, Chief Executive, Chichester District Council
Keith Mercer, Leader, Worthing Borough Council
Jeremy Paine, Assistant Chief Constable, Sussex Police
Aidan Pettit, Sussex Learning and Skills Council
Nigel Scott-Dickeson, Horsham VCS Representative, Springboard Project.
Katie Scales, Chichester CVC Representative
Catherine Scott, West Sussex PCT
Nick Smart, Sussex Probation Office
Alistair Smith, Chief Executive, West Sussex Economic Partnership
Janice Spence, Mid-Sussex VCS Representative
Farhang Tahzib, Director of Public Health and Wellbeing, West Sussex.

Anne Moore, LAA Performance Manager, West Sussex County Council.

Philip Coleman, Head of Policy, West Sussex County Council.

Alison Crabb, Member Services Officer, West Sussex County Council.

John Dixon, Director for Adults' Services, West Sussex County Council

Stephen Kane, Head of Policy, Chichester District Council.

Natalie Brahma-Pearl, Adur District Council

Apologies

John Jory, Mid Sussex District Council

Gordon Marples, Mid Sussex District Council

Neil Parkin, Leader, Adur District Council

John Dixon, Director for Adults' Services, West Sussex County Council

John Wilderspin, Chief Executive, West Sussex Primary Care Trust

1. Welcome and Apologies

Henry Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for any additional apologies to those already received. He also explained a proposed agenda change to take the Part II discussion before Item 4.

2. Minutes of the PSB held on 23rd July and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 23rd July were agreed and there were no matters arising.

3. **Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) 2007**

Mark Hammond introduced the paper before the Board. The report described the emerging direction on funding issues and their implications for governance of the PSB. A lot of information and guidance was still to be circulated. This information would require consideration and the recommendations before the Board were to note the content of the paper and to consider establishing a sub-group to consider options for the future governance of funding issues when the final guidance is available.

The Board supported the recommendation to set up a sub-group to report back to the Board at their meeting in February. John Marsland and Ian Sumnall volunteered to join the group and other interested members were asked to notify Mark Hammond after the meeting.

4. **Sustainable Community Strategy for West Sussex
Part II discussion facilitated by Neil Border, West Sussex
County Council**

Neil Border introduced the item. The production of the Sustainable Community Strategy was a most important piece of work. It would set the future direction and vision for the County for the next 5-10 years. The aim of the session was to give Members of the Board an early opportunity to express their preferences for the issues that they believe should be given priority as a key objective within the Strategy. It would only be a starting point and there would be other opportunities for discussion and input the document.

Some Members of the Board then gave short presentations, with the aim of trying to convince the rest of the Board members why their particular area should be prioritised. Following the presentations all Members were given the opportunity to vote and the results of the vote are given below in reverse order of lowest to highest:

Market Towns,
Growing Old
Economy
Crime and disorder,
Transport, Environment,
Community,
Skills
Deprivation,
Affordable housing, Rurality
Children and Health

5. **Negotiating the new LAA**

Philip Coleman introduced the paper before the Board. He explained that there was considerable concern about the

government timescales for the process and this view was shared across the country. The paper described Government guidance so far and also gave details on the next steps for the West Sussex LAA negotiations, which included agreeing priorities. The current LAA and the early views on the priorities for inclusion in the Sustainable Community Strategy would need to be matched against the National Indicator Set. A piece of work had been undertaken to identify priorities within the current LAA and the Board was asked to agree or modify the list of priorities for initial discussion with GOSE and for consultation with stakeholders.

A discussion took place and the following points were noted:

County-wide targets did not necessarily relate to local areas so need to decide whether to set up a County-wide or area led target.

Voluntary Sector concerned that they had not been involved in the process so far. It was agreed that their input was important and that there should be time for them to consider and influence during the consultation process.

Pace of process was causing difficulties but it was planned to hold a stakeholder event in February before anything was brought back to the Board.

GOSE view was that there is time for priorities to be changed the first stage was to open negotiations with a list and then communicate and work outside of meetings to refine the list.

The aim should be to decide what was important and then try to identify appropriate indicators to achieve the required outcome.

The 17 statutory indicators might cover some of our priority targets, but as yet these were unknown.

All Members of the Board were invited to send their views direct to Philip Coleman so that the paper before the Board can be reviewed.

It was RESOLVED to approve the recommendations.

6. Work required to meet the challenges to community cohesion brought about by Migrant Workers

The report before the Board described the implications of new migrant worker communities in Arun and Chichester and recommended a one-off grant to Arun CVS of £93,000 from the Performance Reward Grant, to fund community development/integration activities.

Hilary Spencer declared an interest as lead on community cohesion in the Community Safety Partnership.

It was agreed that the issue raised by the paper was an important emerging issue within the County which as well as clearly being a community cohesion issue was also a community safety issue and the paper was supported by the West Sussex Strategic Community Safety Partnership. The funding was initially only for one year but might be considered a priority in the new LAA. There was also an opportunity for match funding to be obtained from the European Integration fund and Ian Sumnall would be exploring this possibility.

It was RESOLVED to support the recommendations in the paper.

7. Local Area Agreement Outcome 9A: Road Safety Funding Proposal

The report before the Board was for information only. It confirmed the decision to invest a further £320,000 from performance reward grant, in order to fund a number of road safety campaigns. It described suggestions made by PSB members and the response from the County's Highways and Transport service.

8. Any Other Business

No items raised.

9. Future Meetings

The following dates were agreed and as the County Joint Leaders Group have now moved their dates it was agreed that the meetings would start at 2 p.m. It was also agreed to continue to hold the meetings at the Charmandean Centre.

Monday 25th February
Monday 12th May
Monday 21st July
Monday 3rd November