

**Minutes of the Sevenoaks District Local Strategic Partnership
Held at Sevenoaks District Council Offices, 25th November 2010**

Sevenoaks District Local Strategic Partnership

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Present:

Robin Hales (chairman)	RH	Sevenoaks District Council
Brenda Armstrong	BA	Kent Youth Service
Kate Atterton	KA	Kent Adult Education
Lesley Bowles	LB	Sevenoaks District Council
Tony Cornfield	TC	Churches Together
Frank Czarnowski	FC	West Kent Housing
Jay Edwins	JE	NHS West Kent
Simon Hague	SH	Moat Housing
Terry Hall	TH	NHS West Kent
Steve Hyland	SH	K College
Nick Johansson	NJ	Kent Downs AONB
Tom Phillips	TP	Kent County Council
Kristen Paterson	KP	Sevenoaks District Council
Nick Silvester	NS	Kent Fire and Rescue Service
A C/Insp Rob Slade	RS	West Kent Police
Alan Whiting	AW	Sevenoaks District Council

Attending for Agenda Items

Alan Dyer	AD	SDC (Item 7.4)
Sophie Day	SD	Project Configuration Officer, Gateway, Kent County Council (Item 8)
Rachel Tinsley	RT	Corporate Intelligence Manager, Kent County Council (Item 8)
Richard Morris	RM	SDC (Item 9)

Apologies for Absence		
Ian Coupland	IC	Kent Adult Social Services
Adrian Futers	AF	West Kent Police
Chris Hare	CH	K College
Carol Healy	CHealy	Kent County Council
Declan O'Neill	DO'N	NHS West Kent
C/Super Tony Thomas		
Angela Slaven	AS	Kent County Council
Mark Whyman	MW	Sencio Community Leisure
Mandy Wynne	MWynne	Voluntary Action Within

	Kent	
2.	<p>Minutes of the Sevenoaks District LSP meeting held on 30th September</p> <p>The minutes were agreed.</p>	
3	<p>Successes (all)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TP: The Sevenoaks District Seniors Action Forum held its launch and first annual general meeting on Friday 1st October at the Plaza Suite in the Stag Community Arts Centre in Sevenoaks. The launch coincided with UN International Day of Older Persons. The forum is supported by Age Concern Sevenoaks & District, Voluntary Action Within Kent (VAWK), West Kent Housing Association, Kent County Council and Sevenoaks District Council. • TP (on behalf of Mandy Wynne): As part of its tour of Kent to promoting and celebrating the work of the voluntary sector and volunteering. The Big Purple Volunteering Bus has visited several locations in the District in October and November 2010. The project was organised by the Modernisation Project and funded by Capacity builders • JE: The Audit Commission were very positive about health and wellbeing work, including work in the Sevenoaks District at their presentation to the Public Health Board on 12th November 2010. • MTS: The 2010 assessment of KCC's adult social services by the national inspector for health and social care, the Care Quality Commission, said Kent Adult Social Services (KASS) was 'performing well' overall. • LB: The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership hosted a successful domestic abuse conference on 24th November. • NJ: The Kent Downs AONB is one of the UK's most wooded landscapes. Working with the Forestry Commission, Kent County Council and with funding from the 2 Seas Interreg programme, Kent Downs AONB will shortly be launching the Kent Downs Wood Fuel Pathfinder. This will be a two year project will seek to link potential demand for wood fuel based heat with the supply available from our woods, working with land owners, coppice workers, boiler installers and building owners, developers and managers to try to establish new, exemplar projects which will lead the way and hopefully provide helpful lessons for others. For more information on this project please contact NJ • NJ also stated that the 'Sustainable Tourism in our finest landscapes' project has now been funded. A total of £990,000 has been allocated from DEFRA's Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) to the National Parks and AONBs of the South East of England who are working in partnership with Responsible Travel.com. Kent Downs AONB has been the regional lead on this project. This project seeks to support, develop and take to market tourism products which are genuinely sustainable, provide local economic gain and which support and reflect the protected landscapes in which they are set. The project has funding for the leadership and management it will need; support for businesses to get engaged, develop and benefit 	

	<p>and provide a web platform and sophisticated marketing plan. The project has funding for 3 years and the commitment of Responsible Travel.com for two further years beyond the public support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KA: Community, Learning and Skills recently underwent a full inspection by OFSTED and was praised for its partnership working and consistently good quality of work. The thorough assessment looked at its Kent Adult Education, Skills Plus and KEY Training Services. The overall effectiveness of provision was graded by Ofsted as Level 2 or good. • AW: Successful Bligh's Meadow consultation. Over 350 people gave their views between 13th September and 17th November. The results are being collated and once the planning guidance is finalized, it will provide a detailed guide on the potential size and scale of any future development and how it might fit in with the surrounding area. • SH: The Moat Mobile Office was visited Edenbridge and Westerham. If any LSP partners are interested in using the facility contact SH. • SH also mentioned a recent partnership project between MOAT and Groundwork. The project will deliver Groundwork's "Green Doctor Service" to some of MOAT's residents including the Sevenoaks area. The Green Doctor service offering home visits and advice on energy, explaining how to access grant support for improvements and giving support on other environmental issues such as recycling, composting and water use. The Green Doctors target areas around the country how to make their homes more environmentally friendly and cheaper to run. Green Doctor 'remedies' are aimed at reducing fuel poverty in the most vulnerable families. It was agreed that SH would discuss the project with FC. 	SH & FC
4	<p>Quarter 2 (July – September 2010) Community Plan monitoring results</p> <p>AW summarised the monitoring results as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green – 96% • Amber – 1% (target 7.5) • Red – 0% • Missing 3% (targets 10.6a and 10.6b) <p>It was resolved that AW would speak to Malcolm Appleby to resolve the missing information situation for both Highways targets (10.6a and 10.6b). Although recently agreed by Kent Highways, TP acknowledged that it may be necessary to revisit them given the change in priorities in the current circumstances in local government.</p>	AW and Malcolm Appleby
5	Vision for Kent – Kent Partnership's new four year Community Plan	
5.1	<p>Draft Sevenoaks chapter in the refreshed county Vision for Kent document for comment</p> <p>LB noted that a paper was circulated to partners with the agenda for comments. LB stated that the main approach had been to take the long-term ambitions for the Community plan and the recently agreed 12 priorities agreed in the Community Plan 2010-2013 and map them to the 3</p>	

	<p>countywide ambitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambition 1: Countywide Ambition 1 – For Kent to be open for business with a growing prosperous economy and jobs for all • Ambition 2 – For no-one in Kent to be disadvantaged because of where they live, and for all to have confidence • Ambition 3 – For Kent residents to be responsible citizens, taking pride in making themselves, their families and their communities healthy, safe and strong <p>The following comments by partners were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NJ expressed concern that the Community Plan theme of Green and Healthy did not feature strongly in the Vision for Kent. As our priorities do reflect Green and Healthy, they should feature as part of the draft Sevenoaks Chapter and encourage the Vision to look at Green and Healthy issues. • JE was also concerned about the lack of emphasis for healthy in the countywide vision. JE felt it may be possible to reintroduce both Green and Healthy more effectively when an action plan is formulated to deliver the countywide vision. • TP felt that both green and healthy should have been considered as underpinning issues in the Vision for Kent document, and therefore were not explicitly referred to within the ambitions. • FC wished to encourage greater emphasis on what we can do as an LSP on disadvantage that will take away or mitigate disadvantage in a different way. For example, greater broadband access in rural areas may help mitigate the disadvantage caused to older people in the Sevenoaks District by poor transport links. • RH wished to reflect poor transport connectivity. The traditional rail connectivity advantage to London is being diminished by the introduction of the HS1 service from North Kent, Ashford and East Kent whereby commuter journey times are becoming comparable with those from West Kent. In addition the introduction of this new service has reduced the frequency of existing West Kent services to London. This has the effect of disadvantaging the Sevenoaks District with a declining attractiveness. <p>When the full Kent Partnership document comes back for comment, it was agreed that it should be reviewed to take into account partners comments.</p> <p>LB requested that any further comments should be made by partners as soon as possible to enable their incorporate into the Sevenoaks draft chapter and response to the Kent Partnership.</p>	All to note
5.2	<p>Discussion about disadvantage in the Sevenoaks District (Vision for Kent theme)</p> <p>LSP partners were asked to come prepared to talk about the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does you agency hold any information relating to disadvantage in the District, and if so, are there any key points of interest? • Is your agency currently undertaking any projects that seek to 	

tackle disadvantage in the Sevenoaks District?

Health Disadvantage

TH highlighted the key issues from the most recent [Sevenoaks Local Authority Health Inequalities report](#) as follows:

- Pg 12 of the document highlights a widening gap in life expectancy between the highest and lowest wards for life expectancy (LE). It shows:
 - The gap in LE between the wards with the highest (Leigh and Chiddingstone Causeway) and lowest (Edenbridge South and West) LE is around 9.5 years which is one of the widest gaps in Kent.
 - Edenbridge South and West, Crockenhill & Wellhill and Ash all show a decrease in LE between the periods 1999-03 & 2004-08.
- The overall increase in life expectancy shows the impact and success of healthy lifestyles initiatives, however, the widening gap highlights the need to target resources to areas of particular need in the District.
- Smoking is strongly associated with deprivation with higher estimated prevalence in the more deprived wards of Swanley St Mary's, Swanley White Oak and Edenbridge South and West. (Pg 15)
- Sevenoaks District 24% of adults are obese but just 11.5% of adults are physically active. Estimates of unhealthy weight by electoral ward are not available for adults, however in general obesity is associated with deprivation in Kent and therefore focussing on the more deprived areas with regard to the promotion of healthy diet and exercise is appropriate in reducing inequalities. (Pg 16)
- The children with the poorest health outcomes based on these indicators live in the Swanley wards of St. Mary's, White Oak, and Christchurch and Swanley Village; Hextable, Hartley and Hodsoll Street, Ash, Fawkham and West Kingsdown, Seal and Weald, Sevenoaks Eastern and Edenbridge North and East suggesting that children in these areas have on average, more hospital attendances and are more likely to be receiving disability living allowance than children in other areas within the district (Pp 20-22).

Education

- JE highlighted that the most recently available [Health Profile of the District from the APHO](#) shows, that 32.1% of students attending LEA secondary schools in the District achieved 5 or more GCSE's at grades A*-C including English and Maths in 2009. This compares the national average of 50.9% and is the lowest in the country.
- LB noted that there are no grammar schools in the District and presence of high performing private schools exacerbates the disparity in educational attainment and these life opportunities between high-income and low-income families in the District.
- TP asked SD and RT if any work had been done on MOSAIC on GCSE

	<p>results at LEA schools in the District adjusted to home address. SD and RT will let AW know if there are any reports available for the partnership. LB highlighted that Mosaic analysis of data by Cluster was already available. AW to speak to CHealy.</p> <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB noted that AW had prepared a summary of key disadvantage data from the following sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Plan 2010-2013 (original sources noted in the document) ○ Sevenoaks Economic Development Profile ○ Sevenoaks District Strategic Assessment 2009 ○ Sevenoaks District emerging Strategic Assessment 2010 ○ Sevenoaks District Strategy for Transport (Produced by KCC) ○ West Kent Investment Strategy (West Kent Partnership) ○ It also includes a summary of key health information as provided by TH and JE. <p>RH asked all partners to send information on disadvantage (attached as Appendix 1) to AW for inclusion in the summary of disadvantage in Sevenoaks.</p> <p>This will ensure that the Sevenoaks LSP has the detail which will support its response to the Vision for Kent. It was noted that both FC and SH have information on disadvantage that they will get to AW.</p>	All to note for action
6	<p><u>Bold Steps for Kent – the medium term plan to 2014/15</u></p> <p>TP introduced this item. Bold Steps for Kent, is Kent’s medium-term plan for the next four years, published for consultation on 18 October 2010 by Kent County Council Leader, Paul Carter. It replaces Towards 2010 published in 2006.</p> <p>There are three clear aims that run throughout Bold Steps for Kent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help the Kent economy grow - support and facilitate the new growth in the Kent economy by delivering the priorities in our regeneration framework Unlocking Kent’s Potential, by delivering new housing and new infrastructure and by working with key business sectors. • To put the citizen in control – putting power and influence in the hands of local people so they are able to take responsibility for their own community and service needs. • To tackle disadvantage –making Kent a county of opportunity where aspiration rather than dependency is supported, particularly for those who are disadvantaged or who struggle to help themselves and their family. 	
7	<p>Brief updates on delivery from sub-groups</p>	
7.1	<p><u>LSP Delivery Fund Appraisal group</u></p> <p>LB reported that the group had met on 29th October 2010, to consider</p>	

	<p>applications to the LSP delivery fund. LB reported that applications from Family Matters, Charlton Athletic and Carers First were all successful. In addition, the group approved an application by VAWK to run a graduate volunteering project. It was agreed that this project would be placed on the agenda of the next LSP meeting.</p>	
7.2	<p>LSP Housing Sub-group and the Housing Action Plan</p> <p>The first meeting of the LSP housing sub-group has been arranged to take place on Wednesday 1st December. A copy of the draft Housing Action Plan has been circulated to members of the LSP Housing Sub-Group for comments.</p>	
7.3	<p>Health Action Team</p> <p>LB noted that the Partnership was aware of the Action Plan produced by the HAT in support of the Community plan and that it had agreed to rename itself the Health & Wellbeing Board following the suggestion by Jay Edwins at the last LSP meeting</p>	
7.4	<p><u>Local Development Framework</u></p> <p><u>Core Strategy</u></p> <p>The Hearings were open from 5th -22nd October. The Inspector's report is due on 24th December and if the Core Strategy is found sound the Council should be able to adopt it in February 2011.</p>	
7.5	<p><u>Sevenoaks Local Children's Trust Board</u></p> <p>The Sevenoaks Local Children's Trust (LCT) Board met for the first time on 11th October. They discussed the formation of the new LCT Board, the relationship between the LCT Board and other strategic groups, the introduction of a new LCT terms of reference and membership. The Board also considered the draft Sevenoaks District pages of the new <u>county Children's and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2011-14</u> and to consider what the local priorities should be for the next 3 years</p> <p>For more information contact <u>James Harman</u></p>	
8	<p>An Introduction to Mosaic</p> <p>A presentation was given to partners by Sophie Day, Project Configuration Officer – Gateway, Kent County Council and Rachel Tinsley., Corporate Intelligence Manager, Kent County Council.</p> <p>Partners thanked SD and RT for a very interesting presentation highlighting the possibilities of Mosaic.</p> <p>RT noted that the “Rural” category could be broken down into 6 sub-types.</p> <p>RT noted that a refresh of Mosaic will take place at the beginning of the new year to reflect new data from Kent Police and Kent Fire and Rescue Service.</p>	

	<p>Following a question from JE, RT noted that Mosaic Origins was being used at KCC. This uses Christian names and surnames look ups and probability equations, to map possible ethnic origin. JE and TH agreed that this may be useful for health prevention work.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation is attached at Appendix 2.</p>	
9	<p>Update on Major Planning Applications</p> <p>Swanley</p> <p>Planners have been in discussions with Barton Wilmore who are representing the freehold landowner Development Securities to discuss redevelopment ideas. Issues under discussion include the balance between commercial floor space and residential and the expansion of the development envelope.</p> <p>Farmers Site, Sevenoaks</p> <p>The site is owned by the Glenmourne Corporation. The developer had recently submitted a lawful development certificate to establish whether the now expired permission has been lawfully implemented.</p> <p>As the planning application was granted (on appeal) under the previous Local Plan policy and prior to Planning Policy Statement 3, (PPS3) there is no affordable housing proposed. The policy stance is now different and if a further application for residential development was to be submitted the policy basis would require 40% affordable housing on site</p> <p>Eden Valley School</p> <p>The scheme includes permission for 40 residential units, of which 50% will be affordable. Works should commence on site next year.</p> <p>West Kent Cold Store</p> <p>Highways works are due to commence on 10th January 2011. TP to take up with Kent Highways to ensure coordination of works to minimise disruptions for local residents. (Action for TP)</p> <p>RM reported that Berkeley Homes have not yet discharged all their pre-commencement conditions or done all their remediation's.</p> <p>Horton Kirby Paper Mill</p> <p>RM reported that HKPM was now nearing completion.</p>	TP
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>No other business was reported.</p>	AW
13	<p>Dates of future meetings in 2010/11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 17th February 2011 – 10am -12pm at Sevenoaks District Council Offices • Tuesday 15th March 2011 –Date for LSP Away Day. 	All to note