

Feedback from Thematic Partnerships: September 2008

Thematic Partnership			
Economic Development Partnership			
Main Aims of the Partnership			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement Fareham's Sustainable Community Strategy by promoting or improving the economic development of the borough, setting out the longer term vision and key priorities, identifying delivery mechanisms, tracking progress and contributing to the review of the Strategy as required. To implement the local delivery of the priority outcomes for economic development in the Hampshire Local Area Agreement. To adopt and take ownership of the vision, goal, principles, aims, objectives, activities, indicators, baselines and targets related to economic development while keeping a lateral view of connected and cross-cutting issues. To encourage opportunities for better ways of working, joint working, delegation and joint or shared resources where appropriate. To monitor and review progress and periodically report to the networkfareham Board on performance. 			
Emerging Priorities			
How can you make a difference?	1	Greater business engagement in the economic development process Greater business input to skills needs. Analyse local education / skills provision with a view to greater business representation on schools & colleges Boards of Governors	
	2	Business support - co-ordination of agencies with a view to holding a Fareham Enterprise Day	
	3	Infrastructure – promote contributions to achieve the Swanwick Station to Segensworth cycleway	
	Links to Hampshire Local Area Agreement Priority Outcomes		
LAA Priority:	2	<p>Priority B:- Deliver first class support for businesses, promote skills and workforce development and address barriers to unemployment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A more enterprising economy supported by first class support to business. A stronger economy in rural areas. Improved skills. <p>Flagship Initiative 4:- Reduction in economic inactivity and unemployment through increasing the participation of groups who are under-represented in the labour market</p>	
Progress since December 2007			
<p>Issues have been analysed and prioritised to identify the "emerging priorities" above. Three target areas have been identified under a general aim of securing greater business engagement of business with the economic development process in Fareham. Detailed projects and timescales will be pursued in association with members.</p> <p>The meeting scheduled for 12 September 2008 was cancelled in response to last minute member withdrawals. The agenda was intended to include responses to the Sustainable Community Strategy Economic Development chapter and the Fareham Savers a report inviting support for the Fareham Savers bid for funding. Comments from the members were invited and responses are set out in the attached appendix.</p>			
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Organisation	Representative		
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Federation of Small Business	Chris Ward		
Portsmouth & SE Hants Chamber	Maureen Frost		
Fareham Town Centre Management	Clive Wright		
Southampton & Fareham Chamber	Russell Mogridge		
Learning & Skills Council (LSC)	Mike Stoneman		
Elite Engineering Ltd	John Pendry		
National Air Traffic Services	Tony Bradley		
First Bus	Matt Kitchin		
Jonathan Morris	Business Link		
Portsmouth Housing Association (PHA)	Hazel Warwick		
Meetings Held and Arranged			
Date:	26 Oct 2007	Date:	18 Jan 2008
Date:	30 Nov 2007	Date:	15 Feb 2008
Date:	14 March 2008	Date:	9 May 2008
Date:	12 September 2008 (cancelled)	Date:	14 Nov 2008

Comments on

Fareham Savers

1. Michael Foote (Chairman)
I am happy to support the bid to set up Fareham Savers, I think they have a tough job, especially in this environment but it is worth the effort.
2. Carl Groves (Fareham College)
The Debt & Money Advice Group Bid could not be more timely, with the credit crunch biting and lessons needing to be learnt (at all levels in business and society!) about the nature of financial risk and over exposure to debt. In practical terms, I think it is an excellent use of a modest amount of money and will directly contribute towards the multifarious task of reducing social deprivation.
3. Peter Dean (Hampshire Economic Partnership)
Support the principle of a Fareham Savers scheme and keen to ensure that an appropriate form of management is put in place to achieve cost effective implementation.

Sustainable Community Strategy - Economic Development Chapter

1. Michael Foote (Chairman)
Comments incorporated
2. Carl Groves (Fareham College)
The Briefing Paper gets to the heart of exactly what the economic problem is in Fareham and suggests some reasonable ways forward. All I would add is that it would be useful to know more about what employees travel out of the area to actually do! This then creates the potential to assess whether these specific jobs / industries / professions could be attracted / relocated to Fareham Town and Fareham Borough.
3. Peter Dean (Hampshire Economic Partnership)
Concern that a lack of concrete actions does not allow the reader to gain any insight into how the strategy translates into action on the ground. Suggest the inclusion of a delivery plan that will demonstrate how the strategy will make a difference to the Fareham citizens