

# networkfareham

Fareham's Community Partnership

## MINUTES of a meeting of the networkfareham Board held at the Civic Offices, Fareham on Wednesday 24 September 2008.

### Present:

<b>Board members</b>	
Councillor Seán Woodward	Fareham Borough Council
Councillor Trevor Cartwright (Chairman)	Economic Development Partnership
Paul O'Beirne	Community Engagement Partnership
Neil Luckett (on behalf of Noreen Kickham & Kathryn Rowles)	Health and Well Being Partnership
Chief Inspector Steve Wallace	Community Safety Partnership
Revd Frank Wright	Children and Young People's Partnership
Dr Pauline Holmes	Environment and Transport Partnership
Andrew Emerson ( on behalf of Hazel Warwick)	Housing Partnership
<b>Support Officers</b>	
Peter Grimwood	Fareham Borough Council
Phil Rayner	Fareham Borough Council
Janie Millerchip	Fareham Borough Council
Jo Hamilton	LSP Coordinator, Networkfareham
Des Hobson	Hampshire County Council
Colin Mitchell	Independent Adviser
Pam Buckingham	Fareham Borough Council

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Ray Ellis, (Hampshire County Council), Hazel Warwick (Housing Partnership) and Noreen Kickham and Kathryn Rowles (Health and Wellbeing Partnership).

### 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the (networkfareham) Board held on 3 June 2008 were agreed (*copy circulated with the agenda*).

### **3. UPDATES FROM THEMATIC PARTNERSHIPS**

Thematic partnership representatives gave an update report on progress since the last meeting in June 2008 (*copies of feedback reports circulated with agenda*).

Matters arising from discussion were:-

- Information is still awaited from the County Council as to when the Hampshire Children and Young People's Plan will be published.
- Excellent progress is being made on the E-Panel. Partnership members were invited to submit any further questions for inclusion in the survey currently being compiled.
- The first Community Safety Partnership Awards event recently took place and was attended by the Mayor of Fareham.
- Progress on the development of Safer Schools Partnerships was reported.
- Fareham Exercise Referral Scheme has proved very successful. Funding is an issue and it is possible that a bid for funds may be made to a future Board meeting.
- The dry house in Kings Road, Fareham is now operational.

It was AGREED that each representative be thanked for their update report and the information noted.

### **4. DRAFT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

The Board received a briefing report (*circulated with agenda*) on the draft Sustainable Community Strategy for comment. It was reported that an Executive Summary, Action Plan and graphics would be added to the final draft document at a later stage. In general, it was the Board's view that the Executive Summary should aim to identify the key issues and key priorities and explain the linkages between them.

The Board made the following comments:-

- (i) Overall it was the Board's opinion that the document could be refined and the number of priorities identified in each section reduced; and
- (ii) It was suggested that the last sentence on page 5 be amended to read "Feel welcome, supported and involved in the community" instead of "Feel more involved in the community".

Members noted the proposed consultation process. The outcomes would be reported to the Board at the meeting in December 2008.

It was AGREED:-

- (a) That members circulate any further suggested changes to the Strategy by e-mail, for agreement; and
- (b) That a draft Executive Summary be prepared and circulated to partnership members for comment.

## **5. POCKETS OF DEPRIVATION IN FAREHAM**

The Board received a report (*circulated with agenda*) which analysed the latest data as it relates to the area encompassed by Fareham Borough Council, in order to inform the Board of the issues that have contributed to the identification of pockets of deprivation in the borough. Members were referred in particular to the conclusions and series of recommendations in sections 8 and 9 respectively of the report.

The Board discussed specifically the Hill Park Area of Fareham which the report clearly identified as the one area of deprivation in the Borough. Reference was made to the levels of deprivation relating to education and skills (page 13 of the report refers). It was agreed that an investigation into the matter should be given priority and that it was essential to obtain support from representatives of education services.

It was AGREED:-

- (i) That further detailed research be undertaken with specific focus on the Hill Park Area; and
- (ii) On completion of the above research work, a working group be set up to include a representative from each partnership; the area ward councilors and other interested parties, as appropriate.

## **6. FUNDING BID FROM DEBT AND MONEY ADVICE GROUP**

The Board received a report (*circulated with agenda*) from the Debt and Money Advice Group (DMAG) regarding a bid from the Economic Development Partnership for £5,000 to extend Portsmouth Savers services into both the Fareham and Gosport Boroughs, (re-branded as Fareham Savers and Gosport Savers). Members considered the summary of the bid which detailed the proposed areas of activity to be covered by the funds. It was noted that DMAG would be seeking additional funding of £5,000 from Gosport Borough Council.

It was AGREED that the bid submitted by the Debt and Money Advice Group for the sum of £5,000 for the purposes detailed in the above report, be approved.

## **7. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Details of future meeting arrangements up until December 2009 were notified as follows:-

Tuesday 2 December 2008 (AGM) - Collingwood Room, Fareham  
Tuesday 3 March 2009 - Collingwood Room, Fareham  
Tuesday 2 June 2009 - Collingwood Room, Fareham  
Tuesday 8 September 2009 - Collingwood Room, Fareham  
Tuesday 1 December 2009 (AGM) - Collingwood Room, Fareham

**All meetings to be held from 4.00 pm until 6.00pm.**

*(The meeting started at 4.00 pm and ended at 4.40pm)*