

MINUTES

MEETING NAME: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Date: Friday 26th October 2007

Time: 2.00 pm

Attendees: Councillor Cartwright
Tony Mundy, Economic Development Manager, Fareham Borough Council
Chris Ward, Federation of Small Businesses
Michael Foote, Segensworth Business Forum
Carl Groves, Fareham College
Maureen Frost, Portsmouth & SE Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Kristine Salomon-Olsen, Southampton & Fareham Chamber of Commerce (Sub)
Patricia Gray, Fareham Town Centre Management (Sub)
Kate Busby, Fareham Borough Council - Note taker

Apologies: Hazel Warwick, PHA
Matt Kitchin, First Hampshire & Dorset
Mike Stoneman, LSC
John Pendry, South Hampshire Enterprise Agency
Johanna Hamilton, Fareham LSP Co-Ordinator
Tony Bradley, NATS
Clive Wright, Fareham Town Centre Management
Russell Mogridge, Southampton & Fareham Chamber of Commerce

ACTION

2. Progress of Sustainable Community Strategy

The recent Local Government White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' states that, in future, Local Strategic Partnerships should evolve into a 'partnership of partnerships'. A report on the future of Fareham's Local Strategic Partnership, networkfareham, was presented to Fareham Borough Council's Executive on 2nd April 2007

<http://www.fareham.gov.uk/crs/executive/executive-06-07.asp>.

The inaugural meeting of reconfigured Board is scheduled for 6 December 2007 and will receive input from seven thematic partnerships that follow the priority outcomes of the [Hampshire Local Area Agreement \(LAA\)](#).

3. Appointment of Chairman

Michael Foote was proposed by Councillor Cartwright, seconded by Carl Groves and confirmed as the Chairman of the partnership group.

4. Appointment of networkfareham Board Representative

Councillor Cartwright was proposed by Michael Foote, seconded by Chris Ward and confirmed as the Board representative.

5. Terms of Reference

The initial Terms of Reference (ToR) as prepared by AM were agreed in their current form as a starting point to move the work of the group forward. If the development of the group requires the ToR to be amended, changes can be incorporated, with a formal review to be carried out annually.

6. Membership

Membership was agreed as per the list put together by AM, detailed in the Thematic Scope document. It was agreed that other areas / organisations such as Cams Estate, ONS, Job Centre Plus could be involved in the future as specific issues and tasks arise.

Cllr Cartwright agreed to speak to the Commodore of HMS Collingwood as no response has been received from them to date regarding representation at this meeting. Cllr Cartwright

7. Scope of Economic Development Partnership

AM had circulated the document 'Thematic Scope' prior to the meeting.

It was felt that more detailed background information would assist the group in determining where the partnership will be positioned in terms of work and influence to add value to the local economy.

AM will circulate links to the following background documents :

AM

Hampshire Local Area Agreement

Summary of DTZ Consultant Study commissioned by PUSH (Partnership for Urban South Hampshire)

Flow diagram of local and regional economic development bodies and organisations contained within South East Plan Glossary.

8. Key Issues

For economy

1. Economic activity / participation rate
2. GVA growth rate
3. Entrepreneurship
4. Land for development
5. Balance of business sectors
6. Vibrant town centre

For business

1. Land / premises supply
2. Skills availability
3. Key worker housing
4. Congestion
5. Networking
6. Supply chain
7. Business start-up

For residents

1. Training
2. Local jobs
3. Travel to work
4. Affordable housing
5. Childcare?
6. Debt / credit

Other key issues identified :

Improving the services of business support organisations

Recruiting staff with the the right skills, attitude and behaviour towards the job

Availability and uptake of apprenticeships

Migrant workers

Management Skills - Level 4/5 and above

Environmental impact - sustainability issues - efficiency - climate change

Public transport improved to meet needs of economy (up to 24 hours)

Improved communication of growth sectors through Connexions

Central government legislation, tax changes etc

Money management help and support

Focal point for Fareham town centre

Cross boundary issues with Gosport (Fleetlands / Sultan / Daedalus) and

Whiteley (NATS and Solent Business Park)

Tesco development of Foundry site - opportunity

Taking greater advantage of Fareham's assets (town centre, waterfront)

9. Projects to address priorities

At the next meeting the group will need to prioritise the above list and decide on a reasonable number of achievable actions to be drawn up to achieve outcomes that could be of most benefit.

10. Programme of future meetings

Quartely meetings on the second Friday of the month preceding the Board meetings with additional meetings to establish the priorities of the partnership. It was agreed that Friday afternoons suit those present at the first meeting, to be confirmed with those unable to attend today.

Next meeting to be held on Friday 30th November at 2pm in the Council Chamber at FBC Civic Offices.

11. Any other business

There were no items for discussion.