

networkfareham Board Meeting
Tuesday 1 December 2009

Item 8 Briefing Paper
Fareham Park Project update

BACKGROUND

- 1 At its September meeting, the Board received a report and presentation relating to a proposed community development and research project in the Fareham Park area. The Board approved the following recommendations within the report:
 - the Board continue to give high priority to the project as an LSP and individual partner organisations be asked to give the project high priority within their own corporate plans;
 - the Board use the current funds of £13,000 (and the £5,000 which will become available in April 2010) to support the proposed community research project;
 - the Board place bids with Hampshire County Council for a further £4,750 and Progress through Partnerships for a further £6,000 to support the project;
 - a second mini-conference for interested parties within the project area be arranged; and
 - the Board support the redevelopment of the St Columba site to support community engagement within the area.

PROGRESS

- 2 The bids to Hampshire County Council for £4,750 and to Progress through Partnerships for £6,000 were submitted and both have recently been approved.
- 3 Learning Links has appointed a Project Coordinator for the community development and research project. The Project Coordinator has met with Cllr Davies (Fareham North West ward member) who has shown them around the Fareham Park area. Preparations are in progress to identify a suitable base for the Project Coordinator to work from and also a suitable venue for public meetings and training events.
- 4 Various meetings and discussions have taken place with key partners to continue the mapping of existing services provided in the area. These include:
 - Henry Cort Community School (including the Headteacher and his management staff).

- Community development workers based at Henry Cort Community School.
- Hampshire PCT and Hampshire Community Health Care.
- Connexions staff based at Henry Cort Community College.
- Fareham North West Community Association.

5 Representatives of **networkfareham** have also attended various meetings and events to promote the project including Fareham Children and Young People's Partnership and Fareham Learning Partnership.

NEXT STEPS

- 6 A steering group meeting has been arranged for 27 November. The new Project Coordinator will attend this meeting and future actions will be agreed.
- 7 A report to the wider stakeholder group who attended the July conference is being prepared for circulation.
- 8 The steering group agreed that the second stakeholder event should be held late February/early March next year to allow time for community champions to be appointed.