

## networkfareham Board Meeting Monday 1 December 2009

### Item 9 Briefing Paper Annual Report 2008-2009

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This report gives an outline of networkfareham's achievements over the last 12 months.
2. Highlights of the year gone by include:
  - Fareham Park July conference and commitment of funding towards a community development and research project
  - Launch of Fareham Park credit union multipoint which has attracted 61 new clients (including a saver who deposited £20,000) and lent £5,850 to members of the community experiencing financial exclusion
  - Sustainable Community Strategy consultation.
3. The year ahead will see:
  - Progression of the Fareham Park Project and community research and engagement
  - Responses from thematic partnerships regarding how they will address comments and suggestions made during the Sustainable Community Strategy consultation
  - A Review of Quality of Life in the Borough of Fareham will be produced using the National Indicator Set.

#### LOOKING BACK

##### Local Strategic Partnership structure

4. The current LSP structure is shown in [Figure 1](#) below consisting of an executive Board together with seven local Thematic Partnerships and associated sub-groups. Although subsidiary to the Board, each thematic partnership is a decision-making body in its own right.
5. LSPs work through three main layers:
  - Strategic: oversight, vision, and direction-setting;
  - Executive: resource allocation and performance management; and
  - Operational: service management and delivery.



**Figure 1: Structure of Fareham's Local Strategic Partnership**

6. Membership of the Board comprises nine representatives drawn from Fareham Borough Council, Hampshire County Council and each of the seven thematic partnerships.

### **Progress across the thematic partnerships**

7. Every Board meeting receives a progress update from each of the thematic partnerships. A separate report sets out their achievements for the year together with a round up of their main aims and emerging priorities.

### **Sustainable Community Strategy**

8. Fareham's Sustainable Community Strategy underwent consultation between 3 March 2009 and 30 June 2009. A total of 652 responses were received and the top three issues identified for improvement were responding to community priorities in reducing anti-social behaviour; reducing traffic congestion and improving the life chances of children and young people.
9. The Sustainable Community Strategy has been updated for the Board's approval in light of comments received.
10. All comments received in the consultation have been collated under the most relevant thematic partnership and each partnership is invited to report back to the Board in March 2010 on how they are progressing actions from the comments received.

### **Fareham Park Project**

11. At its September meeting, the Board approved and committed funding towards a community development and research project which will be led by Learning Links.
12. The Fareham Park Project Steering Group has met twice since the last Board meeting and Learning Links have appointed the Project Coordinator.
13. Phil Rayner and Jo Hamilton continue to meet stakeholders to map services and a list of funding opportunities is being compiled.
14. A status update has been prepared to send to all stakeholders who attended the July conference and a second conference will be organised for early in the New Year to update on progress and give the Project Coordinator and Community Champions/Researchers the opportunity to meet key partners.
15. The funding bids to Hampshire County Council (£4,750) and Progress through Partnership (£6,000) were both successful.

### **Complaints policy**

16. The Board approved a complaints procedure in June 2009. Since then, no complaints have been received.

### **FUNDING**

#### **Budget 2009/10**

17. A budget of £18,000 was available for project work and is shown in [Table 1](#) below.

	Cr		Dr
Balance b/f	8,250	DMAG credit union multipoint	5,000
Hampshire CC	4,750	Fareham Park Project	13,000
Fareham BC	5,000		
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	£18,000		£18,000

**Table 1: networkfareham Budget 2009/10**

18. A new two-year agreement took effect on 1 April 2008 to employ a Joint co-ordinator to ensure that the Fareham and Gosport LSPs function effectively. Five partners each contributed to the cost of the post as shown in [Table 2](#) below.

	£
Hampshire County Council (Split 50:50 between Fareham BC and Gosport BC)	10,500
Hampshire Primary Care Trust	10,500
Hampshire Constabulary	6,500
Fareham Borough Council	5,250
Gosport Borough Council	5,250
Total	<u>£38,000</u>

**Table 2: Joint Co-ordinator Post Funding 2007/08**

### Estimated budget 2010/11

19. An estimated budget of £15,750 is available for project work as shown in [Table 3](#) below.

	Cr		Dr
Balance b/f	0	Fareham Park Project	£15,750
Hampshire CC	4,750		
Fareham BC	5,000		
Progress through Partnerships	6,000		
	<u>£15,750</u>		<u>£15,750</u>

**Table 3: networkfareham Estimated Budget 2010/11**

20. A new two-year agreement will be sought to fund the Joint Co-ordinator's post on the same basis as shown in [Table 2](#) above. If agreed, this new agreement will take effect from 1 April 2010.

### Project funding

21. The Fareham and Gosport Debt and Money Advice Group was awarded a grant of £5,000 in 2008/09 to provide a credit union multipoint in the Fareham Park area, based at Oak Meadow Children's Centre. Since its launch in June 2009, the multipoint has attracted 61 new clients and has lent £5,850. The multipoint is an important resource for people experiencing financial exclusion and with the launch of the Fareham Park Project, it will be essential to ensure the continuation of this service. The credit union multipoint will need additional funding from June 2010 to continue and the DMAG is waiting for the figures to be confirmed by Hampshire Savers. There is not sufficient funding left in the LSP budget to meet this need. First Wessex Housing Group has committed £2,000 towards this but additional funding may need to be sought.
22. A total of £28,723 will be made available to fund the Fareham Park Project as agreed by the Board at its September meeting. This will leave £27 available.

### **Expenses claims policy**

23. Qualifying claims for reasonable travelling and out-of-pocket expenses are payable to members of the networkfareham Board and thematic partnerships for attending meetings, seminars and workshops in pursuance of networkfareham's aims and objectives. No claims have been received yet for 2009/10.

### **PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL**

24. The Chairman of the LSP and the Chairs of the thematic partnerships have been reviewing the performance of the LSP and considering improvements. A separate report has been produced which sets out their recommendations to the Board.

### **LOOKING FORWARD**

25. The Fareham Park Project will raise the profile of the LSP and improve partner and community engagement.
26. The Sustainable Community Strategy is presented to the Board for their consideration and approval as another item on the agenda.
27. A Review of Quality of Life in the Borough of Fareham will be produced using the National Indicator Set and it is planned to present this to the March 2010 Board meeting.
28. Recommended actions regarding improving partnership working will be taken forward.
29. Other events impacting on the LSP include:
  - The delivery of the South Hampshire Sub-Regional Strategy facilitated through the South Hampshire Agreement.
  - Strategic Development Area

### **CONCLUSION**

30. In conclusion, the LSP finds itself well positioned to develop further and respond to the challenges ahead.