

Annual Report to networkfareham Board 1st December 2009

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?		Greater business engagement in the economic development process
	1	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 2008		
<p>The partnership has met 4 times during 2009. Under the objective of securing greater business engagement of business with the economic development process in Fareham three priority issues were identified as the focus for the work of the partnership.</p> <p>The issue of business engagement has generated inconclusive correspondence with PUSH officers with a view to securing a direct channel of communication with the key structure decision-making body in South Hampshire. The negative response has prompted a direct approach to the Chairman of PUSH and a letter has been send to PUSH in response to the revised PUSH Business Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The imbalance of educational needs and provision in the Fareham / Gosport area has been acknowledged and regular updating reports have been received on the progress of proposals to provide a sixth form college as a partnership between Fareham schools and Fareham College. A report by the LSC on the Skills and Employability Issues in Fareham was prepared to inform the partnership and reflect the changing economic climate. The partnership supports the SBF scheme to improve pedestrian and cycleway links between the Segensworth Estates and Swanwick station and has explored match funding options The Enterprise 09 event held at Northarbour in March 09 was facilitated by partnership members and was met the business support objective Members regularly review their impressions of the impact of the recession on the local 		

<p>economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fareham Savers scheme was launched in June 2009. • The Chairmanship has now passed on a temporary basis to Cllr Cartwright while a membership drive and review of objectives is undertaken to enable the preparation of a work programme for 2010 			
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Organisation		Representative	
Fareham College		Carl Groves	
Federation of Small Business		Chris Ward	
Portsmouth & SE Hants Chamber		Maureen Frost	
Fareham Town Centre Management		Clive Wright - resigned	
Southampton & Fareham Chamber		Russell Mogridge / Kristine Salomon-Olsen / Maureen Toms	
Learning & Skills Council (LSC)		Donna Beckford	
Elite Engineering Ltd		John Pendry	
National Air Traffic Services		Tony Bradley (no attendance)	
First Bus		Matt Kitchin / Dervla McHugh (no attendance)	
Business Link		Jonathan Morris (Sub Stephen Dixon)	
Portsmouth Housing Association (PHA)		Hazel Warwick	
Meetings Held and Arranged			
Date	13 th February 2009	Date:	8 th May 2009
Date	18 th September 2009	Date	13 th November 2009
Date	26 th February 2009	Date	

