

MINUTES of a meeting of the networkfareham Board held at the Civic Offices, Fareham on Tuesday 1 December 2009.

Present:

<u>Board Members</u>	
Councillor Trevor Cartwright (Chairman)	Fareham Borough Council; Economic Development Partnership
Chief Inspector Glynis Shaw (Vice-Chairman)	Community Safety Partnership
Councillor Seán Woodward	Fareham Borough Council
Paul O'Beirne	Community Engagement Partnership
Chief Superintendent Karen Manners	Community Safety Partnership
John Lace	Fareham Children's Partnership
Hazel Warwick	Housing Partnership
Councillor Ray Ellis	Hampshire County Council
<u>Support Officers</u>	
Jo Hamilton	LSP Co-ordinator, Networkfareham
Carol Bolton	Fareham Borough Council
Phil Rayner	Fareham Borough Council
Colin Mitchell	Fareham Borough Council

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was AGREED that Councillor Trevor Cartwright be appointed Chairman of the Board for 2009-10 and Chief Inspector Glynis Shaw be appointed Vice-Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Pauline Holmes (Fareham Environment and Transport Partnership) and Kate Fryatt.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the networkfareham Board held on 8 September 2009 were received and agreed as a correct record.

4. UPDATES FROM THEMATIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Board received annual update reports from representatives of each of the thematic partnerships (*copies circulated with agenda*) and the following matters were highlighted:-

- Fareham Children's Partnership (formerly Children and Young People's Partnership). Following a successful exploratory meeting in November the partnership was in the process of being reconfigured into the Children's Partnership, tasked with improving the well-being of all Fareham's children and young people. There would appear to be considerable willingness and support for the new partnership and it was proposed to hold its inaugural meeting on 28th January 2010. Members commented that if the partnership were to engage successfully with young people it may need to reflect upon its name; it was reported that this would be discussed at the meeting in January.
- Community Engagement Partnership. The workshop to determine future priorities and action plans had been held and tied in with a campaign to grow community spirit. The E-Panel has been used for the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Residents' Survey for 2009.
- Community Safety Partnership. It was reported that future funding was being reviewed and re-allocated so there was some uncertainty currently. A meeting of the County Strategy Group was due to be held on 2 December and it was expected that more information would then be available.
- Economic Development Partnership. A recent meeting of the partnership had proved successful with a discussion of the way forward for this group. At the next meeting it was planned to review membership and the action plan.
- Fareham Environment and Transport Partnership. No supplementary report made.
- Health and Well-being Partnership. No supplementary report made.
- Housing Partnership. The format and structure of the group was being changed to make it more "joined-up" and provide stronger links to other housing groups in the Borough. The group was focused on the Housing Strategy for Fareham, which was currently out for consultation.

It was AGREED that the annual update reports of each of the thematic partnerships be noted.

5. PUSH AND HAMPSHIRE SENATE UPDATE

Members received a verbal update from the Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Councillor Woodward, on the current position regarding PUSH and the Hampshire Senate. In relation to PUSH, it was reported that a new PUSH Project Manager had been appointed. Anne-Marie Mountifield, currently the Partnership Director for the Learning and Skills Council would be joining the PUSH

team in February 2010. As reported at the last meeting, government funding allocations to PUSH had been cut and a further review of the current position was due in January. Regarding the Hampshire Senate, it was reported that deputy representatives were now to be permitted to attend when required. Chief Superintendent Karen Manners further reported that at a recent Senate meeting it was reported that the resources of key agencies were to be reviewed in order to maximise resources in meeting Local Area Agreement targets. This was likely to mean that resources would be diverted to areas of deprivation and the impact of that for this area was as yet uncertain.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

The Board was reminded of the Borough Council's proposal to develop a Climate Change Strategy in 2009/10 and members received a report (*circulated with agenda*) inviting comments on the draft strategy and on the general approach to some of the main issues prior to wider consultation. The Board was advised that the strategy was to be published for comment and would be submitted to the Board again in March. Members were invited to take the draft strategy back to their respective partnerships and organisations for further discussion. It was commented that the consultation process would be an ideal project for the Community Engagement Partnership; and further commented that particular members would be willing to share their experience of combined heat and power schemes to assist.

It was AGREED that the partnership approach adopted by the draft strategy be approved and the proposed consultation arrangements be endorsed.

7. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

The Board received a briefing paper (*circulated with agenda*) on the feedback received from public consultation on the draft Sustainable Community Strategy, together with an updated version of the strategy.

It was AGREED that :-

- (a) the briefing paper be noted and the thematic partnerships be invited to report back to the Board's meeting in March 2010 on the actions being progressed from the comments received about the proposed Sustainable Community Strategy;
- (b) that the updated Community Strategy be approved and it be commended to Fareham Borough Council for formal adoption.

8. IMPROVING PARTNERSHIP WORKING

The Board received a briefing paper (*circulated with agenda*) on a recent assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the Local Strategic Partnership by the chairmen of the thematic partnerships. Members reviewed of the way in which the Partnership was working and discussed the implications of operating in a two-tier area, the lack of funding available to the Partnership and the need for better information on health services.

It was AGREED that :-

- (a) the briefing paper be noted and the suggested actions set out in Appendix A be adopted;
- (b) that the Fareham Park Project be actively promoted as the Board's flagship project.

9. FAREHAM PARK PROJECT UPDATE

The Board received a briefing paper (*circulated with agenda*) updating members on progress of the Fareham Park Project, a scheme for community development and research in that area. Members discussed the progress made and the possibility of establishing a centre for community services in the area. It had been suggested that a shop unit might be leased pending the re-development of St Columba, although details of the proposal had still to be refined.

It was AGREED that the report be noted and, in view of the potential urgency, members be individually consulted on the proposed lease of a shop unit as the scheme progresses.

10. networkfareham ANNUAL REPORT

The Board received the Annual Report 2008-09 (*circulated with agenda*) giving an outline of networkfareham's achievements over the last 12 months.

It was AGREED that the report be noted.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Community Facility at Broadlaw Walk

Hazel Warwick reported on the operation of the community facility located at Broadlaw Walk and reported that it was already being well-used.

(2) Hampshire Action Team

There was some discussion of the new arrangements for the Hampshire Action Teams and what impact this might have upon the Local Strategic Partnership in the future.

12. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Details of meeting arrangements in 2010 were notified as below, with all meetings held from 4:00pm until 6:00pm :-

Tuesday 9 March 2010 - Vannes/Pulheim Room, Fareham

Tuesday 22 June 2010 - Vannes/Pulheim Room, Fareham

Tuesday 21 September 2010 - Vannes/Pulheim Room, Fareham

Tuesday 7 December 2010 (AGM) - Vannes/Pulheim Room, Fareham

(The meeting started at 4pm and ended at 5.05pm)