

## Notes of the Richmond Local Strategic Partnership

31 March 2008

### Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Cllr Serge Lourie (SL)	Leader, LBRuT
Gillian Norton (GN)	Chief Executive, LBRuT
Jeff Jerome (JJ)	Director Adults and Communities, LBRuT
David Sidonio (DS)	Chief Executive, RCVS
Mary Francis (MF)	Partnership Director, LSC
Ian Dobie (ID)	Managing Director, South West and St Georges
David Done (DD)	Director, Richmond Housing Partnership
Philip Lomax (PL)	Assistant Director Children and Young People, LBRuT
Christina Conroy (CC)	Principle, Richmond Adult Community College
Joan Mager (JM)	Chief Executive, Richmond and Twickenham PCT
Houda Al Sharifi (HAS)	Director Public Health, Richmond and Twickenham PCT
Kevin Watson (KW)	Richmond upon Thames College, Principal
Rick Turner (RT)	Borough Commander, Metropolitan Police
Prehlad Dahl (PD)	EMAG
David Leen (DL)	St Mary's University College, Vice Principal
Paul Redfern (PR)	Director, Richmond AID
Mark Behrendt (MB)	Principal Policy Officer, LBRuT

### In attendance for specific items

Carol MacBean (CM)	Head of Strategy and Policy, LBRuT
Diana Neal (DN)	Head of Risk Management, LBRuT
Wyn Williams (WW)	Head of Performance, LBRuT

### Observers

Cllr Denise Carr (DC)	Cabinet Member for Adults and Communities, LBRuT
Leo Downer (LD)	Government Office London
Richard Portas (RP)	LBRuT Graduate Trainee.

### Apologies

Trevor Pugh	Director for the Environment, LBRuT
Anji Phillips	Director of Education and Children's Services, LBRuT
The Reverend Cannon Peggy Jackson	The Interfaith Forum
Sharon Madigan	Customer Services Operational Manager South London District, Job Centre Plus.

### 1. Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

### 2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

### **3. Comprehensive Performance Assessment and Corporate Area Assessment**

WW introduced the paper outlining that CAA will be introduced in 2009/10 with 2008/09 being a transition year between CPA and CAA. He highlighted that it was important for the LSP in that there was a significant focus on partnership working and place shaping within the CAA. Other organisations such as the PCT, Police and Fire Authority would also be included within the CAA through a use of resources assessment.

A number of questions around the involvement of other agencies within the CAA were raised. GN explained that the Audit Commission was yet to answer all the questions and there were gaps. GN has had preliminary meetings with the Audit Commission and they will need to have similar meetings with the PCT and possibly others.

Whilst it was agreed that the Audit Commission should be invited to speak to the LSP on the impact of CAA it was agreed that this should be towards the end of the year once the methodology was clearer.

### **4. Local Area Agreements and Community Plan targets.**

CM outlined the progress made in agreeing the LAA targets and towards establishing baseline indicators for the Community Plan.

With regard to the LAA the key concerns were around the anti social behaviour indicator and the health indicators relating to alcohol. In relation to the latter the feeling of the meeting was that there should be a local target, probably in relation to emergency attendance at A&E. On the Community Plan targets there was a discussion on the number of indicators and that some of the aims within the Plan were not measurable. CC asked whether the indicators could be rationalised in some way.

CM agreed that there were gaps and some of the aims could not be measured directly and that a proxy indicator would be needed in these instances.

#### **Action**

Community Plan position statement will be provided at the next LSP meeting in July.

### **5. Thematic Partnerships progress reports**

Chairs of each thematic partnership updated the group on the work of their group.

### **6. Compact with the Voluntary Sector**

DS presented this report and highlighted some changes that had been suggested as a result of consulting with Compact Voice which supports the voluntary and community sector nationally in developing local compacts.

#### **Action**

The Compact will be amended by DS and MB and a version with tracked changes will be discussed at the next meeting.

## **7. VCS Funding Strategy**

CM outlined the VCS funding strategy that had been developed in partnership with the PCT. CM asked partners to consider their own VCS funding and whether they could become involved with the Council and PCT to expand the existing VCS fund.

## **8. Risk Assessment**

DN presented this paper and asked for partners to be involved in the development of a risk register for the LSP.

### **Action**

A task group will be set up by DN and chaired by GN to develop a risk register. It was agreed that the group would need representatives from:

- PCT
- RHP
- Police
- Voluntary Sector
- RACC
- LSC

Recommendations from this group will be given at the next meeting of the LSP in July.

## **9. Forward Financial Strategy.**

GN presented this paper on the council's forward financial strategy which was tabled for information purposes. JM asked the LSP whether they felt that information on the PCT's financial strategy would also be useful. It was agreed that this would be useful.

There followed a discussion on whether it would be possible for information on capital programmes could also be presented to the LSP to facilitate joint investment strategies as far as possible. It was suggested that a sub group on capital might be helpful. MF referred to the infrastructure group established at the last meeting which had not yet met. GN responded that this is something that the council had been trying to set up but had not had a good response from partners. GN asked for partners to nominate a representative that could attend this meeting.

### **Action**

- Partners to nominate a person to attend a meeting of the infrastructure group. In the first instance these should be sent to MB who will then pass these to the lead officer in the council.
- PCT to present their forward financial strategy to the LSP at the next meeting.

## **10. Alcohol Task Group**

GN updated the group on the report of the alcohol task group. She highlighted that it was a serious public health issue and that this was a clear commitment in the

Community Plan. Partners were asked which thematic partnership should have responsibility for this agenda and it was agreed that the Adult Health and Well Being Partnership should take this issue on board. However, there should remain close links with the Community Safety Partnership and Children and Young People Strategic Partnership.

**Action**

Adult Health and Well Being Partnership to lead on the development of a strategy to address the issues raised by the task group's report.

**11. Annual Review**

CM outlined the process for an annual review of the LSP and suggested that a review event be held in the summer. This would bring together both LSP members and the members of each of the thematic partnerships.

It was agreed that this was a good idea and that June would be an ideal time for the event to take place.. It was agreed that just one external speaker, Robert Hill, would be invited.

**Action**

CM to make arrangements for the organisation of the annual review event.

**12. Items for information**

The Community Safety Plan was outlined by GN and approved by the Partnership.

**13. Any Other Business**

GN raised the fact that the next meeting was at the start of the school holidays and proposed that it be brought forward a week. It was agreed that the next meeting should be arranged for July 15.

SL told the Partnership that PR was standing down as Director of RAID. SL thanked PR for all his support and contribution to the Borough and LSP and wished him the very best for the future.

**Action**

MB to make arrangements for the next meeting.