



AGENDA

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- Committee** - **LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD**
- Date & Time** - THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL, 2007 at 2.00 pm
- Venue** - Anglia Room, The Committee Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham

REPRESENTATIVE

Councillor William Nunn (Chairman)
Debbie Bartlett
John Battersby
Tony Cherington
Keith Davis
Jan Godfrey
Councillor John Gretton
Martin Hickey
Brian Horner
Stuart Horth
Valerie Jenkins
Geoffrey Leigh
Neil Stott
Councillor Shirley Matthews
Keith Milburn
David Ovenden
Caroline Williams
Sally Youll

ORGANISATION

Breckland
Norfolk County Council
Norfolk Primary Care Trust
Norfolk Constabulary
Breckland
Wayland Partnership
Norfolk County Council
Iceni Partnership (Swaffham)
Norwich and Norfolk Voluntary Services Council
Norfolk Fire Service
Norfolk Police Authority
Norfolk Rural Community Council
Keystone Development Trust
Norfolk County Association of Parish & Town Councils
Attleborough Area Partnership
Dereham Area Partnership
Norfolk Chamber of Commerce
Learning Skills Council

Committee Services
Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke,
Dereham Norfolk, NR19 1EE

Date: Monday, 2 April 2007

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4. <u>URGENT BUSINESS</u> To note whether the Chairman proposes to accept any items or urgent business.	
5. <u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> Members are asked at this stage to declare any interests they may have in any of the following items on the agenda.	
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12. <u>ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS</u> To agree items for inclusion on the next or a future agenda.	

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

To note that the next meeting of the LSP Board will be held on 12 July 2007 at 2.00 pm in the Anglia Room, Elizabeth House, Breckland Council.

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LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP - BRECKLAND BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 8 February 2007 at 2.00 p.m. in the Anglia Room, Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham

PRESENT

William Nunn (Chairman)	- Leader, Breckland Council
Keith Davis	- Breckland Council
David Ovenden	- Dereham Area Partnership
Martin Hickey	- Icen Partnership (Swaffham)
Stuart Horth	- Norfolk Fire Service
Shirley Matthews	- Norfolk Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils
Chief Supt. Tony Cherington	- Norfolk Constabulary
Debbie Bartlett	- Norfolk County Council
Valerie Jenkins	- Norfolk Police Authority
Geoffrey Leigh	- Norfolk Rural Community Council
Linda Rogers (sub for Brian Horner)	- Norwich and Norfolk Voluntary Services
Martin Seymour (sub for John Battersby)	- Norfolk PCT

In Attendance

Paul Elliott	- Norfolk County Council
Alison McErlain	- Norfolk County Council
Claire Collen	- Norwich and Norfolk Voluntary Services
Rob Walker	- LSP Development Officer
Sian Hall	- Breckland Council (Committee Services)

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01/07 MINUTES (AGENDA ITEM 1)

The minutes of the meetings held on 30 November 2007 were confirmed as correct records.

(a) LSP Board Constitution (Minute No. 49/06)

The Chair and Vice-Chair had signed the LSP Board Constitution on behalf of the Board and a copy was attached for members information.

(b) Economic Prosperity Strategy Launch (Minute No. 50/06)

The LSP Development Officer informed the Board that the launch had been a success.

02/07 APOLOGIES (AGENDA ITEM 3)

Apologies for absence were received from Neil Stott, Sally Youll, Caroline Williams, Brian Horner and Jan Godfrey.

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03/07 URGENT BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEM 4)

(a) Creative Change Project

The Chairman had agreed to take this item as urgent business. The reason for the urgency was because the focus of the project had changed since funding had been agreed and approval was sought before delivery could commence.

The LSP Development Officer advised the Board that the original Creative Change project had been funded based on group activity and referrals from GP surgeries. Unfortunately, there had not been as many referrals as anticipated it was therefore suggested that referrals should also come from the voluntary sector and the project should also offer a more one to one approach.

Members agreed to this change in the project brief as people would often contact a voluntary sector for help and advice with regard to mental health before contacting their GP. However; it was proposed that the project be altered subject to the agreement of Martin Seymour as Health Thematic Lead and that he along with Claire Salley and Rob Walker monitor the project.

RESOLVED that, subject to the agreement of Martin Seymour, the project brief be altered and that it be monitored by Martin Seymour together with Claire Salley and Rob Walker.

04/07 CHANGE OF PROGRAMME AND THE SECTOR COUNTS (AGENDA ITEM 6)

Claire Collen of the Norwich and Norfolk Voluntary Services gave a presentation on the role of the voluntary sector within Local Area Agreements (LAAs).

Following the Sector Counts, 2006 – Norfolk Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) Research Project it was found that the scope of the VCS was vast and involved:

- 4,000 organisations
- 13,800 paid workers (more than in agriculture)
- a total income of £94 million
- 91,500 volunteers were giving 5.5 million hours per annum
- if all the volunteers were paid it would cost £28 million (based on the minimum wage)
- 641,000 benefited from their services.

The VCS Indicators for the LAAs were as follows:-

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- Increase participation in consultation and decision making forums – especially for disadvantaged groups.
- Increase volunteering – especially from disadvantaged communities of place or interest.
- Increase the size and capacity of the VCS (number of services and beneficiaries)
- Increase the proportion of public services delivered by the VCS.
- Strengthen the role of local infrastructure organisations (LIOs) building sector's capacity to:
 - participate in consultation
 - recruit/retain volunteers
 - manage and deliver services more effectively governance funding, business planning, training and quality standards.
- Also intermediary role as representatives of the sector engaging in strategic partnerships.

Members queried whether the information collated could be drilled down into areas. In response the Board were advised that as the LAA was county-wide it difficult to drill down into wards and other sub-district level areas.

It was noted that the voluntary sector were assisting the police with consultation exercises surrounding issues in relation to safer neighbourhoods.

Linda Rogers gave a presentation on the review of recent research findings of the VCO Sector in Norfolk.

The purpose of the Step Up project was to improve the fundraising knowledge, capacity and ability of 33 small and medium voluntary and community organisations in Norfolk and to deliver services via networking events and 1 to 1 support.

It was found that small organisations had inadequate infrastructure to support the work they were providing. They were continually seeking funding and found that funding was often short-term.

The purpose of the Volunteering project was to increase the number of people volunteering especially young people; those living in rural areas and to provide volunteering opportunities for people with mental health problems.

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The recommendations from a Testbed advised the following:

- Increase support for VCOs to cope with new legislative, Quality Assurance and performance management demands.
- Shared back office functions for small VCOs.
- More consolidated approach to consultation between statutory and voluntary sectors.

It was understood that the voluntary sector was constantly facing funding problems and never knew whether a grant would continue year on year.

Keith Davis advised that Breckland Council were looking at establishing a consortium which would provide Human Resources and Payroll services and this could be used by voluntary sectors to reduce these costs.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

05/07 JOY OF FOOD, COMMUNITY FOOD PROGRAMME – THETFORD (AGENDA ITEM 7)

Martin Seymour advised the Board that the Joy of Food project had been a success and the team were now ready to role out the next stage of the project.

Before Christmas a consultation had been undertaken to evaluate whether dietary habits had changed in the long term and this was still on-going.

This project had been heavily promoted on the Abbey Estate in Thetford. Six people had taken part the project thus far. The group was diverse and had a regular core membership who gained increased knowledge of cooking and buying ingredients to improve their diet.

The project would now target parents of younger children and would work closely with SureStart. Numbers would be kept to a maximum of eight to enable practical sessions.

It was found that the box scheme was too expensive and this would be changed and tied in with vouchers for healthy foods. There would also be a move to provide better quality, more locally sourced fruit and vegetables.

Members felt that the children would be more receptive than the parents and would put pressure on the parents to buy healthier options. This point was understood but the scheme would work alongside the schools to reinforce the healthy food message to parents.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

06/07 NRCC COMMISSION REPORT ON RURAL DEPRIVATION IN NORFOLK (AGENDA ITEM 8)

Geoffrey Leigh gave a brief presentation on the report which had been commissioned by the NRCC on rural deprivation in Norfolk.

The report would be launched at Norfolk County Council on 1 March 2007.

Following criticisms from the rural community that the deprivation within the rural areas was being ignored EEDA had funded a consultation exercise to ascertain the level of deprivation within rural Norfolk.

The successful consultants had used existing data to produce a detailed picture of rural Norfolk. The information could be drilled right down to output areas of 300 in population which gave localised information.

The Board welcomed this information as all Wards had pockets of deprivation and these small pockets were always missed.

These small pockets could be added-up in areas to increase the evidence for funding to tackle deprivation in rural areas.

It was suggested that all the partners be invited to the launch of the report at County Hall.

Once the information had been broken down it was agreed that the Board could look at deprivation issues in Breckland.

RESOLVED that once the information of the report had been broken down the Board would look at Breckland.

07/07 SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGY (AGENDA ITEM 9)

Rob Walker advised the Board that the work on the Social Inclusion Strategy had re-started and the new consultants had begun work. The work was being steered by a small group of different partners and the consultants may contact members of the Board over the next few weeks.

The completion date at present was the 12 July 2007.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

08/07 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY (AGENDA ITEM 10)

Rob Walker advised the Board that the current Community Strategy needed to be reviewed and refreshed to ensure that it met all the new requirements of the Local Government White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities'.

The strategy had to incorporate a delivery plan for the LAA and be closely aligned to the Local Development Framework.

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<p>A timetable had been produced and the process outlined in the timetable would ensure that the LSP developed a Sustainable Community Strategy that was fit for purpose and provided a focal point for the future delivery co-ordination role of the Breckland Local Strategic Partnership.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RESOLVED</u> that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) the LSP undertakes to produced a Sustainable Community Strategy in line with government guidance;(2) the LSP sets-up a project group to steer the work on the Strategy; membership to be agreed via e-mail; and(3) the LSP sends representation to the county-wide working seminar on the 13 March 2007; representation to be agreed via e-mail.	
<p>09/07 <u>HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP (AGENDA ITEM 11)</u></p> <p>It was proposed that a Health and Wellbeing Partnership be set-up in Breckland to reflect recent government proposals and in anticipation of forthcoming legislation. The Partnership would provide an important forum, which ensured that there was a joined up approach to tackling health and wellbeing issues in Breckland, and that the community was fully engaged with strategic decision-making on health issues.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RESOLVED</u> that a Health and Wellbeing Partnership be established.</p>	MS/RW
<p>10/07 <u>BRECKLAND LEARNING COMMUNITIES (AGENDA ITEM 12)</u></p> <p>Breckland Learning Communities (BLCs) had received £23,000 from the Norfolk Learning Partnership in 2006/2007. £4,000 had been allocated to each of the BLCs and £3000 had been used to fund administration costs and Breckland-wide activity.</p> <p>The BLCs were focused to meeting LSP objectives by providing training events.</p> <p>The recent photography project had been popular and the BLCs would build on the success of that competition with future learning activities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RESOLVED</u> that the information be noted.</p>	
<p>11/07 <u>LSP FINANCES (AGENDA ITEM 13)</u></p> <p>Rob Walker presented a financial summary for the LSP as at 21 December 2006. The LSP had £66,104.88 uncommitted.</p> <p>Rob Walker advised the Board that it was hoped that Second Homes Council Tax funding would be made available to the LSP Board for 2007/2008.</p>	

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<p>Six projects had been funded last year and the LSP were being inundated with requests for further funding. The way in which the LSP funded projects would need to be reviewed.</p> <p>Gill Tavender pointed out to the Board that Rob Walker's post as the LSP Development Officer came to an end in January 2008 so the Board would need to consider whether to continue funding his post.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> that the information be noted and that a report on funding be brought to the next LSP Board meeting.</p>	
<p>12/07 <u>LSP WEBSITE (AGENDA ITEM 14)</u></p> <p>The LSP now had its own website which had been designed by Rob Walker (www.brecklandisp.org.uk).</p> <p>EEDA had provided free design services and web space for the website and an outlay of £5.00 had been spent on the domain name.</p> <p>All the LSP information would now be linked to the website which included the Agendas and Minutes.</p> <p>There were also links on the page to all the partners involved in the LSP.</p>	
<p>13/07 <u>NORFOLK RURAL FORUM (AGENDA ITEM 15)</u></p> <p>Each district LSP had been invited to send a representative to the Norfolk Rural Forum.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> that the representative to the Norfolk Rural Forum be Jan Godfrey.</p>	
<p>14/07 <u>ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (AGENDA ITEM 10)</u></p> <p>The items for future agendas were as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Liability Insurance• LSP Funding Framework	
<p>15/07 <u>NEXT MEETING (AGENDA ITEM 11)</u></p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting of the Local Strategic Partnership Board would be held on 12 April 2007 at 2.00 pm in the Anglia Room, Elizabeth House, Breckland Council.</p>	

The meeting closed at 3.20 p.m.

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BRECKLAND LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

LSP BOARD, 12 April 2007

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT

**Report of Kevin Ambrose
Ambrose Associates Consultancy Ltd.**

Purpose of report

This paper highlights the work that is going on to develop a Social Inclusion Strategy for the Breckland Local Strategic Partnership.

Setting up the project and monitoring progress

In conjunction with members of the LSP steering group, a project plan and consultation strategy for this work has been developed and agreed. This covers the key areas of work required to develop an effective and well-founded strategy.

In addition, regular (fortnightly) progress meetings have been held between the consultant leading on the project and key people from the Local Strategic Partnership (representing the client). This has worked well and will continue during the critical phases in the development of the strategy.

Building the picture of social exclusion in Breckland?

This is being progressed through two parallel initiatives:

1. Research into the nature of exclusion in Breckland through a review of national, regional, county-wide and local studies of deprivation and plans to tackle social exclusion and isolation. This is being supplemented by data on deprivation (from the recently published study commissioned by Norfolk Rural Community Council/Norfolk Investing in Communities) together with labour market and population statistics.
2. Contacting local organisations and staff dealing with aspects of social exclusion in order to get a “qualitative” feel of the nature of exclusion in Breckland. This is explained further in the next section.

Engaging with the community

Much of the effort in developing the social inclusion strategy is being put into listening to local views of the nature of exclusion, what is being done in response, what barriers they face and what, in particular, the partners that make up the Breckland LSP can contribute to overcoming these barriers.

This process of engagement is progressing along several fronts:

- A survey of around 30 voluntary groups (covering Norfolk wide and more local organisations).
- Interviews with representatives from the major voluntary organisations and with staff working in the public sector (county, district council and health authorities)

In addition, we are planning a series of workshop/focus groups to which a range of representatives from both voluntary and public sectors will be invited. These workshops will explore further the issues uncovered in the survey and interviews as well as providing an opportunity for people to develop plans and actions together. It is planned to hold these workshops after Easter.

Developing the strategy and action plan

The approach we are adopting is, firstly, to explore, the nature of exclusion in Breckland with those who work most closely with the deprived and isolated, and, secondly, to develop a response which is agreed and owned by as many of the parties involved as possible. In particular, we are endeavouring to clarify what, specifically, the Breckland LSP can contribute:

- To ensure that existing activities continue to meet proven needs,
- Gaps in provision are identified
- Plans and activities are coordinated to ensure the most effective response to tackling social exclusion in the area.

Next steps

The programme for this work envisages a report on findings and a draft strategy being submitted to the round of meetings of the Council and LSP in about two months time (from mid May). From the many interviews I have already conducted and the initial responses to the survey, I have little doubt that a clear sense of direction and an action programme will emerge which can command the support of those actively engaged in tackling social exclusion in Breckland.

BRECKLAND LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

LSP BOARD, 12 April 2007

**Report of David Spencer,
Senior Planning Policy Officer, Breckland Council**

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

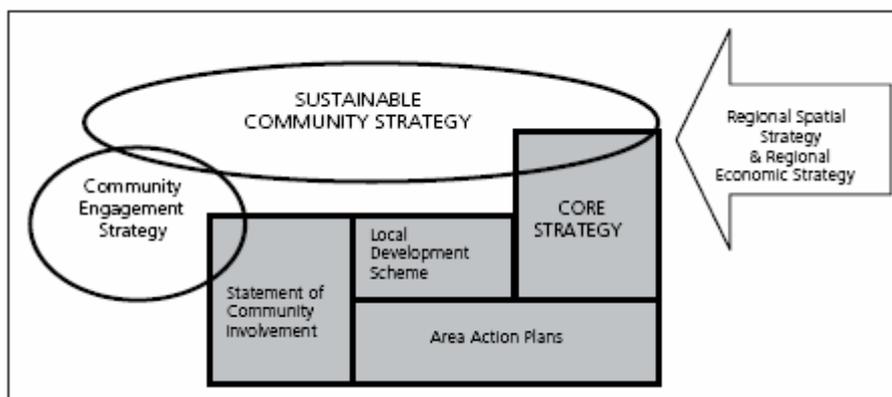
Background

The recent Local Government White Paper outlines the need for complete coherence between the LSP's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and the Local Planning Authorities' Local Development Framework (LDF). Furthermore planning law requires that the preparation of LDFs is done with "regard to" the SCS.

To improve collaboration between planning and LSPs, guidance was published in January 2007 by DCLG in the form of a practical guide called "Planning Together: Local Strategic Partnerships and Spatial Planning". This paper highlights the key issues and how we should be addressing them in the Breckland context.

Breckland's LDF

The issue of integration between Local Development Framework and Community Strategy was last considered by the MAST at its meeting on 21st May 2004. This pre-dated the enactment of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 which gave the legal go ahead to prepare LDFs. Breckland is now well underway with the preparation of its Local Development Framework. Work has focussed on developing a strategy and policies. The latest consultation is called "Development Choices" and focuses on the scale of development for Breckland. The booklet that accompanies the consultation is available on-line at www.breckland.gov.uk and MAST members are encouraged to respond. The Strategy is due to be submitted at the end of this year and then work starts on site specifics in 2008.



Key issues

- (1) **Aligning content and evidence base:**
The key spatial planning objectives for Breckland need to be fully aligned with the priorities identified in the SCS. A two-way process: Planners to share their evidence with LSPs; LSPs to make planners aware of the social,

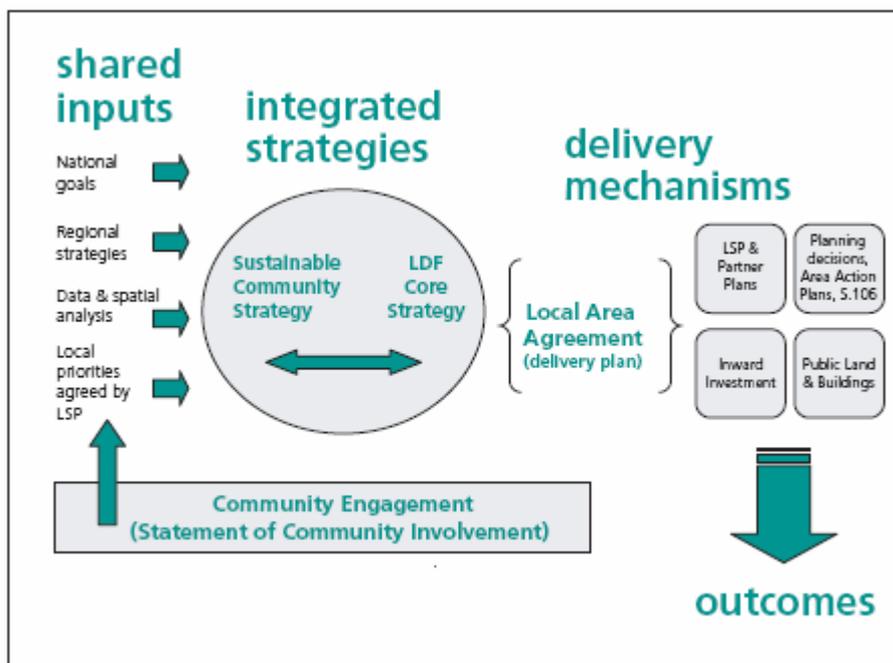
economic, environmental and community issues that need to be addressed in LDFs

(2) **Ensuring the successful delivery of the infrastructure**

Co-ordinating the delivery of appropriate social and community infrastructure as part of growth / regeneration. Raise awareness of implementation and delivery issues.

(3) **Delivering LAA outcomes**

Understanding planning contribution to achieving LAA outcomes: There a number of ways in which Planning can contribute to health & wellbeing; safer communities; social inclusion; economic prosperity and combating climate change.



Next steps – what we need to demonstrate

(1) Improved Collaboration

LDF needs to be integrated into the work of the LSP
Stronger corporate and political profile for SCS and LDF

(2) Sharing Evidence and Spatial Understanding

Collaborative approach to data collection and analysis
A shared understanding of the spatial implications of local issues.

(3) Joint Monitoring

A shared approach to monitoring
Collaboration on the LDF Annual Monitoring Report.
Monitoring developer contributions towards community infrastructure

(4) Interlinking Timescales & Co-ordinated Consultation

Both SCS and LDF need to actively engage stakeholders in their preparation

The LSP is an essential contributor to the consultation needs of LDF being a 'partnership of partnerships'. Combining consultation can save resources and enhance synergy between the various plans and programmes.

Consultation Timescales – 2007

	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
LDF					♥					
SCS					♥					

♥ = joint stakeholder event, late July.

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BRECKLAND LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

LSP BOARD, 12 April 2007

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGIES - A SHARED APPROACH FOR NORFOLK

Report of Rob Walker, Local Strategic Partnership Officer

Summary

This report sets out the outcome from the Joint LSP Seminar held on 13th March, which looked at developing a shared approach for Sustainable Community Strategies in Norfolk.

Introduction

In early 2006 the Government undertook a national consultation on the role of Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs). The findings from this consultation were included in the Local Government White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities', which was published in October 2006. Chapter 5 of the White Paper specifically relates to LSPs and outlines a new requirement on LSPs to produce a Sustainable Community Strategy

At the LSP Board meeting on 8 February, the Breckland LSP agreed to refresh the Community Plan for Breckland during 2007 and incorporate the government's requirements for Sustainable Community Strategies.

This task is being undertaken simultaneously by all the district Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) in Norfolk and the County Strategic Partnership.

It has been recognised that whilst there are local differences, there is a willingness to work together across local authority boundaries, to develop a shared approach for the definition and framework of Sustainable Community Strategies in Norfolk.

A joint LSP Seminar was held in Swaffham on 13th March to progress this work.

Developing a shared framework

The purpose of the joint LSP seminar was to:

- Develop a shared and common definition of sustainable communities
- Develop a framework for Sustainable Community Strategies, including the level of connection across the county.

Each district LSP and the NCSP were represented at the seminar. Breckland LSP was represented by: Rob Walker, Martin Seymour, David Ovenden, Nick Vass Bowen and Mitch Kerry.

Definition of sustainable communities

At the seminar, there was consensus for the Government's long definition of Sustainable Communities:

'Sustainable communities are places where people want to live and work, now and in the future. They meet the diverse needs of existing and future

residents, are sensitive to their environment, and contribute to a high quality of life. They are safe and inclusive, well planned, built and run, and offer equality of opportunity and good services for all.'

The Local Development Framework consultation events, held across Breckland during March, have been used to make this definition more meaningful for Breckland residents.

Components of Sustainable Community Strategy

At the seminar, there was also agreement to the components outlined by the Government in the LSP consultation document. The headline components for Sustainable Community Strategies are:

1. Active, inclusive and safe
2. Well run
3. Environmentally sensitive
4. Well designed and built
5. Well connected
6. Thriving
7. Well served
8. Fair for everyone

Joint working

At the seminar, it was felt there was a real opportunity for joint working not only through the strategies but also in our ways of working.

It was agreed to share the developing priorities from each Sustainable Community Strategy to enable the links to be made. It was also acknowledged that we needed to improve the opportunities for sharing best practice across the county.

Norfolk County Strategic Partnership Recommendations

The Norfolk County Strategic Partnership are making a number of recommendations following the joint seminar.

Firstly, that NCSP and LSP representatives take the agreed outcomes of the seminar to their Partnerships for discussion and agreement, as they develop their sustainable community strategies.

Second, that the LSP Network (county and district LSP Officers) brings together the priorities from district and county strategies to identify the emerging interlocking opportunities

Recommendations

The Breckland Local Strategic Partnership is asked to consider the above recommendations and agree the shared approach to developing Sustainable Community Strategies in Norfolk.

It is recommended that: -

- The Breckland LSP adopts the definition of 'sustainable communities' and the headline components as listed above.

- Opportunities for developing shared approaches and joint working should be maximised where appropriate

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BRECKLAND LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

LSP BOARD MEETING 12 APRIL 2007

Report of Temp. Chief Inspector Carl Edwards – Norfolk Constabulary

FUNDING BID FOR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS VEHICLES

Summary

This bid concerns an application for LSP funding for five vehicles to be provided on a three year full maintenance lease contract to enable the provision of partnership resources through the Home Office Safer Neighbourhoods initiative at a cost of £22,618.75.

Background

‘Safer Neighbourhoods’ is a Home Office initiative to deliver dedicated, visible, accessible and responsive neighbourhood policing through police and partnership agency teams. Whilst having a strong police input, the cornerstone of the approach is to involve all relevant partners in addressing issues of local concern identified by local communities.

Within Breckland there will be five Safer Neighbourhood Teams in operation from March 2007, covering the whole of the Breckland District Council Area of 130,500 hectares, 113 parishes and an estimated population of 124,400.

To deliver ‘Safer Neighbourhoods’ within Breckland the police are committing two Inspectors, four sergeants, thirteen constables and 30 PCSO’s.

The predominantly rural nature of the District creates particular logistical problems in providing this service to all communities.

Safer Neighbourhoods in Breckland

National best practice recognises that priorities must be set by the community through accessible forums. In Breckland these are known as CAG’s (Community Action Groups).

The priorities identified through CAG’s are taken on by the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT’s) with the adoption of a problem solving approach involving partner agencies. Many of the issues raised are related to anti-social behaviour, housing and environmental factors, with links to health and education and probation. There is much scope for involving Area Partnerships as the full potential of joint working becomes apparent.

The need to access the communities by all the involved agencies is crucial to success. The limited availability of public transport does not make this a viable option and whilst visibility of the SNT’s is a priority, there is a need to get the resources to the communities.

My bid is to provide one vehicle in each of the five Neighbourhoods for use by any of the agencies or officers within that SNT. Typically I envisage police and partner resources using the vehicles to access the priority areas identified through CAG meetings in order to deliver necessary interventions.

The vehicles would not be fully liveried as there is a need to distinguish between these and police vehicles, but there is the option to use partnership logos on the glass to identify them as being LSP funded.

Working within the SNT has the added benefit of providing individuals from partner agencies with added security and reassurance when dealing with potentially problematic situations,

without the need for them to take their private vehicle to an area where it may subsequently be recognised or identified.

The preferred option is for the vehicles to be leased on a three year full maintenance contract. Insurance and petrol would be paid for by Norfolk Constabulary, there being no other associated running costs. This option provides the best value in terms of pricing and strictly controls the costs over a fixed term.

Financial implications

Best quote obtained from Aitchson Bros. (Freethorpe) Ltd. The quote covers a 36 month period.

Cost per vehicle £4,150.00 plus VAT

For more than one vehicle the price is £3,850.00 plus VAT

Five vehicles for 36 months equates to a total cost of **£22,618.75**

Options available

This request for funding was originally made as part of the LSP project funding round last autumn. The bid did not meet the criteria (amount requested) and it was recommended that a stand alone bid be put forward for consideration.

There are a number of options available: -

1. For the LSP to agree and fund the bid – 5 vehicles at £22,618.75
2. For the bid to be part funded – 1 or more vehicles to be funded
3. For the bid to be declined

LSP Finances

SECOND HOMES - Amounts received from Districts as part of the monthly precept payment

No	DATE OF PAYMENT	BRECKLAND	BROADLAND	KINGS LYNN & W NORFOLK	NORWICH	GREAT YARMOUTH	NORTH NORFOLK	SOUTH NORFOLK	TOTAL	
		KG4001	KG4002	KG4003	KG4004	KG4005	KG4006	KG4007		
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
21	1 19th April	2007	11,369	14,397	94,299	6,903	7,238	110,771	39,380	284,357
	2 21st May		12,790	16,197	106,087	7,765	8,143	124,618	44,302	319,902
	3 20th June		12,790	16,197	106,087	7,765	8,143	124,618	44,302	319,902
	4 19th July		12,790	16,197	106,087	7,765	8,143	124,618	44,302	319,902
	5 20th August		12,790	16,197	106,087	7,765	8,143	124,618	44,302	319,902
	6 20th September		12,790	16,197	106,087	7,765	8,143	124,618	44,302	319,902
	7 22nd October		12,790	16,197	106,087	7,765	8,143	124,618	44,302	319,902
	8 20th November		12,790	16,197	106,087	7,765	8,143	124,618	44,302	319,902
	9 20th December		12,790	16,197	106,087	7,765	8,143	124,618	44,302	319,902
	10 21st January	2008	12,790	16,197	106,087	7,765	8,143	124,618	44,302	319,902
	11 20th February		4,263	5,399	35,362	2,588	2,714	41,540	14,767	106,633
	12 20th March		11,365	14,391	94,294	6,910	7,242	110,766	39,377	284,355
	TOTAL PAYABLE		142,107	179,960	1,178,738	86,286	90,481	1,384,639	492,242	3,554,453

Approved Item 11

Local Strategic Partnership - 50% returned to Districts

No	DATE OF PAYMENT	BRECKLAND	BROADLAND	KINGS LYNN & W NORFOLK	NORWICH	GREAT YARMOUTH	NORTH NORFOLK	SOUTH NORFOLK	TOTAL	
		KG4001	KG4002	KG4003	KG4004	KG4005	KG4006	KG4007		
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1	22nd April	2007	5,685	7,199	47,150	3,452	3,619	55,386	19,690	142,179
2	22nd May		6,395	8,099	53,044	3,883	4,072	62,309	22,151	159,951
3	22nd June		6,395	8,099	53,044	3,883	4,072	62,309	22,151	159,951
4	22nd July		6,395	8,099	53,044	3,883	4,072	62,309	22,151	159,951
5	22nd August		6,395	8,099	53,044	3,883	4,072	62,309	22,151	159,951
6	22nd September		6,395	8,099	53,044	3,883	4,072	62,309	22,151	159,951
7	22nd October		6,395	8,099	53,044	3,883	4,072	62,309	22,151	159,951
8	22nd November		6,395	8,099	53,044	3,883	4,072	62,309	22,151	159,951
9	22nd December		6,395	8,099	53,044	3,883	4,072	62,309	22,151	159,951
10	22nd January	2008	6,395	8,099	53,044	3,883	4,072	62,309	22,151	159,951
11	22nd February		2,132	2,700	17,681	1,294	1,357	20,770	7,384	53,317
12	22nd March		5,683	7,196	47,147	3,455	3,621	55,383	19,689	142,173
TOTAL PAYABLE			71,054	89,980	589,369	43,143	45,241	692,320	246,121	1,777,227

LSP Budget as at 28/02/06

Funds available	2006/07
	218,492.38
	<u>218,492.38</u>

Code		2006/07 Budget	2006/07 Actuals	Commitments	Variance
785/1100	Salaries	35,730.00	32,307.70	0.00	3,422.30
785/1976	Training	400.00	2.42	0.00	397.58
785/3402	Car Allowances	2,850.00	1,657.78	0.00	1,192.22
785/3405	Fares and Misc.	300.00	207.80	0.00	92.20
785/4507	Hired Services (operational budget)	5,000.00	2,808.53	0.00	2,191.47
785/4611	Mobile Telephone	180.00	40.87	0.00	139.13
785/4802	Breckland Learning and Enterprise Account	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
785/4802	EPS Action Planning	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
785/4802	Abbey Neighbourhood Food and Health Programme	3,820.00	3,820.00	0.00	0.00
785/4802	Travel Token Scheme	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
785/4802	Big Sitting Room	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
785/4802	Fencing, Gating and Environmental Improvements	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
785/4802	Creative Change - Breckland	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
785/4594	Local Strategic Partnership (Comm. Dvlp)	3,000.00	2,022.68	0.00	977.32
Totals		111,280.00	82,867.78	20,000.00	8,412.22

Funds available	2007/08
Carry over	107,212.38
Comm Dvlp budget	3,000.00
2nd Homes Funding	71,504.00
	<u>181,716.38</u>

Code		2007/08 Budget	2007/08 Actuals	Commitments	Variance
785/1100	Salaries	30,310.00	0.00	0.00	30,310.00
785/1976	Training	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
785/3402	Car Allowances	2,062.50	0.00	0.00	2,062.50
785/3405	Fares and Misc.	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
785/4507	Hired Services (operational budget)	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
785/4611	Mobile Telephone	135.00	0.00	0.00	135.00
785/4594	Local Strategic Partnership (Comm. Dvlp)	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Totals		41,107.50	0.00	0.00	41,107.50

Funds available	140,608.88
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