

For Service and Enterprise

# AREA 1 FORUM

Monday,

25 October 2004

6.30 p.m.

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor

> AGENDA and REPORTS

#### AGENDA

#### 1. APOLOGIES

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To notify the Chairman of any items that appear later in the agenda in which you may have an interest.

#### 3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on  $6^{th}$  September 2004. (Pages 1 - 8)

#### 4. POLICE REPORT

A representative of Spennymoor Police will attend the meeting to give a report on crime statistics and initiatives in the area.

#### 5. SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST

Representatives of Sedgefield Primary Care Trust will attend the meeting to give an update on local health matters and performance figures. (Pages 9 - 14)

#### 6. CRIME AND DISORDER AUDIT

An interactive presentation by A. Blakemore and Sgt S. Steen.

#### 7. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SERVICE

Arrangements have been made for Michael Robinson from the Youth Engagement Service to give a presentation regarding restorative justice and the reparation work that young people are involved in.

#### 8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN STEERING GROUP

To nominate a representative to the above Group.

#### 9. LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2004. (Pages 15 - 22)

#### 10. LOCAL ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

A copy of the minutes of the meeting of Spennymoor Road Safety Local Working Party held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2004 is attached for information. (Pages 23 - 26)

#### 11. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

#### 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2004 at 6.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Sedgefield Borough Council Offices, Spennymoor

#### 13. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

To consider any other business which, with the consent of the Chairman, may be submitted. Representatives are respectfully requested to give the Chief Executive Officer notice of items to be raised under this heading no later than 12 noon on the Friday preceding the meeting in order that consultation may take place with the Chairman who will determine whether the item will be accepted.

N. Vaulks Chief Executive Officer

Council Offices <u>SPENNYMOOR</u> 15<sup>th</sup> October 2004

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#### **Membership of Forum**

Sedgefield Borough Council Councillor J. M. Khan (Chairman) Councillor A. Smith (Vice-Chairman) and

Councillors Mrs. A. M. Armstrong, Mrs. B. Graham, A. Gray, M. T. B Jones, B.M. Ord, G.W. Scott, Mrs. C. Sproat, K. Thompson and W. Waters

**Spennymoor Town Council** Councillors Mrs. S. Fleetham and Mrs. E. Summerson

**Durham County Council** Councillors E. Foster and N.C. Foster

**Tudhoe Grange Comprehensive School Council** Victoria Hall

**Spennymoor Comprehensive School Council** J. Palmer and P. Lenagh

**Church of England Representative** To be confirmed.

Spennymoor Police Chief Superintendent M. Banks

**Sedgefield Primary Care Trust** Mrs. M. Fordham and Mrs. G. Wills

**Tudhoe Community Centre** J. Smith

**New Life Community Church** R. Gibson

CAVOS M. Russell

Community Network Anne Frizell

Spennymoor Pub Watch C. Fletcher

Spennymoor Chamber of Trade J. Welsh

Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinators R. Campion, T. Coulson & Mrs. E. Croft

The Oaks Residents Association S. Bright

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### Item 3

Time: 6.30 p.m.

#### SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 1 FORUM

Monday, 6 September 2004

Present:	Councillor J.M. Khan (Chairman	) – Se	dgefield Borough Council and
	Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong Councillor A. Gray Councillor Mrs. C. Sproat Councillor K. Thompson Councillor N. C. Foster Inspector S. Winship Mrs. M. Khan-Willis Mrs. G. Wills Mrs. M. Fordham Ms.J. Armstrong J. M. Smith Councillor S.A. Fleetham Mrs. E. Maddison D. Gordon		Sedgefield Borough Council Sedgefield Borough Council Sedgefield Borough Council Sedgefield Borough Council Durham County Council Durham Constabulary Police Authority Sedgefield Primary Care Trust Sedgefield Primary Care Trust Infection Control Nurse for Primary Care Trusts Spennymoor News Spennymoor News Spennymoor Town Council Local Resident Local Resident
In Attendance:	A. Blakemore, Mrs G. Garrigan, Council	T. Gu	est, D. Scarr – Sedgefield Borough
Apologies:	Councillor Mrs. B. Graham Councillor M.T.B. Jones Councillor B.M. Ord Councillor G.W. Scott Councillor A. Smith Councillor W. Waters Councillor Mrs. E. Summerson Councillor E. Foster	-	Sedgefield Borough Council Sedgefield Borough Council
AF(1)8/04			<sup>1</sup> June 2004 were confirmed as a man. (For copy see file of Minutes)

#### AF(1)9/04 POLICE REPORT

Tudhoe Community Centre

Inspector S. Winship was present at the meeting to give details of the crime figures for the area.

Type of Crime	<u>June 2004</u>	<u>July 2004</u>
Total Crime	101	92
Violent Crime	27	18
Dwellinghouse Burglaries	Nil	3
Theft from Vehicles	1	4
Shoplifting		12

With regard to total crime, it was pointed out that the figure for July 2002 was 174, compared with 147 in July 2003.

With regard to the rate of detection, it was noted that Durham Constabulary had performed generally well as a force, however, the detection figures had dipped over the last few months which could be due to a number of factors, such as the recent re-structure and the changes in working practices.

The Forum's attention was drawn to the fact that a mobile CCTV unit had been procured and was now operational. The unit was used for intelligence-led operations, enforcement action and anti-social behaviour problems.

Members were given details of the Street Safe Initiative and the Alcohol Reduction Campaign. The latter had been held during July and August and involved test purchasing, multi-agency visits to nightclubs and engagement with licensees.

With regard to the lists of graffiti referred to at the June meeting of the Forum, it was reported that the documents had been forwarded to the Probation Service to arrange removal. It was pointed out that arrangements were in place for all racialist graffiti to be removed within 24 hours by either the Borough Council or the Probation Service, subject to receiving the permission of the owner of the property.

The Council was congratulated on its prompt removal of some obscene graffiti within Festival Walk.

Concern was expressed regarding the consumption of alcohol outside licensed premises in Spennymoor during the summer months. It was pointed out that the Police did not encourage drinking outside of public houses unless there was a designated area and it was up to licensees to ensure that customers were not allowed to take glasses and bottles outside.

Concern was also expressed regarding the difficulties the general public were still encountering in trying to contact the Communications Centre.

It was reported that the Police Community Support Officers were now in post and the feedback received from the general public was very positive.

#### AF(1)10/04 DURHAM CONSTABULARY - SOUTH COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE

Consideration was given to a report of the visit by members of the Forum and local residents to Durham Constabulary's South Communications Centre at Division Headquarters, Woodhouse Lane, Bishop Auckland on the evening on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2004. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was proposed that as a number of Members of the Forum had been unable to attend, a further visit would be arranged in the new year.

#### AF(1)11/04 SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST

Gloria Wills, Melanie Fordham and Jean Armstrong attended the meeting to give an update on local health matters, including the control of infection and performance figures.

The Chairman congratulated Mrs. Wills on her appointment as Chairman of Sedgefield PCT and wished her every success.

Mrs. Wills reported that she had been appointed as Chairman for a period of four years and she still intended to attend the meetings of Area 1 Forum. She also reported that two new Non Executive Directors had been appointed. They were Councillor Mrs.Agnes Armstrong and David Halladay, both from Spennymoor.

The Chairman congratulated Councillor Mrs. Armstrong on her appointment.

It was reported that Sedgefield PCT had received a two star rating for 2004, improving on the one star that it received in 2003.

The Forum's attention was drawn to the fact that the Sedgefield PCT Annual Report for 2003/04 would be launched at its Annual General Meeting at Chilton Workingmen's Club on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2004.

Copies of 'PCT *life*' – the newsletter produced by Sedgefield PCT for its staff and independent contractors, were circulated at the meeting. (For copy see file of Minutes).

With regard to the report, "Achieving Patient Access Targets and Baseline Performance Requirements" it was noted that the targets in respect of access to a GP within two working days and a Primary Care Professional within one working day had continued to be met.

It was explained that under the 'Access Incentive Scheme' Sedgefield PCT had been awarded £77,600 for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2004 for the progress made towards improving access across all primary, acute and mental health services. It was anticipated that the money would be spent on improving the IT services for the Community Nursing Service.

With regard to the North East Ambulance Service, it was noted that the target of responding to 75% of calls to life threatening emergencies in eight minutes had again not been achieved. The actual performance was 63.8%. It was noted that representatives of the Ambulance Service had attended a meeting of the Professional Executive Committee of the PCT and officers of the PCT would be working closely with the Ambulance Service in the next few months to try and improve the service provided.

With regard to the development of the out-of-hours service, it was noted that from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2004, Saturday morning surgeries would operate from the Urgent Care Centre at Bishop Auckland. It was also pointed out that the Trust had recruited three emergency care practitioners, who would come into post within the next 12 to 18 months, once they had completed the necessary training.

Specific reference was made to the Public Health Annual Report 2003/04. A copy of the summary leaflet had been circulated with the agenda. (For copy see file of Minutes). Members' attention was drawn to the lifestyle issues - 20% of people in Sedgefield Borough smoked and 28% of men drank excessively.

It was reported that further information would be provided at the October meeting of the Forum regarding the development of Spennymoor Health Centre under the LIFT Programme.

In response to a question asked at the last meeting of the Forum, Jean Armstrong, the Infection Control Nurse for the six PCTs and Prisons attended the meeting to give a presentation on MRSA – Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus. The presentation covered what MRSA was, how it was spread, who was at risk and how it was treated. A patient information leaflet on MRSA was circulated at the meeting. (For coy see file of Minutes)

#### AF(1)12/04 NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN SERVICE

D. Scarr, Head of Neighbourhood Services attended the meeting to give a presentation regarding the above.

It was explained that Sedgefield Borough Council had invested significantly in the Community Safety Service over the past decade. The Service's achievements included the development of the Community Force, the establishment of Sedgefield Borough Community Safety Partnership and the creation of the Community Care Force Centre, which included a combined CCTV and Community Alarm function.

It was reported that in early 2003, Holden McAllister Partnership had been commissioned by the Borough Council to undertake an independent review of the Council's Community Safety Service. The report confirmed that Community Safety continued to be seen as a priority for residents of the Borough and concluded that whilst the development of the Sedgefield Borough Crime and Disorder Partnership had provided a framework for strategic intervention by partner organisations, the development of a Community Safety Strategy specifically for the Borough Council was a logical next step.

With regard to the operational elements of the service, the report acknowledged that the development of the Community Force during the 1990s had been a bold and innovative step. The Community Force had been one of the first schemes used to inform the national development of Neighbourhood and Street Warden initiatives and latterly, the Police Community Support Officers initiative. The report concluded, however, that although the Community Force as a concept was pioneering, it now needed to refocus and together with the CCTV function, be set within the Corporate Strategy.

It was explained that the service re-engineering would begin with Community Force Officers being re-designated Neighbourhood Wardens, with an increased emphasis on community engagement/public re-assurance, creating stronger links with Neighbourhood Management by targeting areas of greatest need, having powers to issue fixed penalty notices and operating flexible working patterns in response to need.

It was pointed out that the transition was supported by the recent Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Neighbourhood Renewal Unit national evaluation of the Neighbourhood Wardens Programme the evaluation recognised the unique role Neighbourhood Wardens played in neighbourhood renewal and recorded the overriding message from the evaluation that in successful schemes Neighbourhood Wardens can and were having an impact in areas of increased resident satisfaction, reduced fear of crime particularly for older people, decline in overall rates of crime, perceived improvements in environmental problems and contributing to tackling anti-social behaviour. In fact, the ODPM evaluation did commend Sedgefield Borough Council's existing Neighbourhood Warden Scheme that operated at Dean Bank, Ferryhill and West Ward, Newton Aycliffe in their efforts to reduce youth disorder and anti-social behaviour by engaging young people in a number of innovative initiatives.

The re-engineered Sedgefield Borough Council Neighbourhood Warden Service included features identified by the ODPM evaluation as common in schemes that were working well such as having a tailored and flexible approach, involving a wide variety of stakeholders including resident participation, active and represented steering groups, good management, partnership based, highly visible, targeted deployment based on need and having good quality and well trained staff. Neighbourhood Wardens would be community based although provision would be made for a central mobile response, including the out-of-hours service up to 10 p.m. and targeted joint working between the Wardens as a team and with others such as Police, Environmental Protection Officers, Neighbourhood Management, Housing Management and Tenancy Enforcement. The Wardens would work with Resident Groups and Schools and provide re-assurance to vulnerable groups.

Deployment of the thirteen Neighbourhood Wardens within the local communities had been determined by development of a matrix of needs taking account of population, levels of deprivation, recorded crime and anti-social behaviour, Council housing stock numbers, priority areas amongst older private sector housing, NRF and other partnership funding and other services operating within the area. Based upon the above assessment Neighbourhood Wardens would be deployed within the five management areas across the Borough targeting communities of greatest need. Deployment according to the needs based assessment matrix would be kept under regular view and any adjustments would be made accordingly.

It was noted that the Council would have access to the Airwaves digital radio communications system used by Durham Constabulary to promote joint working and information flow between Police Headquarters/Officers and the CCTV Control Rooms and Neighbourhood Wardens.

The Forum was also informed that the Council's CCTV service was programmed to be reviewed in the final quarter of 2004, and a Community Safety Strategy for Sedgefield Borough was being developed, which would take account of the changing external environment and link Council services to the strategic directions set by Government Office, Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and the Local Strategic Partnership.

It was pointed out that an article regarding the Neighbourhood Warden Service would be included in the October edition of Inform and arrangements were being made for the new wardens to hand deliver leaflets regarding their services to every household in the Borough.

Specific reference was made to the establishment of the Neighbourhood Warden Steering Group. The Group would include in its membership, representatives from the five Area Forums within the borough. It would meet on a quarterly basis, and monitor and review performance and be involved in service planning.

The Forum agreed that the nomination of a representative for Area 1 Forum to the Group would be considered at its October meeting.

#### AF(1)13/04 PLAY AREAS

T. Guest, Head of Policy and Development for the Borough Council's Leisure Services Department attended the meeting to give details of the proposed provision of play sites for the area covered by Area 1 Forum.

It was reported that in November 2003 the Council's Leisure Services Department had commissioned the National Playing Fields Association to undertake an audit of the fixed play sites owned by the Borough Council and maintained by the Borough Council on behalf of Town and Parish Councils, as the starting point for the development of a play strategy.

It was pointed out that the audit had identified some immediate problems that had necessitated the dismantling and removal of 16 play sites as a result of safety concerns.

Reference was made to an Open Space Needs Assessment that was to be undertaken, which would sit alongside the Audit of Fixed Play Equipment, Sport England's recently commissioned 'Active Places' (a county-wide database of all sports facilities and activities) and the Council's Playing Pitch Strategy.

It was explained that the Government expected all local authorities to undertake audits of their existing open space, sports and recreation facilities, in terms of access and usage and the opportunities for new open spaces and facilities. The audits should consider both the quantitative and qualitative elements of open space, sports and recreational facilities and allow local authorities to identify the following:

- How much new provision may be needed?
- Measures against which need for enhancing existing facilities can be judged.
- Distance thresholds and consideration of costs.

The assessment would also give clear policy guidelines on positioning of 'No Ball Games' signs, clarify the requirements of fixed play and informal play sites, assist in the development of play areas and play spaces in line with the DDA requirements and provide extensive consultation with all ages regarding open space requirements.

The assessment, which was to be undertaken by consultants, would take approximately six to twelve months to complete and it was anticipated that work would start the following month.

With regard to the play area at Middlestone Moor, it was noted that Groundwork East Durham was currently undertaking a feasibility study, which should be completed by October 2004.

With regard to the question raised at the June meeting of the Forum in respect of funding available for young athletes, it was noted that arrangements were being made for information to be accessed through the Leisure Services website.

#### AF(1)14/04 LOCAL ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of the Spennymoor Road Safety Local Working Party held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2004. (For copy see file of Minutes).

The Forum was informed that a further meeting of the Working Party was to be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Spennymoor, which was open to the public.

#### AF(1)15/04 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at 6.30 p.m. at Spennymoor Town Hall

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### Item 5



#### **Board Meeting Thursday 14 October 2004**

#### Title of Report: Achieving Patient Access Targets and Baseline Performance Requirements

#### 1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise Board members of the performance achieved by all provider Trusts from which are commissioned Acute services for the Sedgefield population.

#### 2 Connection with Sedgefield PCT's 4 Key Objectives/Pillars

Performance monitoring against national/local standards is fundamental to 'Improving Health Services'.

#### 3 Background Detail

#### 3.1 Access Incentive Scheme

Access Fund Capital was established by the Department of Health in 2003/04 for a three year period with the aim of rewarding NHS organisations for making progress towards improving access across all primary, acute and mental health services including waiting in A&E and inpatient and outpatient waiting times and lists.

Payments are as follows:-

Time Period	Amount per NHS Trust and PCT	Conditions
Quarter ending 30 June 2004	£77 600 capital - achieved	Delivery of all targets specified below during
Quarter ending 30 Sept 2004	£38 800 capital	the quarter
Quarter ending 31 Dec 2004	£38 800 capital	
Quarter ending 31 March 2005	£38 800 capital	

The fund is to be managed at Strategic Health Authority level, who were responsible for designing the targets and monitoring progress.

All the targets listed below have to be delivered by the PCT during the quarter to be eligible for payment. Part payment for achievement of some but not all the targets is not possible.

#### Quarter 2 Progress

Target	Operational Standard	Success Criteria	Progress to Date for Q1
Primary Care Access	Achieve 100% by December 2004	Incremental targets throughout the year	No breaches up to September

Waiting List Breaches	No patients waiting against 17 week outpatient, 9 month inpatient, 6 month revascularisation standards at month ends	No month end breaches throughout the quarter	No breaches up to end of August
Cancer: 2 Week Wait breaches	No patient will wait more than 2 weeks from an urgent GP referral for suspected cancer to date first seen as an outpatient	No breaches in quarter	No breaches up to end of August
No. receiving assertive outreach services	Deliver assertive outreach to the adult patients with severe mental illness who regularly disengage from services	Achievement of LDP target* in each quarter	Measured quarterly

#### 3.2 <u>Summary of Current Position</u>

Please note that where appropriate, this month's performance is measured against the latest Local Delivery Plan trajectories submitted to the Strategic Health Authority. It is important to note that targets for inpatients and outpatients have changed from 2003/4. For inpatients, the maximum wait is now 9 months and for outpatients, the maximum wait is 17 weeks. The tables below have been amended to demonstrate this.

#### August/September

Description of Target	Achieved	Trajectory
Ensure 100% of patients who wish to do so can see a primary health	care profess	sional within
1 working day and a GP within 2 working days by December 2004.		
Access to GP:	100%	100%
Access to Primary Care Professional:	100%	100%
A&E: - % patients through A&E within 4 hours (CD&D only) Reduce to four hours the maximum wait in A&E from arrival to admiss discharge, by March 2004 for those Trusts who have completed the E Collaborative and by the end of 2004 for all others.		
29 <sup>th</sup> August 2004	92.9%	90%
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2004	94.2%	90%
12 <sup>th</sup> September 2004	93.0%	90%

#### <u>August</u>

Description of Target	Achieved	Trajectory	
Inpatients:			
Achieve a maximum wait of 9 months for all inpatient waiters and r	educe the nu	umber of 6-	
month in-patient waiters by 40% by March 2004, as progress towards	s achieving a	a maximum	
6 month wait for inpatients by December 2005 and a 3 month maxim	um wait by 2	2008.	
No. of 9 month breaches	0	0	
6 to <9 months	126	101	
0 to < 6 months	1119	1277	
Outpatients:			
Achieve a maximum wait of 4 months (17 weeks) for an outpatient appointment and			
reduce the number of over 13-week outpatient waiters by March 2004, as progress towards			
achieving a maximum wait of 3 months for an outpatient appointment	t by Decemb	er 2005.	
No. of 17 week breaches	0	0	
13 to <17 Weeks	189	127	

Description of Target	Achieved	Vs Last Month	
Delayed Transfers:			
Improve the quality of life and independence of older people so that	they can live	at home	
wherever possible, by increasing by March 2006 the number of thos	e supported i	ntensively	
to live at home to 30% of the total being supported by social services	s at home.	-	
Acute - no. of patients	0	0	
Acute - average delay in days	0	0	
Mental Health - no. of patients 7			
Mental Health - average delay in days			
Learning Disabilities	172.5	144.5	
Old Age Psychiatry	83.2	65.8	
North East Ambulance Service:			
Ambulance services must achieve an 8 minute response to 75% of c	alls to life thr	reatening	
emergencies.		J	
% Cat A Incidents responded to within 8 mins	59.0%	75%	
% Cat A Incidents responded to between 8 - 19 mins	39.4%	25%	
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Cancer:			
Maintain existing cancer waiting time standards and set local waiting time targets for 2003/04			
and 2004/05 so that by the end of December 2005 there is a maximum of one month from			
diagnosis to treatment, and two months from urgent referral to treatment for all cancers.			
GP to refer within 24 hours			
<ul> <li>Trust to see patient within 14 days</li> </ul>			
Trust to see patient within 14 days     No. of cancer breaches (August)	0		
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#### 3.3 Further Information

The attached graphs demonstrate the PCT's performance against the Local Delivery Plan trajectories in key areas.

Also attached is a chart demonstrating information collected by the Drug Action Team on the numbers of people presenting for drug treatment, numbers in treatment and numbers successfully completing drug treatment. However, it should be noted that this information is of poor quality as the team is in the process of improving their recording systems and it is their intention to resubmit June and July's data in due course.

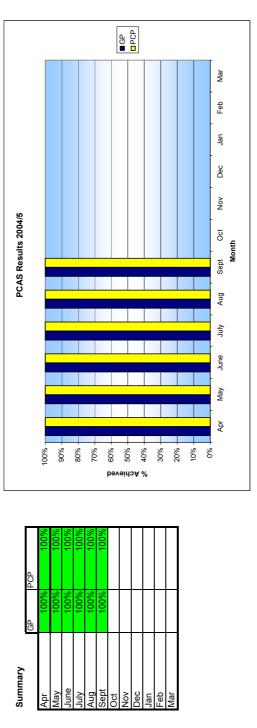
#### 4 Recommendations

The Board receives this report for monitoring purposes.

Melanie Fordham Director of Commissioning & Performance 30<sup>th</sup> August 2004 Tables prepared by: Pamela Cassidy PA to Director of Commissioning & Performance This page is intentionally left blank

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### Item 9



Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2004

Shildon Civic Hall

#### NOTE OF THE MEETING

#### PRESENT

#### **Board Members**

Sedgefield Borough Council Durham County Council

Area Forums Community Empowerment Network

Sedgefield Primary Care Trust Durham Constabulary Government Office for the North East (Observer)

#### Advisors

Sedgefield Borough Council Policy Group Co-ordinators

#### Observers

Sedgefield Borough Council Sedgefield Primary Care Trust University of Durham Government Office for the North East (Observer) County Durham Children & Young Persons Partnership Cllr. R.S. Fleming (Chair) Cllr. N. Foster (Vice Chair), County Cllr. C. Magee, Mrs. D. Jones. Cllr. A. Smith, Cllr. A. Hodgson, Cllr. M. Stott. Mr. D. Bolton, Ms. C. McVay, Mr. J. Cutting, Rev. S. Stevens, Mrs. L. Leach, Ms. A. Frizell, Mrs. M. Batey. Mr. N. Porter, Mrs. G. Wills Chief Superintendent M. Banks Ms. M. Wootton

Mr. R. Prisk. Mr. A. Quain, Mr. B. Johnson.

Mr. A. Charlton Ms. M. Fordham Mr. D. Scott Ms. M. Wootton, Ms. J. Hope Ms. E. Alexandratou,

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME

The Chair, Councillor R.S. Fleming welcomed Members to the meeting and drew their attention to the Agenda for the meeting. It was decided to change the order of the Agenda to firstly address the Key Business, and then receive the Presentation.

#### 1.1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. P. Fisk (Business Forum), Mr. N. Vaulks (Sedgefield Borough Council), J. Robinson, (Area 3 Forum).

#### 1.2 Question Time

The Chair gave the Board Members an opportunity to ask questions on any matters of interest or importance connected with the work of the Board and the Partnership, or about the business items to be discussed at the meeting. No questions were raised.

#### 2. KEY BUSINESS

**2.1 Consideration of 'Note of the Meeting' held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2004** These were agreed as a true and accurate record.

#### 2.2 Matters Arising

#### a) Action Plan for further support to Board Members

RP reported that the LSP Team are developing a Learning Plan for which a brief has been drafted. This will seek to utilise the experience of Neighbourhood Renewal Advisors to initiate a programme of activity which will include working with LSP partners to develop induction programmes for LSP Board Members and Alternates which clearly identify the role, responsibilities and key competences required for their role as Partnership Board Members. The Learning Plan will also lead to the development of a diverse training programme for Members which will include significant elements of the Performance Management Process to ensure the Board can rigorously monitor LSP activity as part of its overview and scrutiny role.

### b) Local Strategic Partnership and Community Empowerment Network Protocol for Consultation

RP reported that the LSP / CEN Protocol had now been agreed, and it has been distributed to all partner organisations within the LSP.

#### c) Performance Management Framework for the Partnership

RP updated Members on the recent Annual Review Meeting with Government Office North East (GONE). The meeting considered four elements to provide a balanced overview of performance. Discussion focussed on the areas, which were identified for improvement.

The first element covered reflecting on last year's progress and was highlighted through the means of a short presentation. The second element covered the Review of the Performance Management Framework (PMF) by taking into account delivery themes, partnership working, the LSP's Improvement Plan and the LSP / CEN Protocol. The third element covered a review of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) in two aspects; spends against allocation and targeting of NRF. The final element considered the next steps and identified outcomes from the Annual Review.

GONE then explained that the traffic light assessment of the LSP's performance to the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit is for internal use to establish a baseline from which improvement can be measured and any problems will be identified and support given.

MW explained that GONE would give confirmation and feedback of the meeting in a letter to the Chair of the LSP in September.

### d) Identification of any matters Board Members might wish to discuss at future Meetings

At the April Board, Members raised several issues for discussion. RP gave feedback on the Management Group's suggested actions.

i. Sustainability of the Community Empowerment Network

The Network and CÁVOS are to produce a paper on the options available to the Network, including future funding for the Management Group's consideration by November 2004. The outcome of this could then be referred to January's Board Meeting.

#### ii. Building Schools for the Future

RP reported that one school in Sedgefield Borough (Sedgefield Community College) was in the first bid tranche and the remainder were in the second tranche. Durham County Council had held a series of information seminars on Building Schools for the Future at the beginning of July at which the LSP was represented. Cllr Foster commented that any announcements of the Programme from the Department of Education and Schools were not now expected until the autumn. He added that details of the County Council Primary School re-organisation would be available in the autumn.

iii. Impact of Locomotion, National Railway Museum in Shildon (NRM) RP indicated that a visit to the NRM could be arranged to involve a tour of the museum followed by a presentation session with an opportunity for questions.

### Agreed: That an opportunity for Board Members to visit the Shildon NRM site be arranged.

iv. Local Government Re-organisation and its impact on LSPs.

RP reported that as LSPs are a key part of the Governments modernisation agenda, the options of there being either a single Unitary Council covering the whole of the County or three Unitary Councils should not affect the work of LSPs. As LSP's are concerned with changing the ways in which services are delivered, whatever happens in the Regional Assembly Referendum, LSP's should remain and have a role to play in strategic partnership working.

#### 2.3 Review of Partnership Board's Operation

#### a) Schedule of Board Members Nominations and Alternates

A schedule of Board Members Nominations and Alternates was included with Members papers for the meeting. RP clarified with Members the procedure for the attendance of Alternates at meetings. A Board Member who is not able to attend the Board Meeting must put forward their apologies in advance of the Meeting to the LSP Team and confirm the attendance of the named Alternate. This will come into effect for the next Board Meeting scheduled for October. The Community Empowerment Network confirmed their second Alternate as Margaret Chappell.

#### b) Nominations of Vice Chair from Community Empowerment Network

With the recent resignation of the Vice Chair Ray Sunman, the Chair addressed Members for a nomination to fill this vacancy. SS from the CEN nominated Dave Bolton (DB). Everyone was in agreement. In the past alongside this responsibility the Vice Chair also represented the LSP on the County Durham Strategic Partnership. DB agreed that he was happy for this to continue.

# Agreed: DB to take up the position of Vice Chair on the LSP and represent the LSP on the County Durham Strategic Partnership.

### c) Outcome of the Consultation on the Review of the Composition and Size of the Partnership Board.

The Board in April 2004 agreed to undertake a consultation exercise to ascertain views of the LSP partner organisations on amendments to the size and composition of the Board. A report on the outcome of the consultation exercise and the recommendations from the Management Group was presented to the meeting. It was proposed that additional places should be offered to organisations on the following basis.

- Priority should be given to organisations that are not currently represented at Board level.
- Additional places should be allocated to organisations to fill strategic policy and theme 'gaps' in the current membership composition.
- Organisations identified should positively assist to drive the work of the Partnership forward in the delivery of the Community Strategy, improving service delivery and performance and assist to promote the well being of the Borough.
- An increase in size of 6-8 places would be preferable at this stage.

The Board considered the results of the proposals advanced and the balance of additional representation with particular attention to the involvement of the Police Authority and Local Town and Parish Councils. After a prolonged debate and in the absence of an overall consensus, the Chair agreed to a vote being undertaken on each of the proposed additional Board places. The outcome of this was:

Policy Area	Organisations	No of Places
Post 16	County Durham Learning and Skills	2
Education and Training and	Council.	
Lifelong Learning	Further Education College sector	
Services to young people	County Durham Connexions Service	1
Environmental interests	One organisation selected from:	1
	Countryside Agency	
	English Heritage	
	Environment Agency	
	Groundwork East Durham	
	Durham Wildlife Trust	

Policy Area	Organisations	No of Places
Community	County Durham Police Authority	2
Safety and safer		
Neighbourhood	County Durham and Darlington Fire	
interests	and Rescue Service	
Health sector-	Primary Care Trust Professional	1
Clinician	Executive Committee	
representation.		
Local Councils	Local Association of Town and	1
Engagement	Parish Councils	
Community	Community Empowerment Network	2

### Agreed: That the organisations/representative sectors indicated in the above Table be offered a place on the Board.

#### 2.4 Sedgefield Borough Community Strategy

The Board considered the draft of the Community Strategy in April 2003 and agreed it as the basis for a wider consultation. The revised Sedgefield Borough Community Strategy (2004 – 2014) now reflects the responses to this lengthy consultation process.

Following the end of the consultation period, most of the 140 comments received have been incorporated into the final version of the Strategy. The majority of amendments relate to updated information and enhancing links between different service policy areas to improve their co-ordination. Given the extensive public and stakeholder consultations that led to the development of the Strategy, there have been no significant representations made seeking changes to the Strategy's vision or its key aims.

The main changes in the Strategy relate to the format of the document, with key indicators and action plan information detailed in the consultation draft, being held over for the Action Plan and further detail provided as to the wider regional, sub-regional and local strategic context for the Strategy. A further cross cutting theme has been included to provide an emphasis on young people in the delivery of the Strategy.

In terms of delivering the Strategy, the forthcoming Action Plan is seen as a key document. This will be developed with reference to the LSP's Performance Management Framework and its Policy Groups and will provide details of the key activities to be undertaken, responsible lead agencies and the resources to be committed.

Once developed, the Action Plan will allow the five Local Area Framework documents based on the Borough's Area Forums to be created to provide a localised position statement and programme of action. These will be undertaken to complement and support the preparation of the Borough's Local Development Framework as a replacement for the current Sedgefield Borough Local Plan.

It was noted that whilst the preparation of the Community Strategy is a statutory responsibility of Sedgefield Borough Council, the Borough Council has agreed that

its preparation should be conducted through the LSP. The Board were asked to agree the revised Community Strategy (2004-2014) and to recommend approval to Sedgefield Borough Council.

The Chair, along with the Community Empowerment Network, thanked the LSP Team for the work undertaken in preparing the Community Strategy.

#### Agreed: The revised Sedgefield Borough Community Strategy (2004-2014) be recommended to Sedgefield Borough Council for approval.

#### 3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

**3.1** Schedule of Reports from each Policy Group Co-ordinator The Board received the reports from all six of the LSP Policy Groups.

#### 3.2 Report from the Community Empowerment Network

DB gave feedback on behalf of the Community Empowerment Network (CEN) on the current work they are involved in, and how they are now engaging with the hard to reach groups and organisations within the Sedgefield area with whom they feel they need to work more effectively. The CEN are also developing training for the Network.

AF gave feedback on the five Community Forums, which were suspended in April 2004, in order that the Community Empowerment Network could reassess their value and review the format to try and ensure that they are engaging the communities more fully in the LSP process. It was suggested that, working with LSP Policy Groups, holding themed events across Sedgefield Borough during the year would take the LSP directly into local communities. This would also tie in with the GONE milestones for Sedgefield CEN, which asks for 'themed meetings to be held bi-monthly around LSP issues.'

An Induction and Team Building day for CEN representatives is planned for August. A repeat of the Borough familiarisation bus tours undertaken driving, is also planned for later this year and Members of the LSP will be invited to join the tours.

### 3.3 Identification of any matters Board members might wish to discuss at future Meetings.

a) The Community Empowerment Network raised a point for clarification on the postcodes relating to cold weather payments in Sedgefield Borough. Some areas had postcodes relating to Stockton Borough and this affected the amount allocated, when communities only a mile or so different were issued greater payments.

#### Agreed: Sedgefield Borough Council would contact the Benefits Service to obtain information on the operation of the cold weather winter payments system.

### The Healthy Borough Policy Group be asked to consider this matter and its impact across the Borough.

**b)** DB raised the subject of the Disability Discrimination Act, which comes into force in October 2004, and asked whether all partners were working to comply with the Act.

The Chair assured DB that Sedgefield Borough Council were addressing this matter and felt confident that the County Council and the Primary Care Trust would be in a similar position.

SS suggested that all Policy Groups Co-ordinators should ensure that when allocating monies such as NRF Service Improvement Plans, organisations were asked if they already comply with the Act.

# Agreed: Policy Groups Co-ordinators be asked to ensure that the agreed NRF supported Service Improvement Plans take full account of the Disability Discrimination Act.

#### 4. **PRESENTATION SESSION**

4.1 Children and Young People Services and the links to the Sedgefield Borough Children and Young People Strategic Partnership

The Board received a joint presentation on the above subject from Debbie Jones, Chair of the County Durham Children and Young People Strategic Partnership, Melanie Fordham, Chair of the Sedgefield Children and Young People Strategic Partnership and Eva Alexandratou, County Partnerships Development Officer.

Debbie Jones asked the Board to note that the County Durham Children and Young People Strategic Partnership was created in 2002 with the aim of bringing together all agencies working with children and families. Building on the recommendation of the Children Bill and the "Next Steps" guidance it is anticipated that this partnership will work towards the integrated future of services by providing strategic leadership, strategic planning and strategic commissioning. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Melanie Fordham then asked the Board to note the developments that have taken place since the Sedgefield Children and Young People's Partnership was launched in February 2004. These have included the establishment of an 'Engine Group' who have developed their terms of reference and aims as well as established a structural map of partnership relations. Three priority work streams covering the Sedgefield Plan for Children's Centres, the Extended School Model and the Sedgefield 14-19 Area Review Group are currently underway.

Board Members then took part in a question and answer session around three key questions as follows;

- From a Community perspective what are the key issues that will affect the development of Children and Young People Services?
- From a Service Provider perspective what are the key issues facing Young People in Sedgefield Borough?
- How can the LSP change things for Young People?

Board Members were given the opportunity to forward any additional comments or responses to these questions to the LSP Team and this is to be reported back to the Board at the October Meeting. (A copy of the response form is attached).

The Chair thanked Board Members for their attendance and contributions.

The Meeting closed at 3.30 pm

#### **Next Meeting:**

Date:Wednesday 20th October 2004Time:6.00 pmVenue:Spennymoor Town Hall

Agreed by the Sedgefield Borough Local Strategic Partnership Board on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2004 as a true record of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2004.

Signed: .....

Minutes of the proceedings of the ANNUAL MEETING of the SPENNYMOOR ROAD SAFETY LOCAL WORKING PARTY held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 at 6.30p.m.

PRESENT:	Councillor A. Gray	Chairman
	Councillor Ms S.Armstrong Councillor J.C.Culine Councillor J.V.Graham	Spennymoor Town Council
	Councillor Mrs.A.Armstrong Councillor A.Smith	Sedgefield Borough Council
	Councillor E.Foster	Durham County Council
	E.Brookes W.J.Davies	Co-opted Member
	Inspector S. Winship	Spennymoor Police
APOLOGIES:	Councillors R.Campion, Mrs.B.Graham, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.M.Marr, Mrs C.Sproat, K.Thompson and F.Walker.	
01/04.	<b>APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN</b> . The Chairman thanked all Members of the Committee for their attendance and commitment and stated that he felt that the	

RESOLVED -That Councillor A. Gray be appointed Chairman of the Working Party for the ensuring year.

02/04. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN. RESOLVED -That Councillor Mrs. A. Armstrong be appointed Vice Chairman of the Working Party for the ensuring year.

Committee had achieved a lot during the last year.

#### 03/04. **APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY.** RESOLVED –That Councillor Ms S. Armstrong be appointed Secretary of the Working Party for the ensuring year.

#### 04/04. **MINUTES.** RESOLVED -That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 05/04. TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE CARR LANE, PARKSIDE, OX CLOSE AND WOOD VUE AREAS.

Reference was made to Minute 71/03 and County Councillor E. Foster reported that new Traffic Calming would consist of three speed cushions and three chicanes. The plans were on display for people to look at.

In the revised scheme, there would be no speed cushions on Carr Lane. The County Council would consult with the residents again about the revised scheme.

It was reported that the Emergency Services were not always in favour of Traffic Calming Measures as it could delay response times, they preferred speed cushions to humps as they could easily drive over speed cushions.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

#### 06/04. DAISY FIELD AND MERRINGTON LANE AREA.

Reference was made to Minute 74/03 and the Chairman reported that he attended a site visit at the Daisy Field and had witnessed motor cyclists using the field. He had met with the police about this problem and had been assured the police would take action.

Inspector Winship said that members of the public must continue to report incidents as this would help build up a profile of the problem and the matter has been referred, by Sgt. Rodgers, to the Road Policing Unit.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

07/04. **POLICE CALL CENTRE.** The Chairman asked Councillor Armstrong to report about her visit to the Bishop Auckland Call Centre (Police Call Centre).

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

#### 08/04. FOOTPATH AT THE DAISY FIELD.

Reference was made to Minute 75/03 and it was reported that Councillor J. Robinson was intending to address the meeting, however he had been unable to attend this meeting.

RESOLVED- To invite Councillor J. Robinson to the next meeting of the Road Safety Local Working Party.

#### 09/04. ACCIDENT STATISTICS. Inspector Winship gave a report on the Accident Statistics.

RESOLVED- That the information be received and Inspector Winship be thanked for the report and for his attendance.

### 10/04. **HIGH STREET.** Inspector Winship referred to Minute 72/03 and reported that the problems in the High Street had been tasked to PC Dawn Southern and the Community Support Officer.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

#### 11/04. KIRK MERRINGTON.

Reference was made to Minute 80/04 and it was reported that the police had given the problem with the lorries at Kirk Merrington their attention and asked if numbers of the lorries concerned could be taken.

A member of the public expressed concern that lorries were still speeding in this area and it was requested that a 7.5 tonne sign be erected to deter the lorries.

RESOLVED- County Councillor E. Foster would investigate the erection of the sign.

#### 12/04. **RIDGESIDE.**

Inspector Winship stated that the accident record does not warrant a reduced speed limit, however concern was expressed about the number of accidents in this area (Kirk Merrington).

The Chairman asked Inspector Winship to look into this problem further and the Inspector said he would report back on the matter at the next meeting.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

#### 13/04. **TAXIS/CARS.**

Concern was expressed about taxis and cars driving up the High Street. Inspector Winship stated that if taxis were identified they would write to them.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

#### 14/04. **KINGFISHER CAR PARK.**

The Chairman raised the issue of cars being sold from the Kingfisher Car Park in the Town Centre. The Town Centre Manager had investigated the matter and Inspector Winship would arrange to investigate the matter further.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

#### 15/04. HORSES AT THE DAISY FIELD.

Concern was raided about trotting horses at the Daisy Field, it was reported that this was not a police matter and it was the responsibility of Sedgefield Borough Council the landlords of this land.

RESOLVED- That the Chairman would bring this matter to the attention of Sedgefield Borough Council.

#### 16/04. CAR PARKING AT RIDGESIDE.

Concern was expressed about the number of vehicles parking on the footpath at Ridgeside.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

#### 17/04. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

RESOLVED –That the date of the next meeting will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 at 6.30pm.

> COUNCILLOR A.GRAY CHAIRMAN