

SSP OMG 8th September 2009: Draft Notes of Meeting

Present: Tom Charnock (TC), Steve Henderson (SH), Paul Gregory (PG), Daniel Rose (DR), Cllr Brian Mattock (BM), Barry Russell (BR), Stella Milsom (SM), Juliette Randall (JR), James Griffin (JG), Janet Beattie (JB), Pam Gough (PGh),

Apologies: Mike Pringle (MP), Alison Chamberlain (AC)

Key issues and decisions:

- Group to advise JB on focus of the Development day planned for 6th November.

Discussion and Decisions

The Chair welcomed Juliette Randall to the group. Juliette, from Government Office for South West, is the new Locality Manager for Swindon. The Chair continued to thank Stella Milsom for her outstanding helpful presence on the group for the last two years. The Chair also welcomed Barry Russell from the Environment Agency onto the group as Environment Representative

1. **Notes of last meeting and matters arising** – notes from the last meeting were agreed and signed off. An update on 21st Century Councillor will come to a future meeting. The election date for the Geographical Representative has been extended to close on 12th October. SH asked about Chris Sivers replacement, BM clarified that the Cluster Lead role will be replaced and the Director of Community role is under review. The Group expressed their thanks to Chris Sivers for her work with the group in the past.

2. Destination Swindon

JG talked the group through a presentation on Destination Swindon outlining the concept, emerging content and forward planning. He added that the role of this group would be as Critical Friend and the subject would also be discussed at the forthcoming SSP Conference in October. JG continued that the development of Destination Swindon is moving rapidly. Destination Swindon is a working title and JG asked the group to come up with an alternative name. SM suggested 'Total Swindon'.

Destination Swindon is about focusing on what Swindon's priorities are over the next 4 years and working with our partner organisations to align resources to produce a single plan for Swindon. JG added that some work had already begun with our partners although this is an ongoing process with stakeholders which looks at how we work together. JG explained that the plan is broken down to 6 themes and added that some of the themes will interconnect. Gavin Jones is the programme sponsor and Partnership Board and Cabinet will be responsible for the success of the plan. JG explained the timelines to the group and added that it is hoped that the first draft of the plan will be available in December. JG added that although the 6 themes have been agreed he is keen to get community engagement in the plan, along the lines of the Connecting People Connecting Places plan. SH added that there is a key role for the Cluster Leads in facilitating a better service and relationship for communities and service providers. DR added that it's right about needing good facilitation skills, Community Engagement involves massive cultural change. It's good to have a plan but it's vital to have a fully resourced Community Engagement process. SM added that the fact that the partnership is trying to move this forward is showing the maturity of the partnership, it's a massive undertaking. She couldn't disagree with the themes; discussion and prioritisation will help focus the themes and move it forward in tandem with the CPCP project. PG suggested that as this change is being driven by the reduction in Government settlement this needs to be mentioned in the plan.

3. Connecting People Connecting Places

PGh gave a brief update on the CPCP programme to date. More Cluster meetings have been arranged, and the website has been fully updated with information from the Cluster Leads. Internally, the Council is looking at support for cluster working and a session was planned for 9th September which detailed work in the cluster areas. A report will be going to Cabinet in October which will detail the progress made so far. There is also a CPCP day for Cluster Leads, Chairs, Police sector heads, Integrated service managers and other partners on 2nd October. This will look at working together, locality working and communication. An article will feature in the next edition of Swindon News, feedback from the group would be welcome. BR asked how clusters set their priorities, PGh replied that all clusters have profiles to start the conversations off, then the priorities come from the communities. JG added there would be opportunities for CPCP to be

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linked to the Streetsmart project, New Ways of Working and the replacement of Swindon's 50 promises.

4. SSP Conference Planning – 12th October 2009

JB gave a brief update on where we currently are with planning the conference. The original invitation went out to over 700 contacts. This has been followed by a reminder which was sent out just after the Bank Holiday. So far we have had over 180 replies, which exceeds the number received at this stage last time.

We have also sent out to the confirmed delegates asking them for their questions for the panel for the 'Question Time' slot. We hope to receive the questions back in by the 30th September. Once we have collated the questions we can then ask for representation on the panel. We already have one volunteer for the panel, which we have gratefully accepted.

Nick Stephenson is meeting with Anjali Arya, who will be our keynote speaker on Equalities, to draw up an outline for the Equalities session. JB promised to feed back to the group on this.

5. Development Session

JB explained that some time ago the group asked for a development session to be arranged, the provisional date of Friday 6th November had been e-mailed out during the summer. JB asked if the group found this date acceptable, with the proposal of running the session from 10.00 to 2.00. The group agreed. JB also asked the group what they wanted to use this time for and what they wanted to get out of the session? JB asked the group to e-mail her with their suggestions due to the time constraints in the meeting. Group agreed to do this. JR offered to facilitate the session and suggested that she meets up with JB and AC to discuss this.

6. AOB

- **Faith Partnership** – SH advised that because the CPCP cluster engagement is such a key piece of work, the membership of the Faith Partnership will be changed, with a representative assigned to each Cluster Lead. "Think Swindon" and how faith communities can be better lined up with issues such as transport is also under way. SH will keep the group regularly updated.
- **LAA2** – PG asked if there were plans to keep the group informed on progress on LAA2. JG replied that the role of the OMG has moved away from analysing the data for LAA but a performance report will be going to the October Swindon Strategic Partnership Board, which we could arrange to be forwarded to the group.
- **LAA1** – TC asked if there was an update on progress for the LAA1 settlement. JG suggested an update at the next meeting.

Date and time of next meetings

Conference : 12th October @ STEAM

OMG Plus – 1st December 2009, 12-2, Function Room, Civic Offices