

**Minutes of the  
Stronger Communities and Health Improvement Group  
held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
at the Coaver Centre, County Hall, Exeter**

<b>Attendance:</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Jay Talbot (chair)	Chief Executive Representing Devon Consortium	Community Council of Devon
Malcolm Carmichael	Area Commander, Central Command	Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
Karen Nolan	Chief Executive Representing Devon Consortium	West Devon CVS
Diana Crump	Chief Executive Representing Devon Consortium	Living Options Devon
Ian Tearle	Head of Health Policy	NHS Devon
Neil Roberts Stuart Dudley		Active Devon
John Bunting	Chief Executive Representing Exeter Social Inclusion and Health Partnership (SHIP)	Exeter CVS
Lynn Thornton	Transport Co-ordination Service	DCC
Andrew Lightfoot	Regeneration and Resources Team Leader	Devon County Council
Patsy Temple	Head of Health Improvement Exeter	NHS Devon
Julia Page	Head of Health Improvement	NHS Devon
Sue Craythorne	Community Strategy Officer	Devon County Council

<b>Apologies for Absence:</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Tina Henry	Head of Health Improvement S Devon	NHS Devon
Penny Mason	Chief Executive Representing Devon Consortium	Torridge Voluntary Services
Lucy O'Loughlin	Chair Mid Devon Health and Wellbeing group	NHS Devon
Marguerite Shapland	Non Executive Director Attending as Chair of Northern Devon H&W Group	NHS Devon
Alan Robinson	Strategic Director Attending as chair of South Hams, Teignbridge and West	South Hams District Council

	Devon H&W group	
Simon Perkins		Devon and Cornwall Probation Service
Alison Golby	Strategic Commissioning Manager, Adult and Community Services	Devon County Council
Ian Bollans		

### **1/11 Welcome and Introductions**

Jay Talbot welcomed members and introductions were made. Apologies were noted. The minutes of the last meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 were agreed. Action points had been completed.

### **2/11 Matters Arising**

#### **Rural Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

It was noted that this had been well received by DCC Cabinet. A number of existing health strategies will be reviewed in the light of pending new health legislation. SCHIG currently has a role in monitoring strategies. This role will also be reviewed in the light of the establishment of a statutory Health and Wellbeing Board.

#### **Web Forum**

The chairman expressed his concern that no progress had been made in setting up a web forum, as he saw it as a very useful tool for the group to generate new thinking between meetings. The subject has become subsumed within a review of wider DSP communications.

### **3/11 Third Sector Commissioning and Social Enterprise workshops**

Sue and Andrew introduced the action plans (circulated with the agenda) from the two pieces of work which took place during the autumn. Each strand will have a follow up workshop in the early spring. The discussion covered the following points:

- Important that both pieces of work are not duplicating
- They should be joined up with the Consortium's projects (Stronger Communities Programme and Total Support). Deborah Fisher will have a key role here.
- Concern re ACS commissioning and development of consortia, particularly in relation to risk sharing
- Consideration of adopting 'Merlin standards' to ensure fairness between contractors
- Culture change for statutory and non-statutory services is massive

The meeting endorsed the two action plans, stressing the need to ensure integration between all the related pieces of work.

**Actions: Diana Crump to lead in getting a small group of key players in the IDeA work together to move things forward;  
Sue to notify group of succession arrangements for her role**

### **4/11 Localism Bill**

Sue introduced the 2 papers sent out with the agenda, which summarised the provisions in the Bill. Among the aspects discussed were:

- Whether local communities will in practice challenge their council over service

- provision
- The asset transfer provisions were welcomed
- How will neighbourhood planning work and whether it would complement community led planning
- The more helpful and positive aspects should be promoted to local communities

It was also noted that the Parliamentary Select Committee would be visiting Devon later in the month.

### **5/11 Public Health White Paper**

Ian Tearle introduced the report sent out with the agenda. He informed the group that the Healthier and Stronger Communities Partnership (HSCP) would start to look at the structure of the statutory Health and Wellbeing Board at its next meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January. He encouraged all agencies to submit responses to the three Government consultation papers which can be found here:

[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publichealth/Healthyliveshealthypeople/index.htm](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publichealth/Healthyliveshealthypeople/index.htm)

### **Healthy lives, healthy people: our health and wellbeing**

Published: 30 November 2010 Deadline: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011

### **Healthy lives, healthy people: consultation on the funding and commissioning routes for public health**

Published: 21 December 2010 Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011

### **Healthy Lives, Healthy People: transparency in outcomes - proposals for a public health outcomes framework**

Published: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2010 Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011

### **6/11 Locality Updates**

Exeter SHIP is looking to develop a new health improvement plan, having held a successful public forum to identify priorities for health, housing, economy and skills, and strong communities.

North The role of the LSP is being reviewed, along with its subgroups, and the health improvement plan will form the basis for future work.

West, Teignbridge and South Hams Also reviewing LSP structures etc. Teignbridge has abolished its LSP. No meeting planned until spring.

Mid Devon is still meeting.

The general point was made that as overall structures are considered, we need to ensure local connectivity.

### **7/11 Stronger Communities Programme Update**

Third quarter performance returns were due the following week, but Karen was able to report that all projects are on track to meet their milestones and there are no matters of serious concern. The Consortium Management Board is satisfied with progress.

The Voluntary Voice (representation) project has amended its work plan to take account of new external circumstances – i.e. fewer partnerships.

### **8/11 Mental Health and Wellbeing Promotion Strategy**

The consultation period for this has concluded. The main messages were that better links should be made to the faith community and more emphasis should be placed on the needs of people with learning disability and those with dementia.

### **9/11 OCS Consultation**

The group noted the County Council's response to this consultation document. We await the Government's response.

### **10/11 Any Other Business**

a) The Consortium will face funding reductions from March 2012 due to the ending of the Capacity builders programme. They will be restructuring their work and seeking other sources. Some consortia in other parts of the region are disbanding. South West Forum is also at risk.

b) DSP is reviewing its structures with a view to concentrating on fewer priorities. It is likely that new proposals will emerge next month. SCHIG members can get news from the DSP website [www.devonsp.org.uk](http://www.devonsp.org.uk)

c) The chairman reminded the meeting that Sue Craythorne is leaving the County Council at the end of the month, and thanked her for all her work supporting this group and its predecessor. This was echoed by the whole group.

*(Many thanks you all of you too – ed !)*

### **Future meeting date:**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011, 10 am**

**ACS Boardroom, County Hall Annexe**

**Next agenda item: HSCP, Health and Wellbeing Board and future structures**