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Please see below the LSP event for February arranged by SCC. This is an agenda item on Mondays board meeting

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From: Jane Tromans [mailto:JSTromans@somerset.gov.uk]
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Subject: Mendip Strategic Partnership

Hi Stuart

Please find attached:

- * the report on the LSP workshop
- * Invitation for each LSP member
- * Draft programme

Would it be possible for hard copies to be made available at the meeting?

Sharon is fully briefed and will be ready to take any questions if necessary
- hope it is all ok.

Regards

<<LSP Dialogue Day - Invitation.doc>> <<LSP Dialogue Day - Report.doc>>
<<LSP Dialogue Day programme.doc>>
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Invitation

Dear LSP Member

Local Strategic Partnerships In Somerset - Workshop

You are cordially invited to attend a workshop on Local Strategic Partnerships in Somerset on Thursday 20th February, starting at 9.30 am at the Lyngford House Conference Centre in Taunton. Lyngford House has been selected for its central position as one of the most accessible venues for all attendees. **Please note that there is no charge for attendance at this event.**

Since the publication of Government guidance in 2000, each of the 5 district councils and the county council have developed Local Strategic Partnerships. Although these are still at the early stages of development all partners have shown great commitment in working together for the benefit of their communities. However there has been relatively little dialogue between the different partnerships and particularly between the different tiers.

Each LSP has agreed that it would be helpful to spend some time working together to learn from each other's experience and best practice and also identifying any issues for future discussion or resolution.

The overall aims of the workshop are:

To bring together members of Somerset's 6 Local Strategic Partnerships in order to:

- Build shared knowledge and understanding of the Community Planning process and the role/priorities of each LSP
- Build links and relationships between the LSPs in Somerset
- Build a shared commitment to on-going dialogue to ensure the best level of co-ordination and agreement between the different partnerships
- To agree on future key areas for discussion and action/solutions to perceived issues
- To agree how the next stage of the dialogue process should be taken forward

Please could you complete and return the attached reply slip. In the meantime if you should have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me on 01823 355400.

Yours sincerely

Jane Tromans

on behalf of the workshop coordinating group

Response Form

I will/will not (delete as appropriate) be able to attend the LSP workshop on 20th February 2003.

Name

Organisation

Address

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Contact details (email/phone)

I am a member of the following LSP(s)

- Sedgemoor in Somerset
- The Taunton Deane Partnership
- South Somerset Together
- The Mendip Strategic Partnership
- Exmoor Coast & Countryside Partnership
- The Somerset Strategic Partnership

I have the following special needs or dietary requirements:

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Please return to:

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Local Strategic Partnerships in Somerset Workshop

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The benefit of the LSPs in Somerset engaging in a dialogue on common issues has already been agreed by each LSP, with the concept of a “dialogue day” or workshop gaining support.
- 1.2. A team of representatives from each LSP has met to identify:
 - The purpose, benefits and achievable outcomes from such a day
 - Style of event, draft programme etc
- 1.3 This report sets out a brief overview of some of the issues, which it was considered would benefit from discussion. Also attached are an invitation and programme for the event

2. Background

- 2.1. LSPs have, in the main, emerged following the publication of Government guidance in 2000.
- 2.2. Six partnerships have been set up across Somerset, five district based and one county-wide:
 - Sedgemoor in Somerset
 - The Taunton Deane Partnership
 - South Somerset Together
 - The Mendip Strategic Partnership
 - Exmoor Coast & Countryside Partnership
 - The Somerset Strategic Partnership
- 2.3 Government guidance on setting up LSPs was extremely non-prescriptive. As a result a range of different approaches and different styles have emerged across the county.
- 2.4 The Partnerships have a wide range of members from different sectors, with inevitable overlaps in some areas. In addition, different approaches to supporting participation by other organisations or community representatives are emerging. There has currently been little cross reference on these issues
- 2.5 Inevitably in a two tier area the development of a Somerset-wide LSP has led to some confusion over roles, identity and co-ordination. The lack of co-ordination between the two tiers has possibly been exacerbated by the lack of common membership, for example the Chairs of district LSPs not acting as representatives on the SSP
- 2.6 The initial “understanding” that the district LSPs would lead on the development of community strategies is now becoming blurred as pressure grows (from the Audit Commission and RDA etc) for the SSP to develop a Somerset-wide “Vision” or community strategy

3 Issues

- 3.1 The Planning Group undertook an exercise to identify the key issues that they considered needed airing/resolution (appendix 1). These issues were then grouped into a number of key themes:
- Early stages, roles and co-ordination
 - Communication, best practice and information exchange
 - Funding & resources
 - Membership issues
 - Building local determination
- 3.2 A subsequent meeting of a small planning group developed the draft programme (attached). It is important to note that the group did not feel it had sufficient locus to commit their LSP to binding decisions at this event. Therefore the day has been designed to share as much information as possible, highlight key issues and agree ways of addressing these.
- 3.3 The planning group were also concerned that key regional bodies (GOSW and RDA), whilst represented on some of the partnership, should receive individual invitations to the event.
- 3.4 It is acknowledge that few of the LSPs have yet developed individual budgets therefore, the event will be funded via the RDA's capacity building budget

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Programme for the event and an invitation to every individual LSP member is attached. Each LSP is asked to:
- Support the approach taken and work internally to develop the presentation highlighted as the first activity in the workshop
 - Ensure that at least 6 representatives (from a range of sectors) attends – the invitation is open to all LSP members
 - Provide a full list of the LSP membership and terms of reference
 - Be clear as to the key work programme priorities and key themes emerging from community planning processes (where relevant)

LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS IN SOMERSET WORKSHOP

20 FEBRUARY 2003

Lyngford House Conference Centre, Selworthy Road,
Priorswood, Taunton

Aims for the day

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

10.00 Arrival and refreshments

10.15 Welcome, introductions and aims for the day

10.30 Presentation from each LSP Group

Each LSP is invited to make a 10-minute presentation on the make-up, style and key priorities of your Partnership. You are asked to be as innovative, colourful and lively as possible within the time constraints. Key points to include are:

- Your LSP, including Chair, membership, Terms of reference etc, budget/pooled funds etc
- Work-programme priorities (both now and for the future)
- Emerging key themes from community strategies

12.00 Presentation from Hamp partnership – good practice on the ground. What are the ingredients, what makes it work and most importantly, what's the added value for local people?

12.30 Lunch and networking opportunity

13.30 Group work sessions based in mixed LSP groups looking at key issues for LSPs. Each group is asked to:

- select one question for discussion
- develop a list of principles/further issues.

Questions for discussion:

1. How can do different LSPs develop greater co-ordination? Who decides where an issue should be discussed and when? – give examples where possible.
2. How can better communication and information/best practice exchange be encouraged, given that we all have limited time/resources?
3. Should LSPs hold their own budgets and other resources. If so where should these come from and how do we maintain accountability?
4. Is there a need for greater consistency in the membership of the LSPs. How do we support business, voluntary sector and community representatives to participate. How can we encourage hard to reach groups to participate in LSPs.

14.00 Feedback from each group with plenary discussion opportunity after each topic

15.00 General discussion on future action

15.15 Close