

**Note of Wealden Local Strategic Partnership meeting 14th July 2009,  
Heathfield Community Centre.**

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**Present:**

Ian Chisnall – Chair, Churches Together in Sussex  
Richard Allum - Sussex Police  
Gerald Carter - Polegate Town Council (representing town councils)  
Lisa Compton – PCT  
Graham Credland - PCT  
Lucy Dixon-Thompson - ESCC, LAA Engagement Officer  
Cllr Linda Francis – Willingdon & Jevington Parish Councillor (representing southern parishes)  
Cllr Roy Galley – WDC Councillor  
Teresa Gittins – Action in Rural Sussex, Director of Policy  
Jeff Hart – Freedom Leisure, Managing Director  
Alison Horan - East Sussex County Council  
Cllr William King - Maresfield Parish Council (representing northern parishes)  
Charles Lant – WDC, Chief Executive  
Sue Shoemith - South Downs CVS  
Cllr David White – WDC Councillor  
Cllr Chantal Wilson – WDC Councillor

**In Attendance**

Gill Cameron-Waller – WDC, Policy and Partnership Manager  
Alex White – WDC, Policy Officer  
Tom Stuart, WDC, Policy Officer  
Nigel Eveleigh - WDC, Planning Policy Manager  
Marina Brigginsshaw - WDC, Assistant Planning Policy Manager

**Apologies:**

Julia Pope - Sussex Police  
Mark Rist - East Sussex Fire and Rescue  
Peter Minshull - Highways Agency  
Marie Tomblin – Eastbourne Association of Voluntary Services  
Cllr Di Phillips - WDC Councillor  
Martin Small – South Downs Joint Committee  
Ken Stevens – Federation of Small Businesses  
Debbie Matthews - South Downs CVS  
Adam Chugg - Eastbourne Association of Voluntary Services  
Mark Rist - East Sussex Fire and Rescue  
Cllr Pam Doodles – Leader, WDC  
Tracey Evans - Downland HA  
Joanna Hodgson – Environment Agency  
Richard Watson - PCT

## **1. Welcome and introductions**

Ian Chisnall explained that this meeting would largely focus on the LSPs response to Wealden District Council's consultation on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy. Usual discussion on standing items would be deferred to the next meeting.

## **2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes were agreed.

## **3. Economic situation in Wealden.**

A paper updating members had been circulated prior to the meeting.

## **4. Update on flu pandemic**

Lisa Compton updated members on current procedures. A key issue as the pandemic continues to evolve will be how to ensure business continuity. Discussions are ongoing on how to tackle such issues and updates will be provided in due course.

## **5. Local Development Framework Core Strategy consultation**

The Board discussed its initial response to Wealden District Council's consultation on the spatial development options. Ian explained that due to the need to achieve a consensus view the discussion itself would not be minuted, but the results would be captured by Gill Cameron-Waller and her team and then lead to a draft formal response being prepared. This will be circulated and agreed with members over the next few weeks and finally signed-off at the LSP Board meeting on 4 September.

**Action: Gill Cameron-Waller**

## **6. Rural issues**

The project design for the proposed project on rural deprivation has now been completed. Tom Stuart reminded members of the rationale for this piece of work and asked the Board to agree that AiRS, given their expertise in this field and their recent work on similar issues in West Sussex, be commissioned to undertake the bulk of the work. Total cost would be in the order of £5000. Administrative support will be provided by Wealden District Council. Downland Housing Association, Downs and Weald PCT, and East Sussex County Council had also agreed to be members of the steering group for the project. The Board agreed the project design.

Gill Cameron-Waller reminded members of the work of the South East Rural Board and Rural Forum. Pam Doodes represented District Councils on the Board, the LSP also had a seat on the Forum. At present, and in the absence of other volunteers, Ian Chisnall is the LSP representative on the Forum but is keen to find someone willing to take on this important role.

**Action: Tom Stuart, Teresa Gittins**

## 7. AOB

Wealden District Council's annual Housing Summit will be on Wednesday 16 September at Uckfield Civic Centre. Invitations will be sent to all Board members individually in the next few days.

## 8. Next meeting

The date and venue of the next meeting has changed to allow maximum attendance at the housing summit and was now set for Friday 4 September in Hailsham. That meeting would sign off the response to the LDF consultation but would largely focus on rural issues.

The next meeting of the LSP will be at **10am on Friday 4 September 2009 at Wealden District Council offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham.**

## Future Board meetings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Topic/Focus</b>
4 September, 10am	Wealden District Council offices, Hailsham	Rural issues
10 November, 2pm	Uckfield Civic Centre	Review of year