

## Devon Economic Partnership LAA task group

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008, Environment Agency Offices, Exminster

### Present:

Tim Jones (Chair)  
Ellen Vernon (NDDC)  
Jen Brogan (DRN)  
Ian Hutchcroft (DCC)  
Paul Sadler (Env Agency)  
Sarah Jennings (DCC)  
Phil Slater (DCC)

Gaynor Hughes (SHDC)  
Bruce Thompson (DCC)  
Tony Skeel (LSC)  
Stuart Dudley (Active Devon)  
Peter Stacey (Bus Link)  
Andrew Lightfoot (DCC)

### Apologies:

Karen Chapman (JC+)  
Joan Farleigh (JC+)  
Pauline Warner (DCC)  
Ian Bateman (DCC)  
Carl Budden (SWRDA)  
Simon Timms (DCC)  
Ian Morris (GOSW)  
Phil Collins (Nat Eng)  
Jill Borrow (DCC)  
Neil Roberts (Active Devon)  
Amanda Ratsey (Business Link)

1. Welcome from TJ and introductions around the table.
2. LAA almost agreed with GOSW. 3 NIS baselines yet to be concluded. End of month DCC – GOSW. GOSW > DCLG 6<sup>th</sup> June.
  - Draft approved by DCC Board and DSP delivery and partnership Boards. About to go to full Council.
  - District colleagues leading on those sections by end of month/mid June. Need consistent feel. Some districts may decide to contribute more time/description of how to deliver in specific area.
  - Well managed process, engaging GOSW very good. Lesson learned from last time.
  - Thanks to whole team. Language barrier broken with LAA in business community. More local prioritisation.
  - Having a reality check has been given considerable thought too. JE updating State of Devon report by 31/05 – lots of external impacts e.g. house prices, etc. May affect delivery of outcome.
  - Reward issues: Government announced some details of how pay award calculated, roughly £4.4m based on achievement of designated tasks in LAA.
  - DCLG consultation June to September. (0.54% DCC budget) paid to DCC or successor Authority, need agreement of how apportioned.
  - There have been difficulties with outcomes but most sorted.

- Ian Morris sends his apologies – message from GOSW praised DEP - lead by Devon's priorities – used SCS priorities. Other LA's went from 198 NIS. Lots of locally focused targets.
  - Some debate still around skills target (3 or 4%) and LAA 5 reduce CO2 emission. GOSW responded Tues – data at DCC responded, good outcome. Ahead of game in region due to current delivery and evidence base at University of Exeter.
  - Award grant – just NIS or local? Probably just NIS.
  - Would it be useful to see any other LAA – Cornwall, Dorset circulated 6 weeks ago. RP in touch with Wilts having difficulty with GOSW negotiations. Cornwall similar to Devon in journey. Some similarities with outcomes.
  - Focus on delivery plans. Keep updating. Make available on website. Constant updated. Outcome leads need to own plans.
  - AL – any plans to broker neighbouring meetings with overlapping outcomes? There is a DCC group with police, etc across themes – but not yet with neighbouring authorities – a MAA needs to be considered, potentially see what boundary commission states.
    - (1) Go off and discuss
    - (2) 4<sup>th</sup> block discuss Plymouth
    - (3) Whole LAA make contact
  - RP to do analysis of common ground between 3 areas to see commonality – DCC, Plymouth, Torbay
  - Duty to co-operate – how to manage proactively – interactive process.
  - Identify what networks exist and where needed. How do we ensure relationship moving forward – need to think about now.
3. JB highlighted rural proofing document that was sent round to LAA outcome leads, any questions should be directed to JB.
4. AL mentioned monitoring of DES. Incorporates some Economic outcomes. Commissioned work on skills in Jan – useful. Consultants now asked to set up system/process for DES – could include some or all of outcomes but not the economic work being done by SW Observatory – use existing structure – looking at state of environment – against NIS. 000's of datasets. Regionally common datasets and guidance for appropriateness at local level. Provides consistency. Needs embedding in DES and LAA.
- Outcome leads need to assess evidence, is there enough to help monitor targets?
  - No shortage of data but shortage of comprehending it. Not always sure why things happen. How do we do things that matter?
  - AL to circulate proposal that Step Ahead consultants are working on for DES.
  - There does need to be some structure overseeing of all the data, consistency, and gaps – safer Devon Partnership, Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

- DEP Executive didn't feel DEP could do more than economic outcomes.
- 23 outcomes 4<sup>th</sup> theme. 10 economic, many others environmental. DEP (Env), DEP M&E (Environment Devon chair on it). Transport is not covered or physical activity, a culture partnership is in delivery strategy. It is up to outcome leads and their partnerships to say where best to fit their outcome.
- Environment Devon will be aligning closely with LAA – could they take on responsibility of environmental outcomes in LAA?
- Conversation between culture, DEP and Health/wellbeing where physical activity sit.
- Acknowledgement that 4<sup>th</sup> theme has such an eclectic mix where to go next. This group should continue, DSP has a hub to support LAA delivery. DSP need to consider what support is required.
- Think about any other funding sources – ***follow-up meeting on other fund sources.***
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- This group could be a collection of people representing other groups instead of all outcome leads.
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- CLG data hub – repository for MS. DCC produce template. Quarterly report – maybe just activities as opposed to figures. Assurance that going in correct direction. Could be short written update of progression as opposed to number crunch. Considered by EEC overview and cross cutting issues. Rural proofing, e.g. needs access and climate change.
- **Action: Next meeting focus on M&E, cross cutting and funding.**
- Feedback that reward grant set up not being helpful. Could money be used more usefully e.g. cross cutting themes, commercial engagement.
- Reward grant be available to local level? Town or community level. LPSA had pump priming grant. ESF – 10% start up. Better way to use money. More effective way to access money. Opportunity to feedback to CLG now. Needs a collective feel.
  - (1) How do we feed back to DCLG?
  - (2) How do we feed back to Devon?
- LAA 8 – problems with methodology in sorting baseline with GOSW.
- Regional and central government accepts that the refresh in a year's time will be significant due to gathering of baseline information.
- Next meeting: 02/07/08 at 2 pm. Environment Agency Offices.
- Thanks to Paul Sadler for providing room. Thanks to Ian Hutchcroft for all the work he has done and best wishes in the future with the new job.

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