

# Dartford and Gravesham Local Strategic Partnership

## PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the Public Service Board held on Thursday 13 March 2008 at Dartford Civic Centre at 7.30pm.

### PRESENT:

#### Public Service Board

Cllr Mike Snelling – Chairman, Gravesham Borough Council and Kent County Council

Cllr Mrs Ann Allen – Dartford Borough Council and Kent County Council

Graham Harris – substituting Cllr Jeremy Kite, Dartford Borough Council

#### Officers

Glyn Thomson - Gravesham Borough Council

Adrian Gowan – Dartford Borough Council

Susan Bourke - Dartford Borough Council

### ABSENT:

Robert Hardy – Kent County Council

Jess Mookherjee - West Kent Primary Care Trust

Dev Sharma – North West Kent Racial Equality Service

Kevin Wiles – Council for Voluntary Service

Chief Supt Gary Beautridge – North West Kent Police

### 1.0 Apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies received from Councillor Jeremy Kite of Dartford Borough Council and Michelle Parfitt from Gravesham Borough Council.

### 2.0 Minutes of the meeting held 17 January 2008

2.1 The minutes were approved.

### 3.0 Matters arising and announcements

3.1 The Board expressed its thanks to Christopher Woodley for all his hard work and wished him good luck in the future.

### 4.0 Sustainable Community Strategy

4.1 It was decided that the community cohesion theme would be taken out of the

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Sustainable Community Strategy and that housing would be added as a theme. It was agreed that the focus would be on making a difference over and above what can be done individually as partners. A discussion emerged about priority indicators in the Kent Agreement Two.

4.1.1 **Action:** Glyn Thomson, Graham Harris, Nick Brown, Adrian Gowan and Michelle Parfitt to meet to discuss how to take the Sustainable Community Strategy forward.

## 5.0 Governance

5.1 A discussion emerged about the membership of the LSP. Kent County Council representation, as well as the voluntary sector and police representation was questioned. A discussion also emerged around Members representation on the Local Children's Services Partnerships.

5.1.1 **Action:** Adrian Gowan to speak with Robert Hardy about Kent County Council's representation on the LSP.

5.2 A discussion emerged around a new approach to health across the two boroughs with a structure similar to that of the CDRP being adopted. Access and public transport routes to Darenth Valley Hospital were discussed.

## 6.0 Any Other Business

6.1 There was no other business to report.

## 7.0 Date of next meeting

7.1 The meeting dates for 2008-2009 have not yet been arranged.

**The meeting finished at 8.20 pm.**

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