

# Shropshire Partnership e-Bulletin

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Welcome to the Shropshire Partnership's quarterly e-bulletin for all those interested in Local Strategic Partnership activities and issues in Shropshire. This bulletin aims to summarise of all the main developments that have taken place across the partnership and over the last three months. If you have information you would like to contribute to the e-bulletin, please contact Jenny Powell, Partnership Coordinator on 01743 252248 or email [jenny.powell@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:jenny.powell@shropshire.gov.uk). If your name appears on more than one of our mailing lists you may receive this email more than once. Please accept our apologies if this causes you any inconvenience.

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***Changes to the Shropshire Partnership***

<b>Key Facts</b>	On 11 June 2010 the Leadership Board agreed a new partnership framework to focus on delivering the Community Strategy priorities in the face of an austere public sector funding reductions. The changes, which were outlined in a special edition of the bulletin in June, are needed to ensure that partnership working in Shropshire is energetic, focused and effective
<b>Action Points and Key Dates</b>	<p>The changes, complete with revised membership and terms of reference will come into effect for the September 2010 cycle of meetings.</p> <p>For more information, or if you missed the special edition and would like a copy, please contact Jenny Powell on 01743 252248 or <a href="mailto:jenny.powell@shropshire.gov.uk">jenny.powell@shropshire.gov.uk</a></p>

***Pride of Shropshire Awards 2010***

<b>Key Facts</b>	<p>The third annual Pride of Shropshire Awards 2010, hosted jointly by the Shropshire Partnership and the Shropshire Star and cosponsored by Muller, was held on June 10th 2010 at Shrewsbury Town Football Club.</p> <p>Winners from the nine different categories were presented with trophies from Eric Smith of BBC Radio</p>
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	Shropshire, and an overall winner for 2010, Christopher Breakwell was also announced.
<b>Action Points and Key Dates</b>	To find out more about the winners and categories awards visit the Pride of Shropshire website at <a href="http://pride.shropshirestar.com/">http://pride.shropshirestar.com/</a>

### **Shropshire Partnership External Funding Strategy approved**

<b>Key Facts</b>	The Leadership Board approved the Shropshire Partnership External Funding Strategy on 11 June. Partners have been invited to an action planning session on 26th August in preparation for the strategy launch in the September.
<b>Action Points and Key Dates</b>	Anyone interested in finding out more about the action planning session should contact Fiona Fortune on 01743 252979 or e-mail <a href="mailto:fiona.fortune@shropshire.gov.uk">fiona.fortune@shropshire.gov.uk</a>

### **Leadership Board - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

<b>Key Facts</b>	<p>At its June meeting the Leadership Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed the proposed changes to the Shropshire Partnership structure and approved them. The new structure will commence in September 2010.</li> <li>• Considered Shropshire Council's regeneration prospectus and External Funding Strategy and endorsed both.</li> <li>• Considered the effect of rising fuel costs on volunteers.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Points and Key Dates</b>	<p>The next Leaders Board will take place on <b>24th September</b> at 10am (Council Chamber, Shirehall) when attendees will consider Terms of Reference and Membership for the new structure.</p> <p>For more information please contact the Shropshire Partnership team on 01743 252269 (<a href="mailto:shropshire.partnership@shropshire.gov.uk">shropshire.partnership@shropshire.gov.uk</a>)</p>

### **Health and Wellbeing Board – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

<b>Key Facts</b>	<p>At its May meeting the Health and Wellbeing Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received the end of year LAA performance report and information on funding applications</li> <li>• Considered a paper on CAA 2010</li> <li>• Discussed the proposed changes to the Shropshire Partnership structure and approved them. The new structure will commence in September 2010, although a final meeting of the Health</li> </ul>
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	<p>and Wellbeing Board will still take place in early September.</p> <p>Issues relating to public health matters will come under the new Healthy Safe and Resilient Communities Board and other matters relating to Adult Social Care, the health economy commissioning/ decommissioning of service will be looked after by the Joint Members Board between Shropshire Council and Shropshire County PCT.</p>
<b>Action Points and Key Dates</b>	<p>The final meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>For more information on the items listed above please contact Tom Dodds (tom.dodds@shropshire.gov.uk)</p>

### ***Sustainable Communities Steering Group - 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010***

<b>Key Facts</b>	<p>The last meeting was a very positive meeting where the Sustainable Communities Delivery Board reviewed the Governance arrangements set out to deliver the Community Strategy and discussed the proposed changes to the Shropshire Partnership structure, as approved by the Leadership Board.</p> <p>The three thematic sub-groups Economy, Housing &amp; Environment fed back on their approaches to contributing to the delivery actions. These thematic groups will meet over the Summer to further define their action plans and will report back to the next meeting of the Board in September.</p>
<b>Action Points and Key Dates</b>	<p>Next meeting will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> <b>September at 2pm</b> in the Wenlock Room, Shirehall, Shrewsbury.</p> <p>For more information please contact Caroline Reid (<a href="mailto:caroline.reid@shropshire.gov.uk">caroline.reid@shropshire.gov.uk</a>) 01743 253007</p>

### ***Safer, Stronger Communities Partnership Board - 20th April & 20<sup>th</sup> July 2010***

<b>Key Facts</b>	<p>At its April meeting the Safer Stronger Communities Partnership Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received a report outlining the new Integrated Offender Management programme, Route 7.</li> <li>• Considered the Safer, Stronger Communities Delivery Plan</li> <li>• Discussed the proposed changes to the Shropshire Partnership structure and approved them.</li> <li>• Received a paper on the Home Office – Safe and Confident Neighbourhoods Strategy</li> <li>• Received the end of year LAA performance report and information on funding applications</li> <li>• Considered a paper on CAA 2010</li> </ul>
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	<p>At the July meeting the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointed Prof Rod Thomson (Shropshire County PCT) as co-chair of the Board with existing Chair Paul Raymond (Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service) as it goes forward to become the Healthy, Safe and Resilient Communities Board from September.</li> <li>• Received a consultation proposal on provision for court Services in Staffordshire and West Mercia which has implications for reduced provision in Shropshire</li> <li>• Received an update report from the Performance Management and Commissioning Group</li> <li>• Received a report on sexual health referral centres</li> <li>• Received updates on the Alcohol Strategy, the Drug and Alcohol Action Team and the redesign of treatment services</li> <li>• Were Updated on the loss of LAA grant and ABG reductions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Action Points and Key Dates</b></p>	<p>The next meeting will take place on <b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b> at 10am in the Council Chamber, Shirehall, Shrewsbury. This meeting will be known as the Healthy, Safe and Resilient Communities Board.</p> <p>For more information please contact Celia Bahrami (<a href="mailto:celia.bahrami@shropshire.gov.uk">celia.bahrami@shropshire.gov.uk</a>) or call 01743 252522.</p>

### **Children's Trust - 28<sup>th</sup> April & 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

<p><b>Key Facts</b></p>	<p>At its April meeting the Children's Trust:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received reports on the Joint strategic Needs Assessment and Children's Trust Development, as well as an update on a meeting to clarify working arrangements between the SCT and Shropshire Safeguarding Children's Board Executive Groups</li> <li>• Received information on the Commissioning Framework and the Common Assessment Framework</li> <li>• Discussed the proposed changes to the Shropshire Partnership structure and received a report on CAA 2010</li> </ul> <p>At the July meeting the Trust:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received an update on the future of Shropshire Children's Trust in the light of changes in legislation and public service spending cuts and clarified the roles and responsibilities of the SCT and the Shropshire Safeguarding Children's Board. It also agreed the dissolution of the National Service Framework Operations Group.</li> <li>• Considered the proposed timetable to develop the new Children and Young People's Plan</li> </ul>
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<b>Action Points and Key Dates</b>	The next meeting will take place on <b>20<sup>th</sup> October 2010</b> at 2pm (Council Chamber, Guildhall).  For more information on the items listed above please contact Joanne Hughes (joanne.hughes@shropshire.gov.uk)

<b><i>MAT Development Days</i></b>	
<b>Key Facts</b>	Multi-Agency Team (MAT) Development Days are local events bringing together a wide variety of agencies and schools within a MAT area. Each MAT Development Day is different; they are developed locally to explore and provide information about local, county-wide and national topics.  The event includes presentations, interactive activities, updates on local and national developments and opportunities to network with local practitioners. Book now!
<b>Action Points and Key Dates</b>	<b>MAT Area: Shrewsbury</b> Thursday 30 September 2010, Guildhall, Shrewsbury  <b>MAT Area: Market Drayton</b> Friday 8 October 2010, Bradbury Hall, Tilstock  <b>MAT Area: Bridgnorth and Craven Arms</b> Wednesday 13 October 2010, Westgate, Bridgnorth  <b>MAT Area: Oswestry</b> Monday 18 October 2010, West Felton Village Hall, Oswestry  To book a place call 01743 254419 or email mapadmin@shropshire.gov.uk

<b><i>Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly Board and Annual Assembly – 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010</i></b>	
<b>Key Facts</b>	The Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly held its last Board meeting on the 10 June followed by its Annual Assembly on the 30 June. More than 100 members attended the Annual Assembly and it provided a good opportunity to consider the issues affecting the sector. Keynote speakers included Kim Ryley, Chief Executive of Shropshire Council, Ben Kernighan, Deputy Chief Executive of NCVO – National Council for Voluntary Organisations and Amy Richards of ACEVO – Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations. Councillor Martin Bennett, Champion for the Third Sector also

	<p>addressed the delegates. The issues highlighted included the need to consider actions to minimise the potential threat of the public sector spending cut and work to implement new national programmes such as personalised budgets and the transformation of health and social care.</p> <p>Current projects being led by the VCS Assembly include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A review of the VCS Assembly and the provision of VCS infrastructure support</li> <li>• Work to complete a VCS evidence base highlighting how the VCS contributes to the Government's vision of a Big Society in Shropshire</li> <li>• The development of a VCS Strategy</li> <li>• Continuing work to recruit new members and broaden representation within the sector</li> </ul>
<b>Action Points and Key Dates</b>	<p>The next meeting of the VCS Assembly Board is due to take place on <b>13th September</b>. For more information contact Sarah Dodds, Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly Coordinator on 01743 252740 or email <a href="mailto:sarah.dodds@shropshire.gov.uk">sarah.dodds@shropshire.gov.uk</a>.</p>

### **Shropshire Business Board - 26th April & 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

<b>Key Facts</b>	<p>At its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received an update on a recent meeting of a small group of the county's manufacturing businesses and Shropshire Council. A countywide forum for manufacturing businesses has now been proposed to encourage exchange of best practice and collaboration within the sector.</li> <li>• Heard from the Business Board's task and finish groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i The Local Procurement &amp; Developing Supply Chains group is raising awareness amongst public sector organisations and large businesses in the private sector about the importance of local sourcing of goods and services to keep their spend in the local economy. A procurement managers event will be held in July, with a future programme of similar events and meet the buyer events planned.</li> <li>ii The Raising the Profile of Shropshire group had focused on updating the Invest in Shropshire website to reflect the offer that Shropshire can make as a business location.</li> <li>iii Mentoring of new businesses had begun and a number of the county's Business Ambassadors have expressed an interest in mentoring fledgling businesses. Any businesses wishing to take advantage of the advice and expertise on offer must first be referred through to Shropshire Council's Economic Development Team.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Board also received an update on the Shropshire and Telford &amp; Wrekin Destination Management Partnership's restructure from Katie Foster, Chair of the DMP</li> <li>• The Board were advised that a number of new Shropshire Business Ambassadors had been</li> </ul>
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	<p>appointed.</p> <p>At the 12<sup>th</sup> July meeting the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received a presentation from Business Link on their new model for business support in the region and reviewed progress in the delivery of the Business Board's plan at the midway point.</li> <li>• Councillor Ann Hartley, Shropshire Council's Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Energy and Carbon Reduction gave a presentation on Shropshire Council's Carbon Management Plan</li> <li>• Mark Pembleton gave an update regarding the new Government announcement of sweeping reforms to the way sub-national economic development was organised, and on the latest plans to establish Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) replacing regional development agencies.</li> <li>• The Board also reviewed its achievements over the last 18 months and considered priorities for moving forward. Dr Geoffrey Davies OBE was re-appointed Chair of the Shropshire Business Board for the next two years.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Points and Key Dates</b>	The next meeting will take place on <b>18th October</b> 2010. For more information please contact Jacqui Casey on 01743 252525 ( <a href="mailto:jacqui.casey@shropshire.gov.uk">jacqui.casey@shropshire.gov.uk</a> )

### ***Spotlight on Shropshire consultation underway***

<b>Key Facts</b>	<p>Consultation on the Spotlight on Shropshire document: an assessment of the economic conditions of Shropshire is currently underway and will run until 30<sup>th</sup> September. The document is a Local Economic Assessment and is intended to provide a comprehensive picture of the county's economy, which will inform future economic development and which will ensure that future investments made by the Council and its partners will be targeted in areas that will bring most benefit to Shropshire businesses and residents.</p>
<b>Action Points and Key Dates</b>	<p>The document is available to view on the Shropshire Partnership's consultation portal: <a href="http://www.consultshropshire.org/shropshire/kms/dmart.aspx">http://www.consultshropshire.org/shropshire/kms/dmart.aspx</a></p> <p>You can make your views on the document known by <b>30<sup>th</sup> September</b>. Email <a href="mailto:businessvision@shropshire.gov.uk">businessvision@shropshire.gov.uk</a> or write to the Economic Development Team, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND</p>

## ***Marches Local Enterprise Partnership***

<b>Key Facts</b>	<p>The new Coalition Government have announced that Regional Development Agencies including Advantage West Midlands are to be abolished. In the future, some of their responsibilities will be delivered centrally and some locally through Local Enterprise Partnerships. The Government have sought joint proposals for Local Enterprise Partnerships from the private and public sectors covering multiple local authority areas. These proposals are expected to provide a basic outline of potential areas, governance structures and the types of functions and resources that can be utilised by a Local Enterprise Partnership to stimulate the economy and encourage enterprise.</p> <p>A proposal has been submitted by the Leaders of Shropshire, Herefordshire and Telford and Wrekin Councils and Chairs of the local county economic and business boards. The full proposal can be viewed at <a href="http://www.ruralregenerationzone.co.uk/document-store">www.ruralregenerationzone.co.uk/document-store</a>.</p> <p>The proposal introduces the types of activity that the Local Enterprise Partnership will aim to assist with in order to create the conditions for the private sector to flourish. These proposals have been informed by various recent consultations with businesses. They include providing strategic leadership, informing housing strategy and policy, influencing spend on transport, infrastructure and broadband availability, attracting inward investment and developing skills and HE provision. The Local Enterprise Partnership proposes to provide access to finance for businesses, engage in cluster development and locally tailored business support particularly to encourage the areas growth and traditional sectors, promote innovation, and encourage graduate retention. It will build on high levels of enterprise and home working across the area and maximise the value of our natural and economic assets in an environmentally sustainable way.</p> <p>Formal business representation on the Local Enterprise Partnership will come through the county business boards. However, it is vital that business of all sizes and locations and working in all sectors feel able to contribute to the Local Enterprise Partnership.</p>
<b>Action Points and Key Dates</b>	<p>If you'd like to register an interest in becoming involved with the development of the delivery plan, make a comment or suggest ways in which the LEP could help your business please do so by emailing <a href="mailto:marcheslepquestions@yahoo.co.uk">marcheslepquestions@yahoo.co.uk</a> or alternatively call Ian Edwards or Matt Smith on 01584 813770</p>

## ***Discontinuation of the Area Partnerships***

<b>Key Facts</b>	<p>Following the decision to discontinue the area partnership structure, the Executive Boards of the three area partnerships, northern, central and southern, held their final meetings during June, to receive</p>
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feedback and monitoring information on the activity supported over the last twelve months.

Last years budget of £480,000 supported 88 partnership projects, delivering a wide range of outcomes and making a significant contribution to the quality of life for people in Shropshire. Summary details are shown below.

Partners involved in the thematic groups at the area level have been discussing any future role and purpose they may have in contributing to the ongoing delivery of Shropshire's Sustainable Community Strategy. Many partners will now seek to engage either at the most local level through market towns partnerships and Local Joint Committees, or through the more strategic work of the new LSP structure.

Some area based partnerships are keen to continue and see clear benefits and added value to doing so, particularly around the community well-being agenda. Work therefore continues to finalise the most effective way for such groupings to feed in and contribute to Shropshire's key priorities.

- The Northern Area Partnership supported 34 projects in 2009/10. Outcomes included supporting Homestart to deliver much needed services to disadvantaged and isolated families. A family book festival in some of the northern Shropshire towns. A counselling for young people project. Young enterprise programmes in local schools. Community based health initiatives. A coppice creation scheme. Energy use reduction schemes. A tourism in northern Shropshire promotion. Supporting food festivals across the area
- The Central Area Partnership supported 22 projects in 2009/10. Outcomes ranged from improved support for voluntary sector groups, improved water conservation awareness, increased business for town centre businesses and local artisans and craftspeople through the provision of town centre shop windows and TV advertising campaign, through to greater involvement of young people and volunteering in BMX and reccy ranger activities. The total value of match funding secured for Central Area projects as a result of the Partnership's investment in these projects is estimated to have exceeded £130,000.
- The Southern Area Partnership supported 32 projects in 2009/10. Outcomes include: Delivery of the young enterprise programme in 16 primary schools; support for adult learners week - helping to fund 42 events and free taster sessions; farmer engagement project - 30 farmers given advice on environmental issues such as renewable energy, woodland projects etc; business energy surveys - 35 businesses surveyed and received advice on carbon reduction; South Shropshire Women's Refuge - 15 vulnerable people took part in drawing and cartoon sessions helping to gain confidence etc; Age concern distributing 40 pairs of slippers to elderly

	<p>patients discharged from hospital to help avoid slips/trips and re-admissions; South Shropshire Youth Forum - physical activity taster sessions for six groups of young people, comprising a total of 50 people aged 13 - 19; Citizens advocacy for adults with learning disabilities - contributing to 23 active long term arrangements between volunteers and clients and 56 shorter term advocacy arrangements; transition project helping to support vulnerable young people from four feeder primary schools making the transition to secondary school.</p>
<p><b>Action Points and Key Dates</b></p>	<p>For further information contact Samantha Hine, Head of Community Working, Shropshire Council 01743 252591 (<a href="mailto:sam.hine@shropshire.gov">sam.hine@shropshire.gov</a>)</p>