

SPECIAL e-Bulletin from the Shropshire Partnership June 2010

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Welcome to a special edition of the Shropshire Partnership's e-bulletin for all those interested in Local Strategic Partnership activities and issues in Shropshire. This bulletin provides you with information on changes to the structure of the Shropshire Partnership that were agreed on 10th June 2010.

The next quarterly e-bulletin is due out in early July. If you have information you would like to contribute to it, please contact Jenny Powell, Partnership Coordinator on 01743 252248 or email 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.

Changes to the Shropshire Partnership - June 2010

Key Facts	On 11 June 2010 the Leadership Board of the Shropshire Partnership 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 outlined below are needed to ensure that partnership working in Shropshire is energetic, focused and effective.
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The Shropshire Partnership	To provide the single overarching Partnership action framework . Having developed The Community Strategy 2010-20, the Partnership will deliver our vision of “A Flourishing Shropshire”
Standing Conference (Annual)	A Sounding Board comprising the wider stakeholders and partners
Leaders Board (streamlined)	Where public service leaders and representatives come together as a strong voice and to exert influence for Shropshire Provides a mandate for Boards to get on with effective delivery
Shropshire Executive Group	Has oversight of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planning and alignment of partner resources in Shropshire to deliver effective and efficient public services • Public consultation and engagement activities
The Delivery Boards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Communities Board • Healthy, Safe and Resilient Communities Board • Children’s Trust 	Will deliver the three community Strategy priorities through a clear focus on doing things differently together, demonstrating effectiveness, reducing costs and driving up efficiency, where partners and portfolio holders come together Priority 1: Enterprise and Growth, strong market towns Priority 2: Reducing Shropshire’s Carbon Footprint Priority 3: Healthy safe and confident people and communities Priority 3: Healthy safe and confident people and communities - The Board has Statutory Responsibilities in respect of Children and Young People
<p>The Public Health agenda focusing on Health Inequalities, to be delivered through multi agency working now sits alongside community safety and resilience through the Healthy, Safe and Resilient Communities Board. The Board is developing a three level, multi-agency approach i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place Based Intervention – in neighbourhoods where causes of inequality coalesce and behavioural change is required • Tackling Hotspots and vulnerable localities 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting communities to be more self reliant. <p>The joint Shropshire Council and PCT members Board (JMB) is to be strengthened. Effective Overview and Scrutiny arrangements for Health, social Care and Community Safety are also in place. These changes mean that the Health and Well Being Board can stand down.</p> <p>Engagement Following the discontinuation of Area Partnerships, there are a number of ways that groups and organisations can engage with partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Joint Committees For the past year 28 Local Joint Committees have been active across Shropshire. These provide opportunities for communities and organisations to lobby, influence and hold the council and its partners to account. They provide the ideal vehicle for delivering Priority 3 (Enterprise and Growth, Strong market towns and rebalanced rural settlements) • VCS Assembly Since its inception the Assembly has over 300 members and deeper links into a number of VCS networks through its members across Shropshire. The Assembly is acknowledged by partners to be an effective mechanism to engage with representatives of Shropshire’s active community and voluntary organisations, ensuring that there is a flow of input, information sharing and feedback along with valuable networking opportunities. • The Children’s Trust Summit is recognised as a good model for VCS engagement but one size does not fit all – for example the Business Board has an annual Summit which embraces Shropshire businesses and the Sustainable Communities Board seeks to build on the environmental networks. • The future operation of the Equalities Forum is currently under consideration.
<p>Action Points and Key Dates</p>	<p>The changes, complete with revised membership and terms of reference will come into effect for the September 2010 cycle of meetings. For more information please contact Celia Bahrami on 01743 252269 or celia.bahrami@shropshire.gov.uk</p>

