

LSP Task and Finish Group – Monitoring Report on Recommendations – November 2011

Recommendation	Response
<p>1. The Partnership’s website, hosted by Redditch Council, should be re-launched with expanded material.</p>	<p>Redditch Partnership web pages were re-launched in early 2010 structured in accordance with the Task and Finish Group’s suggestion. They are maintained on a regular basis.</p>
<p>2. The Partnership should hold an annual “We Are Redditch “event for partners to inform the public about their work and consult them about their priorities.</p>	<p>The “We Are Redditch” event was held in January 2010 as a response to the CAA report and the red flag. It was also used as an opportunity to consult with the public regarding their priorities for the new Sustainable Community Strategy. As the Strategy is now completed, Redditch Partnership has not needed to undertake consultation in 2011. They do however, review information from other consultations undertaken by partner organisations.</p>
<p>3. The Partnership should publicise its work and invite public reaction by placing regular items by partners in Redditch Matters.</p>	<p>Redditch Matters contains a section for Redditch Partnership news or news related to the activities of the Partnership e.g. education, schools etc.</p>
<p>4. The Partnership should advertise and hold an annual meeting for partners and the public to discuss the state of the Borough.</p>	<p>A Redditch Partnership Conference was held on 16th June 2011. Members of the public were not invited to attend as the event was aimed at launching the new Sustainable Community Strategy to partner organisations.</p>
<p>5. LSP Board meeting minutes should be circulated with the agenda for Council meetings as part of the new Leader’s Items section.</p>	<p>Minutes are now directly circulated to Members by the Redditch Partnership Manager once they have been finalised after each Board meeting. This ensures they are not too out of date once members receive them.</p>
<p>6. There should be pre-scrutiny of each new Redditch Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p>Pre-scrutiny of the new SCS took place in March 2011.</p>
<p>7. The Leader of the Council should provide a formal Annual Report of the Partnership at the end of the Municipal year.</p>	<p>Councillor Carole Gandy has delivered a formal verbal Annual Report about the Redditch Partnership at full Council.</p>

<p>8. Information about the Partnership should be included in the induction material for new Councillors.</p>	<p>Basic information about Redditch Partnership has been provided to the Member Service Officer for inclusion in the information packs for new Members for both 2010 and 2011.</p>
<p>9. An event focussing on the Partnership be included as a standard part of the annual councillor training programme.</p>	<p>Two Members training sessions have been provided by the Redditch Partnership Manager, one in October 2010 and one in October 2011.</p>
<p>10. There should be a full review and audit of each completed SCS by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p>O&S Committee examined pre-scrutinised the new SCS on 2nd March 2011.</p>
<p>11. The Redditch Partnership and SCS should be subject to six-monthly monitoring sessions by the Committee.</p>	<p>The first six monthly review is taking place at the O&S Committee meeting on 8th November.</p>
<p>12. The next SCS should have fewer, more focussed targets (perhaps four – six) which are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound.</p>	<p>The new SCS has only four key priorities.</p>
<p>13. For the foreseeable future, the SCS should contain targets relating to health and educational inequalities in Redditch.</p>	<p>The focus of the majority of the work of Redditch Partnership is raising educational standards and tackling health inequalities.</p>
<p>14. The priorities within the SCS should reflect residents' priorities (as identified through consultation) and also dovetail with those of the Worcestershire Partnership.</p>	<p>Two consultation events were held in 2010, the results of which fed into the writing of the new Redditch SCS. Worcestershire Partnership has recently refreshed its own SCS by auditing all of the district LSP priorities and forming a new set of priorities which reflect those of all the districts.</p>
<p>15. The LSP requires the support of a full-time permanent Partnership Manager reporting directly to the Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships.</p>	<p>Helen Broughton was appointed as the full time, permanent Redditch Partnership Manager in May 2011 as part of the Shared Services Review of Policy, Performance and Partnerships Directorate.</p>