

HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Association held at Southampton Civic Centre on 8 June 2007 at 10.30 am.

Present:

Basingstoke and Deane	Councillor J Leek G Holdcroft (Chief Executive) T Curtis
East Hampshire	W Godfrey (Chief Executive)
Eastleigh	Councillor A Winstanley B Topham (Chief Executive)
Fareham	Councillor S Woodward A Davies (Chief Executive)
Gosport	P Wilson
Hampshire	Councillor P Banks Councillor J Glen Councillor M Snaith C Lawrence-Pietroni (Head of Policy)
Hart	Councillor D Neighbour G Bonner (Chief Executive)
Havant	G Andrews (Chief Executive)
Isle of Wight	Councillor J Wood
New Forest	Councillor M Holding Councillor M Kendal (Vice-Chairman) D Yates (Chief Executive)
Portsmouth	Councillor Lee Mason
Rushmoor	Councillor R Dibbs Councillor P Moyle (Chairman) A Lloyd (Chief Executive)
Southampton	Councillor A Samuels Councillor R Smith Councillor A Vinson B Roynon (Chief Executive) C Binns J Brentor
Test Valley	Councillor P Giddings B Sully
Winchester	Councillor G Beckett B Merrett

Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils	Councillor D Bidwell
Isle of Wight Association of Parish and Town Councils	Councillor B Blezzard
Hampshire Fire and Rescue	Councillor M Cartwright D Howells
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association	N Goulder (Director) D Allen (PA to Director)
Hampshire Police Authority	Councillor J Rayment (Chairman)

Also in attendance:

Audit Commission	K Handy
Government Office for the South East	C Evans (Acting Director, Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Government Office for the South East)
Hampshire Partnership NHS Trust	M Barkley (Chief Executive)
Hampshire Economic Partnership	P Dean (Chief Executive)
Local Government Association	Councillor M Robinson (also Chair of the Hampshire Partnership NHS Trust)
Solent MIND	R Barritt (Chief Executive)
South East England Development Agency	K Slack

20.07 WELCOME

Councillor Stephen Barnes-Andrews, the Right Worshipful Mayor of Southampton, welcomed all those present to the meeting.

21.07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E Cartwright (East Hampshire); Councillor K House (Eastleigh); Councillor D Smith (Gosport); Councillors A Collett, K Thornber and M Woodhall (Hampshire); Councillors D Gillett and A Lengahan (Havant); Councillors A Sutton and D Tuson (Isle of Wight); T Johnson (New Forest National Park Authority); Councillor G Vernon-Jackson (Portsmouth); Councillor I Carr (Test Valley); K Dufton (One Community).

22.07 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Peter Moyle, Rushmoor Borough Council, was elected Chairman for the year 2007-2008.

23.07 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Mel Kendal, New Forest District Council, was elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2007-2008.

24.07 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2007 were agreed as a correct record.

25.07 **BRIEFING ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND APPLICATION FOR FOUNDATION TRUST STATUS**

Councillor Maureen Robinson (national LGA member) introduced Martin Barkley of the Hampshire Partnership NHS Trust and Richard Barritt of Solent MIND who gave a presentation on these subjects.

Mr Barritt's presentation focussed on:

- The scale of mental illness
- Housing and mental health
- Leisure and mental health
- The scale of mental health services.

Mr Barkley's presentation focussed on:

- Becoming a Foundation Trust
- The work of the Hampshire Partnership NHS Trust
- How well the Partnership is doing
- The importance of being a specialist trust
- What a Foundation Trust is and its benefits
- Local accountability
- Membership details and the election of a Council of Governors
- The Role of a Governor
- What a Foundation Trust means for users, carers and members of the public
- The process and timetable for setting up a trust
- What local authorities can do and their contribution towards Foundation Trust status

Mr Barritt, Mr Barkley and Councillor Robinson answered questions and concerns from those present including:

- What local authorities could do to work with the Trust on the employment of mentally ill people
- Making sure patients, especially those living in the community, take their prescribed treatments
- Improvements required for the treatment of the elderly mentally infirm
- Whether the Isle of Wight would be included in the wider Foundation Trust membership
- Mental health problems complicated by substance misuse.

Mr Barkley invited members to join the Foundation and promised to send out application forms.

The Chairman thanks Messrs Barritt and Barkley for their presentation.

26.07 **HAMPSHIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**

The Chairman introduced Peter Dean, Managing Director of the Hampshire Economic Partnership (HEP) and Andrew Lloyd, Chief Executive of Rushmoor Borough Council.

Mr Lloyd and Mr Dean gave a presentation which focussed on:

- the Partnership's mission
- stakeholders in the Partnership
- the Partnership's organisation
- its task groups
- 2006/7 achievements
- the Partnership's strategy
- 2007/8 key decisions
- future direction of the Partnership.

Kathy Slack also gave details of the role of SEEDA in the Partnership. She voiced concerns over there being too many partnerships and funding streams. She reported that SEEDA would be re-organised to process the development of the Regional Economic Strategy. Funding within SEEDA was being investigated. She gave details of the sub-regional review process. The Agency was also looking at the importance of Local Area Agreements. She encouraged feedback from those present.

Andrew Lloyd and Peter Dean answered questions and concerns from those present, including:

- HEP should cover more than the PUSH area. There were two more equally important sub-regions in Hampshire. Businesses in North Hampshire should also be engaged
- The added value of HEP to PUSH
- There should be a recognition of the different demands of the rural economy. More focus was required
- HEP's stance on Multiple Area Agreements
- A suggestion was made for a HEP roadshow to visit local authorities to advertise its work.

The Chairman thanked Peter Dean and Andrew Lloyd for their presentation.

27.07 **THE ASSOCIATION'S ACTION PLAN 2007-2008 AND ANNUAL REPORT**

The Director introduced his report which set out the proposed action plan for the following year. The Annual Report was annexed to the report.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Action Plan be approved for consultation with inter-authority groups and partner organisations; and
- (2) That the draft Annual Report be amended on the basis of today's meeting and published on the Association's website.

28.07 THE ASSOCIATION'S BUDGET AND SUBSCRIPTIONS 2007-2008

The Director introduced his report which gave details of the level of subscription and agreed budget for the following year.

RESOLVED

That the subscription unit of £2,100 agreed at the January meeting be confirmed for the year 2007/2008.

29.07 FIVE MINUTE SLOT AND FUTURE AGENDA

Consideration was given to a report by the Director which listed potential future matters for discussion.

The Director reported two extra items:

- 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games for the September meeting
- the work of the Improvement Board for later in the year.

30.07 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2007-2008

Consideration was given to the programme of meetings for 2008 and the remainder of 2007.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the meeting provisionally scheduled for 27 July be cancelled;
- (2) That the dates for meetings be approved for 2008 and the dates for the remainder of 2007 be noted; and
- (3) That member authorities, in fixing their diaries for 2008, try to avoid clashes of dates wherever possible.