

WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM COMMITTEE

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STAKEHOLDER EVENT & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

REPORT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT TEAM

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RECENT REFERENCES:

WWF17: Creating a Sustainable Community in West of Waterlooville Major Development Area – 23 June 2005.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At their meeting of 23 June 2005 the West of Waterlooville Forum agreed to the implementation of a Community Development Strategy for the West of Waterlooville MDA. The task of producing the strategy was given to the Infrastructure Project Team and the first stage of producing the strategy was to organise and hold a stakeholder event. This event took place on 10th November 2005 and gathered relevant information, which helped to inform the strategy. This report contains a draft report (Appendix 1) providing feedback from the stakeholder event for members of the Forum to consider. This report also submits an outline draft of the Community Development Strategy for comment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 That the Forum note the Stakeholder draft report and members of the Forum provide comments to Mark Maitland (WCC) or Claire Hughes (HBC) by 22 December 2005.
- 2 That the Forum agrees to the distribution of the Stakeholder report as detailed in paragraph 2.3 of the Report.
- 3 That the Forum note the draft Community Development Strategy and provide comments to Mark Maitland (WCC) or Claire Hughes (HBC) by 22 December 2005.

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 It is clear that the intention of the West of Waterlooville Forum has always been to ensure that infrastructure requirements for the MDA are appropriate, viable and of a high quality. In the main these requirements have tended to concentrate on the built environment. More recently however the Forum has acknowledged that in order for this development to be successful and sustainable we need to look beyond the bricks and mortar and put as much emphasis on the community infrastructure as we do the built environment. To this end the Forum considered a report (WWF17) on 23 June 2005 submitted by the Community Initiatives Manager, Havant Borough Council. The report outlined several key criteria for achieving a sustainable community and suggested that holding a stakeholder event would be the most expedient way to progress this. Information gathered from this event could then be used to inform a 'Community Development Strategy' for the MDA in order to achieve the '*vision*'. The task of producing this strategy has been allocated to the Infrastructure Project Team.
- 1.2 After some initial research the Project Team identified and agreed to use the "Strategic Framework for Community Development" developed by the Standing Conference for Community Development for the West of Waterlooville Community Development Strategy.

2 Stakeholder Event

- 2.1 On Thursday 10 November 2005 the event was held at Waterlooville Community Centre. As a result of the very tight timescales involved it was agreed to appoint Community Action Hampshire to run the event using the "Planning for Real" method for engaging and consulting with the various stakeholders invited to attend, of which approximately 80 attended on the day. The event was split into morning and afternoon workshops. The morning workshops focussed on identification and prioritisation of facilities and services and the afternoon workshops on action planning of the facilities and services identified from the morning session.
- 2.2 The event was very successful and the planning for real approach seemed to be well received. Further details of the event including statistical data and analysis can be found in the draft report in Appendix 1. Forum members are encouraged to comment on the structure of the draft report and feed their comments to Mark Maitland (WCC) or Claire Hughes (HBC) by 22 December 2005.
- 2.3 Forum members are also asked to agree that in addition to Forum members, copies of the final report are sent to all stakeholders who attended the event, all members of West of Waterlooville Steering Group and Project Teams and that copies of the report are also posted on both the Winchester City Council and Havant Borough Council websites.

3 Community Development Strategy:

- 3.1 Appendix 2 contains an outline draft of the Community Development Strategy. The structure of the strategy follows a “Strategic Framework for Community Development” developed by the Standing Conference for Community Development. The framework not only provides the necessary structure for active community participation and engagement, but also suggests a philosophy or culture (the community development approach) that has to be followed if positive outcomes are to be achieved.
- 3.2 The attached strategy is an officer outline/working draft and has yet to incorporate information identified from the stakeholder event. The Infrastructure Project Team will be considering this draft at their next meeting and would welcome comments members of the Forum might have. Members are asked to feed their comments to Mark Maitland (WCC) or Claire Hughes (HBC) by 22nd December 2005.

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Draft report for Stakeholder Event

Appendix 2 – Draft copy of the West of Waterlooville Community Development Strategy