

## Appendix 3

### Minutes of the Sevenoaks District Local Strategic Partnership Held at Sevenoaks District Council Offices, 29 September 2016

**Present:**

Pav Ramewal	PR	Sevenoaks District Council (Chair)
Alan Whiting	AW	Sevenoaks District Council
Richard Morris	RM	Sevenoaks District Council
Jo Tonkin	JT	Kent County Council Public Health
Nick Silvester	NS	Kent Fire and Rescue Service
Mark Rist	MR	Kent Fire and Rescue Service
Gill Shepherd-Coates	GSC	Age UK
Wendy McGeachy	WM	Imago
Chief Inspector Roscoe Walford	RW	Kent Police
Heather Brightwell	HB	West Kent Extra
Craig Kendall	CK	Kent County Council
Jill Rogers	JR	Moat Housing
Will Campbell-Wroe	WCW	West Kent Extra
John Dyson	JD	Sencio Community Leisure
Stanley King	SK	Sevenoaks Churches Together
Frank Czarnowski	FC	West Kent Housing
Lesley Bowles	LB	Sevenoaks District Council
Sarah Gaunt	SG	Kent County Council, Early Help and Prevention
David Hart	DH	Kent County Council, Area Schools Officer

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jackie Marks – KCC Partnership Manager</li> <li>• Ian Watts – KCC Area Education Officer</li> <li>• Rick Bayne – Kent Downs AONB</li> <li>• Yvonne Wilson – West Kent CCG</li> </ul>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Successes</b></p> <p>NS updated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On scene First responders training project                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kent Fire and Rescue Service received funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner for a first responder on scene training project.</li> <li>• Kent Fire and Rescue project will train 14-21 year olds to carry out first aid at scenes of road traffic collisions, particularly in rural areas where data shows most collisions involving young people take place.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The grant has enabled Kent Fire and Rescue Service to purchase equipment to train young people at the new Rochester Road Safety Experience centre in how to use defibrillators and other valuable first aid skills.</li> <li>• LB outlined successful Community Safety Partnership’s recent multi-agency Child Sexual Exploitation training attended by 40 professionals</li> <li>• RW discussed Organised Crime Groups [OCG’s]. There is a strategic expectation that these will be dealt with at a local level and in partnership with other agencies in the first instance.</li> <li>• Sevenoaks currently have one group, Barnfield Park in New Ash Green, a managed traveller site that is run by KCC.</li> </ul>	
3	<p><b>Challenges, barriers and opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following a suggestion from LB, it was agreed that the next LSP would take mental health as its key discussion topic</li> </ul>	AW
4	<p><b>LSP Development Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LB presented this item. The following ideas discussed at the Development day were outlined as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Improved community empowerment through co-produced partner events</b> – it was agreed that key LSP partnerships including the Local Children’s Partnership Group (LCPG), the Health Action Team and the Community Safety Partnership will add this as an agenda item for discussion at future meetings and will identify events to take forward.</li> <li>○ <b>Improved communication with schools</b> – this will be looked at by the LCPG</li> <li>○ <b>Improved identification of repeat &amp; vulnerable victims</b> – this is already being dealt with by Sevenoaks District Council’s Community Safety Unit through their Daily Tasking meetings.</li> <li>○ <b>How do we get these to harder to reach groups for food/healthy eating advice, particularly in more isolated communities</b> – this will be looked at by the Sevenoaks Healthy Action Team who are already doing a great deal of work around this agenda.</li> <li>○ <b>Improve and sustain the provision of voluntary and community transport and promote volunteering</b> – this will be looked at by the Sevenoaks Voluntary Sector Forum with reference to the Older People’s Sub-Group of the LSP</li> <li>○ <b>Multi agency referral system for older people involving health, housing and voluntary sector</b> – this Older People’s Sub-Group will look at how to take this forward in collaboration with West Kent CCG’s “Making Every Contact Count” (MECC).</li> <li>○ <b>Incubate New Businesses</b> – this is a shared objective with the Sevenoaks Economic Development Action Plan.</li> <li>○ <b>Initiatives to reduce barriers for young people who are NEET</b> – this will form part of the work of the Supporting Young People into Employment Group.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mobile jobs bus</b> – this will also form part of the work of the Supporting Young People into Employment Group</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Swanley and Hextable Masterplan consultation – introduced by Richard Morris/Alan Whiting, SDC and followed by group discussion.</b></p> <p><b>Background</b></p> <p>Sevenoaks District Council has prepared a 20 year ‘Master Vision’ to help regenerate Swanley and Hextable.</p> <p>Change is already happening but this is an opportunity to influence future change and get the improvements in infrastructure, including transport, leisure, health, educational and other community facilities that Swanley and Hextable deserve.</p> <p>We are very aware that pressure continues for new housing continues and without a plan in place, growth will happen without the accompanying community benefits or infrastructure identified as important to local people.</p> <p>The improved economy has led to fresh interest by the key landowner (U&amp;I) in making improvements to Swanley town centre. There are also proposals being developed for the improvement of Swanley Station. It seems that now is the right time to put in place a long-term regeneration vision for the town.</p> <p>The Master Vision has been developed by considering the level of growth needed to make positive change happen (for Swanley town centre and for the wider Swanley town and Hextable Parish). The Master Vision sets an ambitious scale of possible regeneration to create the most realistic chance of delivering significant improvements in infrastructure.</p> <p><b>The Consultations</b></p> <p>During our consultations in February 2016, residents told us that they wanted new affordable and family homes and retirement properties, homes for first-time buyers, improved health facilities, better public transport and ways to cut road congestion, a better range of shops and restaurants while retaining leisure facilities and open spaces.</p> <p>The Master Vision incorporates results fed to the consultants, Tibbalds. They have looked at the scale of ambition required to deliver changes that local people said they wanted. During consultations, Officers have also stressed that this is an opportunity to look at the transformational change required to deliver infrastructure and services in a way that does not result in a piecemeal development approach.</p> <p>It was noted that LSP this was an opportunity for partners to give their views about the proposed Master Vision. .</p>	

RM outlined the main sections of the Swanley Master Vision as follows:

### **New Garden Village**

The Master Vision includes the possibility for between 2,500 and 3,000 new homes on a site to the east of Swanley as part of a new 'Garden Village' with improved transport links and a train station ('halt station'). It also includes plans for improved cycle ways and bridle ways

Sevenoaks District Council has submitted an expression of interest to the government regarding a 'Swanley Garden Village'. A decision from the government is expected later this year.

The consultation recognises the need to consider putting in place sufficient housing for people to enable people to take a 'housing journey' in Swanley, from a first starter home to more spacious family home, to possibly downsizing in later life. We recognise the need for a mix of housing types and tenures.

The area envisioned in the 'Swanley Garden Village' takes into account the areas physical constraints. Expansion to the east of Swanley is naturally limited by the M25.

RM noted that the Council was also undertaking an assessment of the Green Belt at the moment. Results will not be expected until the new year.

**LSP Members agreed in principle to support the key messages of the Master Vision relating to housing and the new garden village.**

### **Transport in Swanley**

Swanley is very close to London and you can get there quickly from Swanley Station. The Master Vision looks at how we can bring services more centrally and encourage modal shift. It sets out ways to improve the quality of and access to the existing by building a new modern station closer to the centre of Swanley. We also want to improve other types of public transport to keep traffic off the roads. This might be by making lanes on the roads that only buses can use at certain times. The biggest idea is to move the train station closer to the town centre to where historically was sited. We think putting it in the heart of the town centre would help more people use the train station.

JT noted that the Master Vision's aspirations on transport and improving the use of and access to open space had a good fit with public health and active green travel. Encouraging walking and cycling and improving access to green and open spaces had direct health benefits.

SG noted that access to the Youth Hub was limited with one main road in and out. In addition, SG supported any efforts to improve the traffic flow around the town centre.

**LSP Members agreed in principle to support the key messages of the Master Vision relating to transport.**

**Swanley Town Centre**

We believe Swanley town needs a better range of shops and restaurants. There might be ways to make it easier to get into Swanley town centre, but there is little for people to do in the evening and we can do something about this. We have also set out ideas for improving the area around Asda, including possibly a decked car park.

SG noted that it would be good to have facilities for young people in the evening and that there was a lack of choice with the existing shopping offer.

**New health/medical centre, leisure centre and other services**

Most people didn't want to build on the Recreation Ground but they did want to improve open and green spaces.

We need to build a new leisure and swimming facility as it is not financially viable to sustain the White Oak Leisure Centre and are looking at some different ideas. Keeping the leisure centre in a town centre location may make it easier to get to. If we put it at the edge of the Recreation Ground, we could put it with a new building for health services. At the same time, we would keep and improve most of the recreation ground as an improved open space for local people to use.

We also had the idea for a hotel at the edge of the Recreation Ground. This could help bring more people into Swanley who would spend their money in local businesses. This could help create more jobs for local people.

Any recreation grounds left could be used for community facilities. We would have to replace the space lost elsewhere in Swanley

WC-W noted concerns about the U&I planning application. He that to help open up public spaces, new shop units should be multi-facing

**LSP Members agreed in principle to support the key messages of the Master Vision relating to new health/medical centre, leisure centre and other services**

**Education**

The Master Vision recognises that if we build more homes, we need to improve educational facilities. We think there is a need for more primary school places

SG noted that consideration needed to be made for the Youth Hub and Children's Centre facilities. SG welcomed the opportunity to improve facilities.

**LSP Members agreed in principle to support the key messages of the Master**

	<p><b>Vision relating to Education.</b></p> <p><b>New Gateway to Swanley town centre (by “Gateway”, we mean a new high quality housing and possibly shops and space for businesses on the existing Bevan Place site that sets a standard for future building in Swanley)</b></p> <p>Sevenoaks District Council recently bought the former Swanley Working Men’s Club site in the High Street, having owned the neighbouring Bevan Place Car Park for many years.</p> <p>We have already agreed that the Bevan Place Car Park and Working Men’s Club site will be turned into new homes. We also want to look at providing a mixture of shops and cafes on the ground floor as well as affordable units for businesses</p> <p><b>LSP Members agreed in principle to support the key messages of the Master Vision relating to the new gateway to Swanley Town Centre.</b></p> <p><b>Green and Open Spaces</b></p> <p>We want to help keep Swanley and Hextable as two places with their own communities. Green spaces and Swanley Park help to do this and should be retained. We also think we should improve access for all.</p> <p>We want to improve access to Swanley Park, including the possibility of a new car park on the south side of the park. We have also included possible plans for an all weather path for people walking and cycling through the Avenue of Limes to improve the access between Swanley and Hextable. There is also an option of a new outdoor sports area on the Birchwood School site.</p> <p><b>LSP Members agreed in principle to support the key messages of the Master Vision relating to green and open spaces.</b></p> <p><b>Hextable</b></p> <p>We have thought about ways of providing new homes in Hextable. We think new homes could be built on the site of the existing Parish Council Offices. The Master Vision includes the possibility of building a new Parish Council office at Hextable Park. We have also looked at the possibilities of providing new mix use housing on the Oasis Academy site which has now been closed for a while. Mixed use could include new home as well as education and health care services.</p> <p><b>LSP Members agreed in principle to support the key messages of the Master Vision relating to Hextable.</b></p>	
6	<p><b>Any other business and suggestions for future agenda items</b></p> <p>It was agreed that mental health would be the key discussion topic at the next LSP meeting on 29 November.</p>	AW

7	<b>Dates for 2016/17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday 29 November 2016, 10am - 12pm, Sevenoaks District Council Offices</li><li>• Tuesday 28 February 2017, 10am -12pm, Sevenoaks District Council Offices</li></ul>	