

**LEICESTERSHIRE TOGETHER (LOCAL STRATEGIC
PARTNERSHIP) BOARD**

Monday 19th November 2007

THE LEICESTERSHIRE TOGETHER ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007

REPORT OF LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Purpose of Report

1. To provide a brief summary of the content of the 2007 Leicestershire Together conference.

Introduction

2. The timing of this year's conference is ideally suited to enable it to focus on the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the selection of priorities for inclusion in the LAA. Presentations will cover the national and local context of Sustainable Community Strategies and examine how we have performed so far. The main focus, however, will be on looking at where we need to be and how we use the evidence base to agree priority outcomes at a county-wide and local level.

Venue

3. The conference will be held at Holywell Park, which is part of the Imago group of conference venues attached to Loughborough University. A shortlist of possible venues were visited to explore which provided the best accessibility, the correct number of breakout rooms, and presented a professional yet relaxed atmosphere. Holywell Park met all these criteria and has been used by Leicestershire County Council in the past.

Format

4. The format of the day is a traditional conference style with a mixture of presentations and opportunities for smaller workshop groups. Contributions from representatives of theme partnerships have been sought to ensure a mix of speakers, with Jan Sensier from GOEM providing an introduction to the national and regional context.

5. Workshops will be used to provide theme partnerships with the opportunity to develop priorities and consider delivery mechanisms. Delegates will be able to attend one theme workshop, with theme partnerships given the freedom to devise a session that best meets their needs. In addition, each delegate will attend a workshop on places that will enable representatives from Community Forum and priority areas to ensure the right priorities are identified.

6. The draft agenda is appended to this report.

Delegates

7. As at 8th November, there are 120 delegates registered to attend the conference. The number is reduced from previous years as Parish Councillors have been invited to two separate events specifically catering for their needs.

There is a good mix of delegates across partnerships, districts and departments which should ensure all workshops are suitably attended.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the contents of the report.

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AGENDA

- 10:00 **Registration**
- 10:30 **Introduction** – (Councillor David Parsons, Chair of Leicestershire Together)
- 10:40 **The National and Regional context** (Jan Sensier-GOEM)
- 11:00 **The Leicestershire Context- Progress So Far**
(Andy Robinson - Assistant Chief Executive, Leicestershire County Council and Martin Gage, Stronger Communities Partnership Board)
- 11:15 **Leicestershire As You Have Never Seen it Before.** (Robert Radburn, Research Team, Leicestershire County Council)
- 11:30 *Break*
- 11:55 **Shaping Priorities** (Councillor David Parsons and Peter Williams, Cleaner and Greener Partnership)
- 12:15 **Where We Need to Be - Vision and Strategy Into Reality.** (Nicole Rickard and John Wright – Policy Team, Leicestershire County Council)
- 12:25 **Places in Leicestershire 1- The Future of Our Towns and Housing Growth** (Tom Purnell - Policy Group Manager, Leicestershire County Council with various contributors) – For groups 1-7
- Theme workshops** (each theme partnership will run the first of their two sessions – for groups 8-14)
- 13:15 *lunch*
- 14:00 **Places in Leicestershire 2 – Our Urban and Rural Neighbourhoods** (Derk Van Der Wardt – Community Engagement Team Leader, Leicestershire County Council with various contributors) – For groups 8-14
- Theme workshops** (each theme partnership will run the second of their two sessions for groups 1-7)
- Group numbers will be provided on the day with delegate packs