



STROUD DISTRICT LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

<http://community.stroud.gov.uk/lsp>

Meeting held on Friday 2nd December 2016
Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

Present:

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| Les Haines MBE (Chair) | Voluntary & Community Sector Forum | David Hagg | CE, Stroud District Council |
| David Nairn | Fluid Transfer | Cllr Steve Lydon | Leader, Stroud District Council |
| Kevin Hamblin (Vice Chair) | South Gloucestershire & Stroud College (SGS) | Carol Stubbs | Job Centre Plus, Gloucestershire & West of England District |
| David Miller | Stroud Hospital League of Friends | Acting Chief Inspector Andy Poole | Gloucestershire Constabulary |
| Dr Claire Mould | OPENhouse | Max Comfort | Social Enterprise & WCCG |
| Beth Whittaker | Stroud Businesswomen's Network | Russell Warner | FSB |
| David Tate | Silverwood UK Ltd | Helen Edwards | NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group |
| Margaret Willcox OBE | Gloucestershire County Council | Pamela Tawse | Gloucestershire Older Persons Association |
| Mary Hutton | NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group | Barbara Pond | GRCC |
| Andrew Fletcher | Longfield (Hospice Care for the Cotswolds) | | |

Apologies and absent:

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| Dr Stuart Wilson | Stroud District Schools Partnership | Geoffrey Beckerleg | Chamber of Commerce, Stroud |
| Rob Fountain | Age UK Gloucestershire | Chris Pockett | Renishaw Plc |
| Claire Nelmes | Mayor of Dursley | Dr Hein Le Roux | NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group |
| Elin Tattersall | GRCC | William Frazer | National Farmers Union |
| Dr Claire Feehily | Healthwatch Gloucestershire | Brian Oosthuysen | Gloucestershire County Council |
| Alison Robinson | GAPTC | Geoffrey Clifton- Brown | MP for Cotswolds Constituency |
| Neil Carmichael | MP for Stroud Constituency | Tom Schaffner | Stroud District Youth Council |
| Oli King | Stroud District Youth Council | | |

Guests & Support Officers:

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| Gerard Cassell, WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre | Katie Kynoch, Conservative Party Constituency Caseworker | Alexander Bisset, Conservative Party Constituency Caseworker |
| Steve Miles, Stroud District Council | Jackie Godwin, Stroud District Council | |

1. Welcome, introductions & apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. A number of apologies had been received.

2. Notes of the previous meeting, 9th September, 2016

The accuracy of the notes previously circulated was agreed.

3. Ambitions 2016

The Chair, one of the four principal organisers of Stroud Ambitions, summarised this year's event, held on 9th November at Stratford Park Leisure Centre. Now in its 4th year, this interactive careers event again welcomed 1,000 yr9 students from local secondary schools to the daytime session. 600 parents, students and adults attended in the evening. Over 60 businesses, organisations and education-providers participated, many of whom have already offered their support for Ambitions 2017. Feedback has once again been extremely positive.

Les reminded everyone that the Stroud Ambitions concept is a result of research carried out by LSP members, which identified a gap in local careers advice and support, coupled with their desire to improve business-education links. Subsequent comments made included:

- Stroud Ambitions has become an established event with very good employer presence and excellent engagement
- Thank you to SDC for providing funding, to the additional sponsors and to the organisers

Further information, including a list of participants and testimonials, is available via the Ambitions website <http://www.stroudambitions.co.uk/>.

A full evaluation is being carried out and a summary will be published on the website in due course.

4. Sir Peter Scott Living Legacy

Ged Cassell, Engagement Officer Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Project, WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre, provided a comprehensive summary of this major project, now known as 'Slimbridge 2020'. In addition to the £4.4m HLF grant awarded, the WWT needs to raise a further £1.6m towards the full £6m cost of the project. An initial up-front £360,000 will help the WWT develop a new heritage tour, starting from Sir Peter Scott's home enabling visitors to experience the history within it. The main investment will result in the construction of new attractions including an aviary and theatre, the development of new paths around the site and the building of new hides plus the renovation of existing ones. Ged emphasised the positive outcomes of 'Slimbridge 2020' which include:

- Increased visitor numbers & membership, especially to a wider audience
- Economic benefits – jobs and skills
- Promoting the importance of conservation
- Opportunities to improve health and wellbeing

Ged also stressed that effective local engagement is needed to ensure the project's success. If you would like to find out more about becoming involved please contact him via Gerard.cassell@wwt.org.uk

The PowerPoint presentation is available on the LSP website <http://lsp.stroud.gov.uk/>

5. GRCC update

An overview of the Voluntary and Community Sector in the Stroud district, including financial changes and recent issues was delivered by Barbara Pond, Team Leader for Active Communities, GRCC. Her

extremely thorough, analytical and thought-provoking presentation resulted in discussion points and comments that included:

- People's perception of the voluntary sector needs to change: for instance many perceive volunteering to be mainly working in charity shops whereas the range of opportunities is far greater than that
- Voluntary work equals social reward
- Volunteering at the local CAB office for example, with the training that is necessary requires time-investment and may be a deterrent to some potential volunteers
- Gloucestershire VCS Alliance is commissioning a database listing volunteering opportunities
- The voluntary and community sector needs to become more business-minded: however, this is a real challenge for very small, grass-roots organisations
- The NHS has been looking at older staff members due to retire – what skills and experience could they be encouraged to use within the voluntary and community sector

Barbara's PowerPoint is available on the LSP website.

6. Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for Health and Care in Gloucestershire

Mary Hutton, Accountable Officer NHS Gloucestershire CCG and Margaret Willcox, Commissioning Director Adult Social Care Gloucestershire County Council gave a comprehensive and very informative update on the county's STP which has been produced through significant partnership working. Discussion points and comments included:

- Really pleased that We are Gloucestershire exists <https://weareglos.com/devolution-bid-for-gloucestershire/our-bid/> (facilitates close working relationships in the delivery of key public services)
- Gloucestershire's STP is one of the first in the country to be signed off and in the public domain
- Individuals need to take more personal responsibility for their health and care
- Good that the growing older population and end of life care needs have been recognised
- Officers are working with colleagues in the voluntary and community sector on a number of matters, including cultural commissioning
- NHS and County Council staff mindsets and working practices have had to change to facilitate improved cooperative working
- Health programmes involving young people are becoming established and include Diabetes Prevention, Future in Mind Children and Young People and Facts4Life

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7. Chair's update

Les confirmed that after 3½ years as LSP Chair he was standing down. In keeping with precedent, the next Chair is from the public sector and we are therefore very pleased that Kevin Hamblin has agreed to succeed him, supported by Beth Whittaker (private sector) as Vice Chair. Les paid tribute to LSP members who give their time to inform the community about key issues and enlist combined resources and energy to address problems. The partnership continues to have an important role in connecting strategic leaders and is very-well regarded in other districts (many of which no longer have such a forum). Les also thanked SDC, its elected members and officers for their unwavering support, for connecting local government with the business and voluntary and community sectors.

Kevin thanked Les on behalf of the LSP for his commitment and contribution, which was endorsed by David Hagg.

8. Partners' updates

- Officers and partners at OPENhouse Stroud are providing lunch on Christmas Day to those who would like to join them. The Bishop of Gloucestershire will be attending
- SBN will be raising awareness of training opportunities to help small businesses grow in 2017

- Longfield is hosting Wellbeing Workshops on Thursday mornings. They will cover many different aspects of wellbeing, from healthy activities to dietary advice. Details are available via <https://www.longfield.org.uk/wellbeing-workshops>
- Universal Credit is in the process of being fully rolled-out across England and is due to take effect in Stroud October 2017
- JCP advisers now work in local secondary schools providing an insight into the world of work and offering advice on career options such as traineeships and apprenticeships
- A clinic treating leg ulcers has opened at Stroud General Hospital
- Friends of Stroud Hospital are taking part in the Urgent Care Transformation Plan
- Stroud Common Wealth Co Ltd is considering property acquisition fund proposals with a view to providing Extra Care Housing
- SGS Berkeley Green UTC formally opened on 1st December. Providing education for students aged 14-18 years from Sep 2017, it will focus on engineering skills for green and nuclear energy as well as digital and cyber training
- SDYC members were involved with the development of the STC Future in Mind Children and Young People and Facts4Life programmes
- The deadline for applications for the third round of Stroud Youth Development & Youth Activities Fund 2016-17 is 3rd January 2017 <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council/stroud-district-youth-council/stroud-district-youth-grant-funding-programme>
- Renishaw has a strong presence in the EU and believes its existing infrastructure will assist the Group in its planning for and response to changes between the UK and the EU
- The university sector is already seeing an impact in relation to EU funded projects, especially Horizon 2020 projects: Renishaw advised that one university it deals with has already been excluded from a number of projects where EU partners have said they cannot include a UK university as the project is for 3-4 years and the UK will have exited the EU before the end of it

The Chair thanked the presenters and all attendees for their excellent contributions to a vibrant, very informative meeting.

Please send any requests for future agenda items to Jackie.

Future meeting dates

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| Friday 3rd March | Council Chamber, Ebley Mill |
| Friday 9th June | Council Chamber, Ebley Mill |
| Friday 8th September | Council Chamber, Ebley Mill |
| Friday 1st December | Council Chamber, Ebley Mill |

All meetings are 9am for a 9.15am start, with due finish 11.30am