



## STROUD DISTRICT LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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

Meeting held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
Committee Room, Ebley Mill

### Present:

Kevin Hamblin (Chair)	South Gloucestershire & Stroud College (SGS)	David Hagg	CE, Stroud District Council
Les Haines MBE	Voluntary & Community Sector Forum	Cllr Steve Lydon	Leader, Stroud District Council
Chris Pockett	Renishaw Plc	David Drew	MP for Stroud Constituency
David Miller	Stroud Hospital League of Friends	Sergeant Kirk Harrison	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	Emily Gravestock	UK Space Agency
Andrew Fletcher	Longfield (Hospice Care for the Cotswolds)	Pamela Tawse	Gloucestershire Older Persons Association
Rob Fountain	Age UK Gloucestershire	David Nairn	Fluid Transfer
Eilis Cope	Cope Sales & Marketing	Helen Edwards	NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group
Cllr Neil Grecian	Mayor of Dursley	Alan Clarke	Job Centre Plus, Gloucestershire & West of England District
George Adamson	Stroud District Youth Council	Tom Wickham- Bassett	Stroud District Youth Council

### Apologies and absent:

Dr Stuart Wilson	Stroud District Schools Partnership	Geoffrey Beckerleg	Chamber of Commerce, Stroud
Mary Hutton	NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group	Alison Robinson	GAPTC
Carol Stubbs	Job Centre Plus, Gloucestershire & West of England District	Barbara Pond	GRCC
Elin Tattersall	GRCC	William Frazer	National Farmers Union
Dr Claire Feehily	Healthwatch Gloucestershire	Margaret Willcox OBE	Gloucestershire County Council
Brian Oosthuysen	Gloucestershire County Council	Geoffrey Clifton- Brown	MP for Cotswolds Constituency
Jackie Godwin	Stroud District Council		

**Guests & Support Officers:**

Steve Miles, Stroud District Council	Petula Davis, Stroud District Council	
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**1. Welcome, introductions & apologies**

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

**2. Notes of the previous meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**

The accuracy of the notes previously circulated was agreed.

**3. Bringing space down to earth**

An inspiring presentation was given by Emily Gravestock from the UK Space Agency. The presentation gave an insight into how much the UKSA contributes to UK economy directly and indirectly. Emily spoke about how the science developed for and in space is now used by everyone, everyday: improvements in satellite technology have enabled advancement of mobile communication, weather forecasting, banking transactions, crop management, to name just a few. Emily gave some examples of the work delivered by the Agency and UK Partners, which included changing how the bins were collected in Exeter and how a capsule endoscopy 'pill camera' is now being used to record images of the digestive tract.

Comments made included:

- UKSA only funds UK companies/public sector organisations
- Space belongs to everyone and everyone works together – the biggest difficulty that Tim Peak had going into space was having to learn Russian
- The government does not profit from developments, the IP belongs to the developing company/organisation
- UKSA is part of the Civil Service but the variety of jobs is vast
- UKSA maybe able to help Gloucestershire 2050 to make cities and towns SMART

Emily's presentation is available on the LSP website.

**4. SGS College update**

Kevin Hamblin gave an update on the 5 years since Stroud and Filton Colleges were merged and SGS was created. He explained the 9 objectives and how these have been met and what the future looks like for the Colleges. There were concerns about the merger originally but the benefits have been fantastic for the Stroud District and this has been recognised through Ofsted inspections, surveys and awards. SGS Commercial Services has been established to manage the lease of the site at Berkeley and to develop it into a specialist Science and Technology Park.

**5. Partners' updates**

Dr Claire Mould - Open House, announced that Open House had won the Stroud Life Business award for 'Contribution to the Community' for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and that Open House was launching a social enterprise ice cream parlour. Claire also announced that this would be her last LSP meeting as she was leaving OH and taking a job in Bristol. Members thanked her for her contributions over the years.

Les Haines confirmed that Stroud Ambitions for 2017 will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Stratford Park Leisure Centre with over 50 organisations taking part. More details to follow.

Alan Clarke – Job Centre Plus, advised that from October Universal Credit will be rolled out in full and the JCP will be offering events about UC to employers – email Alan if interested.

Cllr Neil Grecian - Dursley Town Council, advised that the Town Council has lots of links with local employers which highlighted a need for long stay parking. The TC has now found a possible site and await the planning process.

David Miller – Stroud Hospitals League of Friends, said there had been a number of good news stories from the League of Friends, the most recent being the Weavers Croft gardening project, which comprises of Trust clients, staff and volunteers and has transformed the once overgrown gardens into a haven of tranquillity. £50k has been spent on refurbishing Stroud Hospital's theatre, a joint project with Glos. Care Services NHS trust and the League of Friends. Finally David was proud to report that the new guest room at the hospital has been named after him and his wife in honour of giving 40 years to the LofF.

Andrew Fletcher – Longfield Hospice, said that the Hospice has received a high number of referrals and an increase in fundraising. Longfield is currently working with partners to provide Hospice at Home and services to help with dealing with grief. They are also looking for Trustees to support the work at the hospice from the fund raising/ care sector.

Sergeant Kirk Harrison – Gloucestershire Constabulary, informed that there has been a change in the structure with PCSOs now being the contact for information at a parish level and PCs moving to theme-based areas including Safeguarding.

Eilis Cope – Cope Sales and Marketing, highlighted the benefits of business engagement in the Stroud Fringe Festival. In its 25<sup>th</sup> year promoters are trying to engage more of the business community. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Russell Warner – FSB, invited Emily to speak to the FSB

Beth Whittaker – Stroud Businesswomen Network, advised that Debbie Bird has joined the committee to arrange more training events for members. Glos LEP has two Enterprise Advisors covering 14 schools and 2 colleges. The Advisors work with schools career advisors supporting students with mock interviews, business breakfasts and work place visits. Stroud Ambitions is the envy of the rest of Gloucestershire.

Mentoring Archway students to help themselves with confidence and self worth was rewarded with seeing them win Young Enterprise Team Competition.

Pamela Tawse – Stroud District Older Persons Forum, said that the Forum is organising a conference which will focus on social isolation and will take place in the autumn as there are increasing problems with transport for older people with health problems. The Forum produces a regular newsletter which is available. The Uplands Care Service AGM takes place on 12 July 2017.

Youth Council representatives - George Adamson and Tom Wickham-Bassett gave a short update. The Stroud Youth Council Grant Fund deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> September. Members of the Youth Council are working with the NHS and local GPs on projects about mental and sexual health. Members have also trained as assessors for the Stroud District Council Employability Charter and are also doing a promotional video about democracy.

Chris Pockett – Renishaw, advised that the company has some products already in space. Renishaw has had record annual turnover, currently has 45 vacancies with permanent contracts has employed 45 new graduates this year and provided 108 work experience placements in a 2 week period! Renishaw has a Charities Committee that supports charities and community organisations across the region. The Company also sponsors a range of local community initiatives including the Nibley Festival and Stroud Camera Club Young Photographer of the Year competition.

The Chair thanked the presenters and all attendees for their excellent contributions to a vibrant, very informative meeting and invited members to attend the next meeting at SGS Berkeley Green.

Please send any requests for future agenda items to Jackie.

**Future meeting dates**

**2017**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**SGS Berkeley Green UTC, Berkeley**  
**Council Chamber, Ebley Mill**

**2018**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

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