



STROUD DISTRICT LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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

Meeting held on Friday 10th June
Museum in the Park, Stroud

Present:

Les Haines (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
Dr Stuart Wilson	Stroud District School Partnership	Julie Pegler	Job Centre Plus, Gloucestershire & West of England District
Alison Robinson	GAPTC	Helen Edwards	NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group
Andrew Fletcher	Longfield (Hospice Care for the Cotswolds)	Pamela Tawse	Gloucestershire Older Persons Association
Tamara Kwan	Stroud Businesswomen's Network	Barbara Pond	GRCC

Apologies and absent:

Russell Warner	FSB	Geoffrey Beckerleg	Chamber of Commerce, Stroud
Catherine Green	Stroud Businesswomen's Network	Beth Whittaker	Stroud Businesswomen's Network
Mary Hutton	NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group	Dr Hein Le Roux	NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group
Elin Tattersall	GRCC	Martin Wright	National Farmers Union
Dr Claire Feehily	Healthwatch Gloucestershire	Margaret Willcox	Gloucestershire County Council
David Tate	Silverwood UK Ltd	Brian Oosthuysen	Gloucestershire County Council
Sir David McMurtry	Renishaw Plc	Claire Nelmes	Mayor of Dursley
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	MP for Cotswolds Constituency	Neil Carmichael	MP for Stroud Constituency
Rob Fountain	Age UK Gloucestershire	Tom Schaffner	Stroud District Youth Council
Oli King	Stroud District Youth Council		

Guests & Support Officers:

Steve Miles, Stroud District Council	Jackie Godwin, 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.

A card was circulated for those present to send wishes to long-standing LSP member David Tate who has been unwell.

2. Notes of the previous meeting, 11th March 2016

The accuracy of the notes previously circulated was agreed.

3. Schools update

Dr Stuart Wilson, Headteacher at Marling School, gave a very informative overview of the 2016 White Paper, Educational Excellence Everywhere, which sets out the direction of Government policy on education. Stuart also outlined the impact of financial issues and the formation of multi-academy trusts. Subsequent discussion points included:

- Local secondary schools work very well together for Stroud Ambitions and Festomane. These are important events as the future of education is challenging and schools need assistance from the business community and the public
- The Government has cut back on its funding for careers advice: young people need to know what work is available which is why Stroud Ambitions is so important
- Stroud LSP has been involved for a number of years in helping to strengthen business and education links but improvements are still needed
- 70% of employers don't recruit young people aged 17-18yrs due to perceived lack of employability skills
- Britain is the only country in the world that provides less funding per head for 6th formers than for younger students
- The British Values Agenda promotes fundamental British values in schools, including democracy
- OPENhouse Stroud provides alternative education and support to enable vulnerable and disengaged individuals to discover their potential. The organisation receives no funding from the Government, yet knows that pre-16yrs intervention saves money
- Mental health issues among the young are increasing and are a serious cause for concern

Stuart's PowerPoint presentation is available on the LSP website <http://lsp.stroud.gov.uk/meeting-notes/>

4. Gloucestershire Towns & Parish Councils update

Alison Robinson, CEO, GAPTC, provided an overview of the organisation's purpose and the current work it is undertaking. Comments made included:

- Stroud Councillors are generally very good at getting involved with projects and local issues
- Younger people should be encouraged to get involved with local politics, as most Town & Parish Councillors are older. Representatives from GAPTC and SDYC will meet

Following a request from the Chair, Alison agreed to consider putting forward a representative from a small, rural PC to join the LSP.

Alison's PowerPoint presentation is also available on the LSP website.

5. Changes to Policing and the impact of the digital age

Inspector Andy Poole's PowerPoint presentation was extremely thought-provoking and included a very powerful piece about the dangers to young people from the internet. Discussion points included:

- Inform young people of the dangers they could face through internet use and be alert to signs e.g. changes in behaviour
- Educate people about what they post on the internet. Employers often look at job applicants' Facebook and Twitter and other social media accounts

Andy's PowerPoint presentation is also available on the LSP website.

6. Devolution

David Hagg recapped on Gloucestershire's devolution bid, submitted to Ministers September 2015. Since then, it has become clear that the Government wants elected Mayors - i.e. to talk with an elected individual representative. Currently, 10 devolution deals have been agreed, transferring powers, funding and accountability for policies previously undertaken by Central Government to local areas in England. Further points discussed included:

- The Cotswold and West Oxfordshire bid for independence – 'Coxit' – has fallen through. The Gloucestershire bid, which initially included Cotswold DC, will therefore be re-visited
- Smaller-scale devolution deals are likely to have much less funding
- It is expected that the level of public funding will continue to be reduced whatever happens with any devolution deal
- Revenue Support Grants will disappear altogether by 2018 and by 2020 the uniform national business rate (NNDR) will be abolished. These changes will have major implications for local authorities
- Community sustainability is very important but so is the need to work with partners outside of Gloucestershire to promote economic interests

7. Partners' updates

- Unemployment in Stroud is low – 0.8%
- Universal Credit is still only available to single people in Gloucestershire
- Stroud General Hospital has been rated amongst the best for endoscopy after receiving prestigious national accreditation
- Stroud General Hospital's minor injuries unit has been unable to remain open 24hrs on a number of occasions due to staffing pressures: Glos. Care Services NHS Trust is preparing a review into the opening hours of the county's minor injuries and illness units
- A recent inspection by the Care Quality Commission rated Longfield as outstanding
- Stroud Commonwealth's bid to purchase the Standish Hospital site was not successful meaning that it will be privatised
- A former Marling school student completed a degree in Psychology but unable to find employment became a volunteer for Uplands Care Service for six months after which he joined the staff for eighteen months. This Autumn he is going back to university to take a Masters degree, as he plans to become a Clinical Psychologist
- Uplands Care Service has been giving Day Care support to older people for over ten years and is now working on a research programme with Bristol University
- Tom Schaffner is the new Chair of SDYC and Oli King the new Leader
- Preparations for the 4th Stroud Ambitions event, Wednesday 9th Nov., are well advanced – further information will be provided at the next LSP meeting

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

Please send any requests for future agenda items to Jackie.

Future meeting dates

Friday 9th September
Friday 2nd December

2016
Council Chamber, Ebley Mill
Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

2017

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