



STROUD DISTRICT LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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

Meeting held on Friday 9th September
Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

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 |
| Beth Whittaker | Stroud Businesswomen's Network | Russell Warner | FSB |
| David Tate | Silverwood UK Ltd | Helen Edwards | NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group |
| Tina Reid | Gloucestershire County Council | Pamela Tawse | Gloucestershire Older Persons Association |
| Ali Russell | Longfield (Hospice Care for the Cotswolds) | Barbara Pond | GRCC |

Apologies and absent:

| | | | |
|------------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Dr Stuart Wilson | Stroud District Schools Partnership | Geoffrey Beckerleg | Chamber of Commerce, Stroud |
| Catherine Green | Stroud Businesswomen's Network | Chris Pockett | Renishaw Plc |
| 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 |
| Alison Robinson | GAPTC | Brian Oosthuysen | Gloucestershire County Council |
| Andrew Fletcher | Longfield (Hospice Care for the Cotswolds) | 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:

| | | |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Lucy Ackland, Renishaw plc | Joanne Jordan, 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, 10th June 2016

The accuracy of the notes previously circulated was agreed.

3. Multi-service contract

Joanne Jordan, Strategic Head (Customer Services), provided an overview of the forthcoming major changes to household waste and recycling collection in the Stroud District. Subsequent discussion points included:

- It is hoped that recycling rates will rise to 50% (currently 30%) following the introduction of the new scheme
- Food waste will be collected weekly in a dedicated, sealed bin
- Information roadshows around the District are being held, collection calendars issued to households and guidance is available on the website: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/bins-rubbish-recycling/your-new-waste-and-recycling-collection-service>
- The planned waste incinerator at Hardwicke remains an issue for many
- SDC no longer receives an income from recycling collection – we have to pay for some items to be taken away
- SDC is looking to develop a commercial waste collection business

Joanne's PowerPoint presentation is available on the LSP website

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council/stroud-district-local-strategic-partnership-lsp>

4. Apprenticeships

We were delighted to welcome Lucy Ackland, Renishaw plc, who shared with us her passion for apprenticeships. Despite her school encouraging and expecting her to go to university, Lucy began her 4-year apprenticeship at Renishaw aged 16. A first class honours degree in mechanical and manufacturing engineering followed and after 12 years with the company, Lucy is now a Senior Development Engineer, running the mechanical design team in the special projects department. Discussion points included:

- The need to challenge preconceptions surrounding apprenticeships and careers in STEM, particularly for women
- Encourage students' interest in STEM subjects from a young age
- New regulations aim to address the number of poor apprenticeships offered
- Much is being done locally to address the skills shortages that employers face e.g. Stroud Ambitions <http://www.stroudambitions.co.uk/> and STEMworks <http://www.stemworks.co.uk/>

Lucy was thanked by the Chair and attendees for her inspirational item.

5. Berkeley Green Update

Kevin Hamblin, Group CEO and Principal, SGS College, gave a brief history and progress update of the Gloucestershire Science and Technology Park, Berkeley Green. Comments and discussion points included:

- SGS Berkeley Green University Technical College (UTC) is one of 60 planned or open UTCs that will provide specialist high quality vocational and academic education for students aged 14-18 with a strong interest in engineering and construction, digital technologies and cyber security
- UTCs are designed to address national skills shortages and Berkeley Green will make a major contribution to addressing this
- Employers are integral to the design of the curriculum and students at Berkeley Green will link up with local businesses
- The site has a wide catchment area – nearly 250 secondary schools – and transport to Berkeley will be available
- The College is due to open September 2017

Kevin's PowerPoint presentation is available on the LSP website.

6. Stroud Businesswomen's Network

SBN Committee Member, Beth Whittaker, outlined the history, purpose and value of the network. SBN has a very high local profile and many members have a strong community focus, supporting other partnerships and contributing to the success of local events such as the recent Stroud Fringe Festival.

Beth's PowerPoint is available on the LSP website.

7. Brexit

David Hagg led a brief discussion on Brexit, with the following comments made:

- SDC is currently taking stock of any economic impact since the referendum result. David will be meeting with local business groups and organisations in the coming weeks, including the FSB, SBN and the JCP, and will also visit local employers (both those that trade with Europe and those that don't)
- SDC will continue to work with GFirst LEP to promote local economic growth
- New LSP member, William Frazer, Group Secretary National Farmers' Union, has forwarded a post-Brexit options paper and consultation paper for information, which Jackie will circulate

Please contact David or Jackie if you would like to be involved in any Brexit discussion events. The subject will remain on the LSP agenda for the foreseeable future.

8. Partners' updates

- SDC's annual newsletter is currently being distributed to every household in the District
- Stroud Fringe Festival was very successful – well-attended and with a strong family atmosphere
- Local employment is at a record high but unemployment for the 50+ age group remains a concern
- Gloucester Dementia Action Alliance is now active
- OPENhouse Stroud has launched a business mentor scheme
- Glos. NHS CCG has been developing the Gloucestershire Sustainability and Transformation Plan

The Chair thanked the presenters and all attendees for their excellent contributions to a very vibrant, informative meeting. Les also advised that he will Chair for the last time at the December meeting: Kevin Hamblin will succeed him.

Please send any requests for future agenda items to Jackie.

Future meeting dates

2016
Friday 2nd December **Council Chamber, Ebley Mill**

2017
Friday 3rd March **Council Chamber, Ebley Mill**

Friday 9th June
Friday 8th September
Friday 1st December

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill
Council Chamber, Ebley Mill
Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

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