

Dorset Strategic Partnership

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Revision of 'Shaping Our Future' Sustainable Community Strategy for Dorset

The draft Dorset sustainable community strategy was published on 14th May for a 12 week consultation period which ends on 6th August. The draft strategy sets out the top priorities to improve the quality of life in Dorset over the next 10 years.

We would welcome the views of residents and our partners. A number of events are being held around the County to raise awareness of the strategy and to encourage people to comment on the document.

Details of these events and copies of the draft strategy and summary are available to view at www.dorsetforyou.com/communitystrategyrevision.

Funding

The Treasury announced reductions in local authority grants in June which have impacted heavily on the Dorset Strategic Partnership. There has been a 50% reduction in the amount of Performance Reward Grant Funding being paid for LAA Performance between 2006-09. This has reduced the amount of funding from £5.4m to £2.7m. As a result there has been a freeze put on the expenditure of this money which was being invested in projects to support the delivery of the LAA between 2009-2011. A review of these projects is currently taking place and the Board finance sub-group will meet on 5th July to consider the implications of the reduction in this funding.

Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)

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The coalition government have announced the end to the Comprehensive Area Assessment which was carried out by the Audit Commission. Despite this the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Strategic Housing Group are continuing to develop an action plan to address the 'red flag' which identified a need for action in housing quality and affordable housing.

Personnel Changes

Anne Laugharne has replaced Jacque Allen as chair of the Dorset Age Partnership. In her time as chair Jacque has been a superb advocate for both the Dorset Age Partnership and for the DSP. Our thanks go to Jacque for her support and we wish her well in enjoying her retirement from the DSP.

Annual Conference

The annual Dorset Strategic Partnership conference will be held on 18th October at Charlton Down Village Hall.

The Board met on 27th May 2010 and will next meet on 9th September. All Board papers are available on the DSP pages at www.dorsetforyou.com/dsp.

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