

# Gloucester Partnership Update

January 2009

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the sixth edition of the Gloucester Partnership Update providing the latest information on what's happening in the Partnership, partner news, knowledge and training.

**LATEST NEWS: The next Partnership Conference is being planned for early Summer. Are there any themes or topics you would like covered? If so please let us know by email.**

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## Streetgames Gloucester Winter 2008/09



### Developing community youth sport in your neighbourhood!

The new Streetgames Winter programme is now available. A variety of multi-sport activity sessions including tennis, football, kwik cricket and much more! on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Crypt school and Central Technology College. All sessions are run by qualified, CRB checked sports coaches.

For further details visit the Gloucester Partnership website [www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk](http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk)

## Goodbye from Francis Gobey

"As many of you will already know, I have now moved on to a new job after an association with Gloucester Partnership from its very beginnings. This has included hosting the office of the partnership, managing the community strategy development officer, acting as the City Council lead officer, supporting the renewal of the Sustainable Community Strategy, and facilitating the Children & Young People Action Group, Community Cohesion and other PAGs.

It has been great - a strong partnership making a real difference, a collaboration of equals learning together, secure in our values but ready to change with change. Many thanks to all of you I have worked with over the years.

From January 2009 I will be working as a senior commissioning manager with the countywide Children and Young People Strategic Partnership, based at Shire Hall, contact: [francis.gobey@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:francis.gobey@gloucestershire.gov.uk)"

## Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy

Work on the new Joint Core Strategy (JCS) for Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury continues apace.

A successful stakeholder consultation event with the various LSP executives was held in November at the Guildhall, Gloucester. The event, which was independently facilitated, provided the opportunity for partners to find out more about the JCS process, start thinking about the key issues facing the area and discuss the JCS vision and objectives. Officers are now considering the responses and will develop a revised vision and objectives to be taken forward through targeted stakeholder consultation with key partners early in 2009. This will feed into the development of the draft strategy and wider public consultation in Autumn 2009.

The JCS must be subjected to a rigorous appraisal to test its sustainability 'credentials'. Consultation on the JCS sustainability appraisal was undertaken in October/November and the scoping report will be finalised in January. Work is also progressing well on the development of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) that will help support the delivery of the JCS. This work is being led by Gloucestershire County Council.

The first meetings of the Joint Core Strategy Member Steering Group, Programme Board and Project Board will take place in January and February 2009 and a new website should be up and running by the end of Jan 2009. Until then further information on the JCS can be found on the Councils' websites as follows:

## EXECUTIVE AND THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

### Executive

At the Executive meeting in November, a performance report was received from the Healthy City Partnership together with a presentation on the new Gloucestershire Healthy Strategy, full details can be found on the Gloucester Partnership website <http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Minutes.asp?menu=2>

GAVCA reported that the proofing and reference group are to meet with Thematic Sub Groups in January - April 2009 to commence a proofing exercise. This group will provide the Executive with updates of progress in January and March, a full written report with recommendations will be submitted during July.

Communications and links between Gloucester Partnership and Gloucestershire Strategic Partnership were discussed. Measures are being put in place to improve two-way communications.

### Westgate PAG

A revised version of Gloucester's Regeneration protocol was accepted by both the GHURC Board and the LSP Executive in September. There is more work to do now on the delivery programme that we are all signed up to, and there will be a further report on the "added value" in social and economic regeneration to the work of GHURC in March 2009. Meantime we are planning to post more information on project progress on the Gloucester Partnership website as soon as the new content management system is installed. Part of this information we hope will be the next steps towards constructing the Four Gates Centre to meet a host of local needs in the city centre.



The Gloucester Partnership is part of the Gloucestershire Conference.

For further information please visit

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=3987>

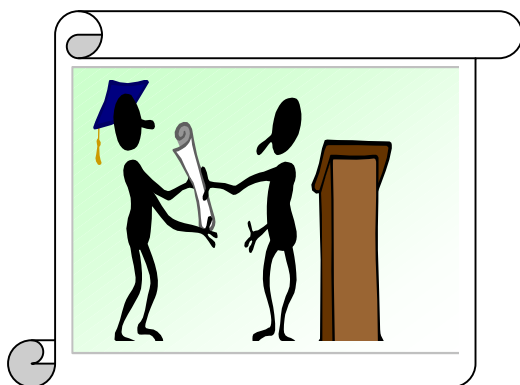
## Dates for Your Diary

Below is a calendar of meetings and events for December 2008 – March 2009. If you would like more information on a meeting or event please contact Mary Little, contact details below (unless contact details are given). For a full 2008/9 listing of events please visit <http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/confAndEvents.asp>

| Month   | Timing   | Description  | Location  |
|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Dec</b><br>Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>   | 11.00am-1.00pm                                 | Stronger Communities Group Meeting   | Tuffley Community Centre  |
| <b>Jan</b><br>Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup><br>Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>                             | 2.00pm<br>9:15am                               | Executive Support Group Meeting<br>Executive Meeting   | Herbert Warehouse<br>Oxstalls Tennis Centre                                   |
| <b>Feb</b><br>Mon 9 <sup>th</sup><br><br>Wed 11 <sup>th</sup><br>Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30-8.30pm<br><br>10.00am-12.00noon<br>2.00pm | Stronger Communities Group Meeting<br><br>Gloucestershire Strategic Partnership Meeting<br>Executive Support Group Meeting | Committee Room 1, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester<br>Shire Hall<br>TBA |
| <b>March</b><br>Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:15am   | Executive Meeting  | Oxstalls Tennis Centre  |

## Free Training

The Gloucester Partnership is a member of the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) and as part of our membership we receive a number of free places on their training courses. If you are interested in attending a course that would benefit you and the Partnership, please contact Mary Little, 01452 396976, [mary.little@gloucester.gov.uk](mailto:mary.little@gloucester.gov.uk). To keep up to date with forthcoming training/events please visit [www.cles.org.uk](http://www.cles.org.uk)



- Local Economic Development
- Evaluating projects and programmes
- Public policy
- Assessing the local economy
- Rising to the labour market challenge
- Strategy building
- Local economic development
- Public policy for elected members
- Developing strategies for resilient local economies
- Project management
- A healthy and wealthy economy

// *I found this training very interesting and certainly will be very useful in future. My main aims from the day was to go away having furthered my knowledge in strategy building and gain some useful tips to use in future project. What I actually found was that I gained a lot more from the training than originally anticipated.*

*The training provided an introduction to the key stages to developing strategies linked to regeneration, economic development and public policy, gave strategy development techniques and also different models of approaching strategy development that related to real examples.*

*We looked at three different types of strategies, organisational, partnership general and partnership specific. By far one of the most useful tips I found was the five key stages of strategy development: stock take, visioning, objective setting, action planning, monitoring and evaluation sounds simple but in fact difficult to get right and certainly the training received in each area along with comprehensive handouts will prove to be really helpful in future.*

*I would recommend this training course and will be looking at future training opportunities knowing how beneficial this course particularly has been. If you are unable to take the time to attend I would be happy to forward you my file and a copy of their presentation.*

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**Lisa Ritchie, Gloucester City Homes**

## Knowledge

“Keeping you informed of the latest developments in partnership working and creating sustainable communities”

The December edition of the Local Government Association Analysis and Research Bulletin is now available: Please visit [www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk](http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk) for further details.

The Bulletin includes links to:

- **The Local Government Workforce Survey 2008** which was conducted by LGA Analysis and Research in partnership with the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) and Local Government Employers (LGE). It provides information on the progress that authorities are making in addressing the key workforce challenges faced by local government.
- **The Resource guide on local migration statistics** from LGA Analysis and research which will assist local authorities and their partners in developing local population and migration estimates and trends.
- **The survey of the impact of the economic slowdown on Local Authorities 2008** conducted by LGA Analysis and Research, which shows how the current economic downturn climate is affecting the people and localities that councils serve, and therefore councils themselves.
- **Housing Statistics 2008** from CLG which covers all aspects of housing in England, including data on ownership, housing types, energy efficiency and prices

## CLES BRIEFINGS

The Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) have recently produced the following publications:

- **Local Work 89: Seeing Places, shaping Places: the small area mapping revolution**
- **Rapid Research 14: Local authority responses to economic downturn**
- **Bulletin 63: Christmas cheer? Key policy messages from the SNR and PBR**

Go to the Gloucester Partnership website to download the full documents:

[www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Cles.asp](http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Cles.asp)

### Don't have internet access?

If you don't have access to the internet then please contact us and we will be able to send you hard copies of any further information you require. Contact: Mary Little, 01452 396983

### Contact Us!

We would like to hear about any news or events from your organisation that we can include in the next edition of Gloucester Partnership Update. Please contact Mary using the details below by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009. We are also keen to hear any comments you have about this newsletter:

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