

Gloucester Partnership Update

September 2008

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Gloucester Partnership Update providing the latest information on what's happening in the Partnership, partner news, knowledge and training.

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The Draft Gloucester Transport Strategy



Gloucester's Major Transport Routes

At the last Westgate PAG meeting discussion centred on the draft Gloucester Transport Strategy. Existing infrastructure or policy interventions by County Highways will not on their own address all the issues facing Gloucester. As well as visionary solutions to address highways targets, there are concerns about balancing transport needs with the environment and the economy (shops tend to want access for car drivers, for example), and also the need to respect the overall "feel" of Gloucester as a place people will want to visit.

Responses from the meeting were as follows:

- **Sources of funding** - for example, much needed improvements to the Kimbrose Triangle are projected to cost £2-3 M, when the annual county budget for all such improvements is only £5M. One response was the more local detail is known, the better placed we will be when discussing section 106 contributions from developers. What about the 80 - 100 extra buses needed to improve public transport?
- **Community or "hearts & minds" responses** - working on "smart" individual travel plans to rationalise transport movements is estimated to cost £5 per person per year if consultants are used - are there better ways to reach and involve the 120,000 residents of Gloucester? Via schools?
- **"Smart" solutions generally** - County Highways have asked particularly for any visionary solutions, which may well come from a group looking at regeneration across the grain. Some suggestions so far:
 - Ride & ride / cycle & ride / ride & cycle rather than park and ride, so cars don't leave their garages
 - 20 mph limit on all routes into the city, safer for all, more cycling, and save on cycle lane costs
 - Make buses more attractive - high quality, space for shopping bags, good routes
 - Delivery service for people's shopping
 - Link adult transport to schools buses
 - More teleconferencing / remote working facilities for office workers
 - Advance planning for known traffic delays e.g. more Lydney rail car parking when A40 disruptedIf you have any comments or ideas, please email them as soon as possible to james.Llewellyn@gloucestershire.gov.uk. Please click on following link for Draft Gloucester Transport Strategy report <http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/GlosTransportStrategy.asp>

'The Word on the Street'

This summer the StreetGames programme, run by Gloucester City Council and Onside Football Project, has been operating in a number of park and community sites, offering free multi-sports activities, including football, tag rugby, tennis and rounders.

StreetGames is a new national charity, established in 2006 to promote sport for young people living in the most disadvantaged communities. StreetGames delivers sport and dance to young people where they want it, at times when they want it and in a style they want. A variety of sports are delivered to the doorstep of young people who are not members of sports clubs and are waiting for the chance to join in.

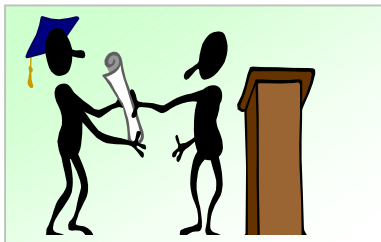
StreetGames Gloucester has been operating in local park sites, using the multi use games areas (MUGA's) and other safe, open access facilities available over the summer holidays. Qualified sports coaches have been on hand to organise and facilitate different sports activities, with an emphasis on safe, fun sport. The range of sports varied from week to week and at different sites and included the following; football, tennis, cricket, basketball, rounders, tag rugby.

**For more information contact:
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**Young People Enjoying
StreetGame activities this
summer**

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 To keep up to date with forthcoming training/events please visit www.cles.org.uk

- **Introduction to Local Economic Development**
- **Introduction to Strategy Development**
- **Introduction to Project Management**
- **Successfully Evaluating Programmes and Projects**
- **Introduction to Public Policy**
- **Understanding and Assessing the Local Economy**

EXECUTIVE AND THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

Executive

- At the July meeting the Economic Development and Regeneration Thematic sub-group provided their first report. Presentations covered regeneration, the City Employment Plan and links with the county's economic development groups.
- The Executive agreed the involvement of the Gloucester Partnership in the Local Development Framework
- It was agreed by the Executive to develop a community cohesion strategy for the Partnership.

Healthy City Partnership

- The Community Sports and Physical Activity Network (CSPAN) bid to Sport England has been successful and will now go forward to the second round.

Westgate Priority Action Group

- Feedback from attendees at the "Future of the City" event at the beginning of May approved of Gloucester's heritage but disliked the dirt and eyesores seen around the city. Not surprisingly, re-using derelict buildings in a way that links with their history was one recommendation! Other suggestions included facilities for the arts, an improved bus station, better and more varied shops and restaurants (including foodshops), parking and other transport improvements, better public toilets, and places for young people.

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

Dates for Your Diary

Below is a calendar of upcoming meetings and events for September, October and November. If you would like more information on a meeting or event please contact Mary Little, contact details below (unless contact details are given).

Month	Timing	Description	Location
Sept			
Wed 3 rd	9.30-11.30am	Healthy City Partnership Meeting	Oxstalls Tennis Centre
Tues 9 th		Children & Young People's Action Group	Equals Youth Centre, Quedgeley
Mon 15 th	1.00-3.00pm (lunch 12.45pm)	Stronger Communities Group Meeting	Gloucestershire Resource Centre, Cityworks, Gloucester
Fri 19 th	9.15am	Executive Meeting	Oxstalls Tennis Centre
Tues 23 rd	6.30pm	Four Gates Working Group	North Warehouse
Oct			
Mon 13 th	6.30-8.30pm	Stronger Communities Group Meeting	Coney Hill Community College
Fri 17 th	9.45am–12.00pm	ContactPoint Briefing for the VCS For further information contact Honey Lucas at GAVCA tel 01452 332424 email honeyl@gavca.org.uk or to book a place tel Lorraine Kapp on 01452 522600 or email lorrainek@glosassembly.org.uk	Cabinet Suite, Shire Hall
Tues 28 th	6.30pm	Four Gates Working Group	North Warehouse
Thurs 30 th	2.00pm	Executive Support Group Meeting	Herbert Warehouse
TBA	TBA	Westgate PAG Quarterly Meeting	TBA
Nov			
Wed 12 th		Children & Young People's Action Group	Robinswood Church
Fri 21 st	9:15am	Executive Meeting	Oxstalls Tennis Centre
Tues 25 th	6.30pm	Four Gates Working Group	North Warehouse

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Di Robinson, Community Counts – Neighbourhood Manager

Di joined the LSP Executive in September 2004, after taking on the role of Neighbourhood Manager at Community Counts, one of only 3 neighbourhood management pathfinder programmes in the South West, one of 35 nationally. Di came from a background in Local Government (Community Regeneration & Neighbourhood Renewal), the Voluntary Community Sector and a fairly long stint in the private sector, so brought a wide range of experience and influences into the role.



In 2004 the Pathfinders were run under the auspices of the then Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (now Communities and Local Government) and were a key part of the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal which aimed to ensure that no-one was disadvantaged by where they lived. The main outcome was to improve the performance of neighbourhoods in all dimensions, addressing service delivery, resident engagement and place shaping. The relevance of Di's position on the LSP Executive was to support, develop and encourage the neighbourhood working agenda, using both local and national practice, and sharing Gloucester's practice through her South West NMgt Champion role and the various regional consortia and projects she has been involved with over the 4 years.

Focussing on Barton, Tredworth and White City areas of the City, Community Counts has focussed mostly on the core resident and agency priorities for the neighbourhood, and with the key agency partners has achieved some significant change in the past 4 years. Di's main driver throughout this work has to be to broker change within mainstream service partners, integrating the real priorities of residents and neighbourhoods into mainstream service planning, and ensuring that the services delivered reflect real need in these areas. The outcomes delivered include changes to service and improvements to resident satisfaction in a wide number of areas including: developing a neighbourhood focus for the delivery of Street care services, piloting and enhancing neighbourhood policing, open space improvements and management, developing new ways of working for school governor services, community focussed delivery of health promotion and disease specific services, development of peer led volunteering programmes to enhance service access and local resident engagement and input into all of these service developments. Being on the LSP Exec has enabled Di to twin track the local neighbourhood focus with the developing district, county and national agendas, ensuring that where possible, Gloucester has been in the position to translate the national policy agendas into relevant local neighbourhood delivery, and the neighbourhood to influence the interpretation at District and County level of those national agendas.

Community Counts comes to an end on 31st January 2009, and Di, her team and its' geographic focus will disappear. However the great news from Di's perspective is that the agenda has never been more relevant and supportive of what Community Counts has been trying to achieve. Di and her team have spent the past 4 years working to support agency colleagues to see the relevance of the neighbourhood management agenda to their delivery targets and to improve understanding of the importance of the effective combining of local resident/neighbourhood and service related evidence and data to make the case for more focussed neighbourhood delivery. Di's main hope is that along with the mainstream service changes made through their work to date, that their approach both in Gloucester City and the wider County will have left some mark.

This is a good opportunity to thank all those agency partners within the LSP for their continued interest, support and involvement in both Community Counts specific piloting work and also the wider development of neighbourhood management practice and thinking across the City. Here's hoping the importance and relevance of this work will continue to be recognised by the LSP during the life of the Sustainable Community Strategy and that the relevant resources are deployed to help it to happen.

Knowledge

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

The July/August edition of the Local Government Association Analysis and Research Bulletin is now available: Please visit www.goucesterpartnership.org.uk for further details.

This month LGAARB includes links to:

- The LGA/LACORS report: **The licensing act and the effects of alcohol** which considers the effect of the Act on licensing authorities, PCTs and police authorities and also examines local authorities' anticipated use of Alcohol Disorder Zones.
- The Ofsted report: **Parents on council care** which gives parents' views about how councils look after their children, how it feels to have a child in care and the levels of support that parents receive from social care services.
- The Audit Commission report: **Don't stop me now** considers the challenges and opportunities facing England as its population gets older and explores how councils should plan strategically for these.
- The value of new transport in deprived areas - who benefits, how and why? from JRF which gives an assessment of the value of new transport services to people living in deprived neighbourhoods in England.
The Life in affordable housing report from the Housing Corporation examines the kind of affordable housing that people want and highlights issues that need to be addressed to better meet the needs of tenants.

ContactPoint

ContactPoint is a planned database designed to help authorised practitioners working with children and young people coordinate support with other practitioners. The project is currently in development and is planned to be rolled out over the next 12 months. A briefing to be held on Friday 17th October at Shire Hall will give the VCS in Gloucestershire an update on how the planned introduction of the system will affect groups working with children and young people in the county.

For more information about the ContactPoint system click on the following link
<http://www.goucestershire.gov.uk/index>

CLES BRIEFINGS

CLES have recently produced a new bulletin entitled **The Regeneration Framework**. Go to the Gloucester Partnership website to download the full document:
www.goucesterpartnership.org.uk/Cles.asd



South West Planning Aid - Organised in Partnership with the Gloucester City Centre Community Partnership

Need advice on a planning issue? Then come to a free Planning Surgery on Tuesday 23rd September at 4.30pm-8.30pm at Meeting Room 2, Guildhall, Eastgate Street, Gloucester and get advice from independent experts.

Contact City Centre Community Partnership chair@gloscccp.co.uk or Tel 0845 056 0835

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 24th October 2008. We are also keen to hear any comments you have about this newsletter:

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