MINUTES OF THE ISLAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD AT COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON 28 APRIL 2008, COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM

Present:

Cllr David Pugh Bernice O'Reilly Cllr Dawn Cousins Cllr Diana Tuson Kathy Slack	Leader, Isle of Wight Council Head of Local Government and Locality Manager, GOSE Representative, Health and Wellbeing Board Chair, Safer and Stronger Partnership Board Area Director of SEEDA (Observer)
Also in attendance:	
Joe Duckworth Steve Beynon David Burbage Astrid Davies	Chief Executive, IW Council Director of Children's Services Director of Financial Services Head of Partnership (IW Council)
Apologies:	
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Bernadette Marjoram	Chair, Economic and Environment Partnership Board
The Ven. Caroline Baston	Chair, Island Council of Churches

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Island Strategic Partnership (ISP) Board. The Board would meet quarterly and comprise representation from the four partnership boards. Representatives from SEEDA and GOSE would also be invited to attend meetings as observers.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the final meeting of the Strategic Governance Board had been circulated and were now agreed. The Chairman highlighted minute 39(i), explaining that although the work of the ISP Board was non-political, he would speak to Group Leaders about involving Members in the work of Eco Island. A report would be received at the next ISP Board meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (i) THAT the minutes of the Strategic Governance Board be approved.
- (ii) THAT the Chairman would consult with other Group Leaders and report back to the next ISP Board meeting.
- 2. Island Strategic Board Membership

The Chairman advised that membership would remain focussed, but wide enough to represent all sectors of the Island. In view of the importance of the Eco Island theme, it was suggested that the Chairman of the Environment Forum and a representative for the Town and Parish Councils be invited to join the Board. It was envisaged that this additional representation would provide an important link between the ISP Board and local communities.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Chairman of the Environment Forum and a representative for the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils be invited to join the Board

The Board was advised that Sarah Doran had been nominated as the Parish and Town Councils representative and the Chairman invited both Richard Grogan and Sarah Doran to join the Board meeting. During further discussion it was proposed that all Partnership Boards be advised of ISP meeting dates to encourage attendance.

3. Local Area Agreement (LAA) 2008 Stage One Sign Off

The Board was advised that approval and sign off for the identified targets was required prior to formal submission to the Government Office South East (GOSE). Discussions had taken place with each of the Partnership Boards with proposed targets being linked to the themes in the Sustainable Community Strategy. Under the LAA 35 targets were statutory and 25 had been selected following discussions with the Partnership Boards.

The self-selected targets would be subject to an annual review and possible revision.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Local Area Agreement 2008-2011 (LAA2) be approved and signed off for submission to GOSE.

4. Local Area Agreement Funding

The Board received a presentation from the Director of Financial Services and was advised that the Area Based Grant, the ring-fenced grant previously received by the Council, would now be funded through the LAA, with the Supporting People grant being added for next year. It was emphasised that this was not new money, but would provide an opportunity to direct resources to support delivery of prioritised services.

Concerns were raised regarding the mechanism of the funding process, which could potentially prevent some partnerships from achieving their targets. However, it was suggested that a clear direction would be required from the ISP Board following a gap analysis focussed on outcomes and targets.

RESOLVED:

THAT the information be noted.

5. Leadership of Place and Partnership Development

Following on from the initiation of the ISP's development programme in 2007 to ensure that the organisation was fit for purpose, the Leadership Of Place project was put forward for consideration and endorsement. The project had attracted external funding from South East Employers, which had been supplemented by a contribution from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary as well as the Leadership Centre for Local Government. This combined funding would provide two conferences for approximately 200 middle managers across the ISP member organisations and a series of Leadership of Place workshops.

It was envisaged that the conferences would ensure that all organisations developed a shared and improved understanding of the Eco Island vision and improved partnership working. External consultants would be used to facilitate the conferences, which would be held during the summer of 2008.

The Board considered that developing trust, understanding, learning and working together would make a real difference in achieving targets.

The representative from SEEDA indicated support for this initiative and would investigate the possibility of further funding.

RESOLVED:

THAT the approach to deliver the "Leadership of Place" project be approved.

6. <u>Promoting Eco Island – the Partnership Approach</u>

The Board was advised that the Isle of Wight Council had been approached about the provision of promotional stands about Eco Island for Island events. It was suggested that this should be an ISP decision, requiring a shared pool of resources from all partners.

Board members were asked to discuss this further within their organisations and submit offers of resources through Committee and Scrutiny Team. If the Board approved this approach in principle, the ISP Executive could undertake further work. It was also suggested that promotional material should include something for younger residents, but that the Council logo should not be utilised on promotional material.

RESOLVED:

- (i) THAT support for the provision of an Eco Island promotional stand for Island events be agreed in principle.
- (ii) THAT the ISP Executive be asked to undertake further work to develop ideas.
- (iii) THAT all partners submit details of resources, available to the Committee and Scrutiny Team.

7. Confirming the ISP Timetable

The schedule of meeting dates for the ISP was reviewed. Quarterly meetings had been scheduled for the ISP Board, and monthly meetings for the ISP Executive (schedule attached).

RESOLVED:

THAT the ISP schedule of dates for 2008-09 be agreed.

The Chairman thanked Richard Grogan of the Environment Forum; Sarah Doran the nominated representative for Parish and Town Councils; Kathy Slack, the representative for SEEDA and Bernice O'Reilly, representative for the Local Government Office South East, for their attendance at the first ISP Board meeting.

CHAIRMAN

ISLAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP - MEETING DATES FOR 2008-09

2008		
Date:	Meeting:	Meeting:
28 April		ISP Board
29 May	ISP Exec	
30 June	ISP Exec	
15 July		ISP Board
28 July	ISP Exec	
21 August	ISP Exec	
29 September	ISP Exec	
14 October		ISP Board
27 October	ISP Exec	
24 November	ISP Exec	
22 December	ISP Exec	
2009		
13 January		ISP Board
26 January	ISP Exec	
23 February	ISP Exec	
30 March	ISP Exec	
14 April		ISP Board
27 April	ISP Exec	

(All of the following dates are booked in CR1 between 5.00 pm and 6.30 pm.)