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STAKEHOLDER BULLETIN

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Welcome to the North Somerset Partnership (NSP) E-Bulletin. Our aim is to keep you informed about the work of the NSP and its associated delivery partnerships.

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THE NORTH SOMERSET PARTNERSHIP - REVIEW UPDATE

As reported in the last eBulletin, the North Somerset Partnership (NSP) Board agreed a new structure at their meeting in October 2008. This followed a governance and performance management review of the Partnership.

The new arrangements include:

- A strengthened **Stakeholder Forum**
- A smaller, more focused **Board** to give strategic direction
- An **Executive** to implement board decisions
- A reduced number of integrated **Delivery Partnerships** to coordinate work to deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy shared priorities.

The BOARD

Nominations for the new Board have been submitted by each sector and agreed. In line with the new structure, the number of Board members has been reduced from 20 to 14 and the following organisations now form the NSP Board:

Public Sector

Avon & Somerset Constabulary
 Avon Fire & Rescue Service
 Children's Trust Management Board
 Environment Agency
 NHS North Somerset
 North Somerset Council (x2)
 Weston College

Private Sector

Bristol International Airport
 North Somerset Enterprise Agency
 North Somerset Initiative

Voluntary & Community Sector

Community Action
 NS Housing
 Voluntary Action North Somerset

We would like to thank all those involved previously, some since the Partnership began several years ago, for all their support and work on behalf of North Somerset's communities.

The new Board met for the first time in January this year. At that meeting they made a number of decisions about how they will work in the future. Board discussions also identified a number of issues that could have a significant impact on North Somerset communities and implementation of the Sustainable Community Strategy. The Board consider that, as a group of senior officers from the key organisations in the area, they are in a position to be able to influence and align responses to address these key issues which will be considered at future meetings. The first debate will centre on the impact of the recession.

The SUB-GROUP

The sub-group will continue to meet until the Executive is in place. Timing of this will depend upon the development of the new delivery partnerships as it is expected that the delivery partnership chairs will form a core membership of the Executive.

In the meantime the sub-group will oversee the day-to-day work of the Partnership, including reviewing performance against the Local Area Agreement targets and development of the new performance management framework.

The DELIVERY PARTNERSHIPS

One of the biggest changes to come out of the review is among the delivery partnerships. Moving from clear thematic partnerships to a much smaller number of integrated partnerships is certainly a challenge but it is hoped that they will be in place by April.

A number of officers have been identified to lead the development of these new partnerships. They will bring together representatives from different areas of work, including children & young people and parish councils, to enable delivery of the aims under the appropriate shared priorities. Delivery partnership representation will continue to be from across all sectors.

The STAKEHOLDER FORUM

Once all the other elements of the Partnership are in place, hopefully by April, work will begin to review and refocus the Stakeholder Forum. Ideally the Forum will be more representative of our diverse communities and have greater opportunities to influence the work of the Partnership at all levels.

The Sub-Group and Delivery Partnerships are working together to develop a performance management framework which will help us to assess our progress on delivery of the aims with the SCS.

If you would like any further information on items mentioned in the Bulletin, or have any comments please contact: northsomersetpartnership@n-somerset.gov.uk