



'Improving Our Communities'

North Somerset Partnership
Annual Event

23 November 2006

Winter Gardens
Weston-super-Mare

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Introduction

Over 125 agency and community representatives from across North Somerset joined the North Somerset Partnership Board at its annual event. The event was held on 23 November 2006, at the Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare.

Participants came together to discuss the progress made on implementing the North Somerset Community Strategy and consider the further work required to improve quality of life across the area.

The aims of the day were:

- To feedback on progress on developing key partnership work programmes since the last event and consider the challenges that lay ahead
- To showcase delivery partnership progress and involvement in implementing the North Somerset Community Strategy
- To consider Community views to be used to shape the new Sustainable Community Strategy
- To provide a networking opportunity across the Partnership

Bob Wayne, North Somerset Partnership Chairperson introduced three keynote speakers who presented information on some of the initiatives that have been developing over the past year.

Presentations covered:

- How the partnership was working together to 'Improve Our Communities' through the development of the North Somerset Local Area Agreement
- How supporting the development of the Neighbourhood Management programme was 'Making a Difference' in communities within Weston-super-Mare
- Key messages from the Local Government White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' and its implications for the work of the North Somerset Partnership

During the year the partnership had also undertaken a public consultation programme. The purpose of this activity has been to ensure that local people could help shape a new Sustainable Community Strategy, which will be launched during 2007. One of the consultation activities had been a Diary Room Film Project that visited key towns and villages across North Somerset. Over 118 young people had been actively involved in this project. The Diary Room film was shown at the event for delegate's consideration.

Delegates were also invited to consider the priorities and issues that had been identified by local people across the district. Through a range of interactive exercises participants added their comments and identified any gaps in information displayed.

The Delivery Partnership Showcase provided an opportunity for delegates to discuss with partnership representative's key issues under the themes of the Community Strategy and opportunities for working together to seek solutions.

Feedback from the event has been very positive with many participants requesting copies of the consultation information collated to inform their agency or organisations work. The opportunity to influence the new Sustainable Community Strategy and network with colleagues was particularly valued.

This report provides a record of the event, including presentations, outcomes from activities and the evaluation of the event as a whole. All work carried out on the day has been added to the consultation information gathered, and will be considered by the North Somerset Partnership Board and Delivery Partnerships when developing the new Sustainable Community Strategy for the area.



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North Somerset Partnership Annual Event
23 November 2006, Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare

Event Programme

- 9.30 Registration and Refreshments
- 10.00 Welcome and Introduction
NSP Chair - Bob Wayne
- 10.10 Presentations
Reflecting on key areas of work and future challenges
1. Working together to 'Improve Our Communities'
 - Developing the North Somerset Local Area Agreement
Max Kammerling, Director of Public Health
North Somerset Primary Care Trust
 2. Making a difference in local communities
 - Supporting the development of Neighbourhood Management
Tracy Hayler, District Commander
Avon and Somerset Constabulary
 3. 'Strong and Prosperous Communities'
 - Implications of the Local Government White Paper for North Somerset Partnership
Paul Jones, Local Government Improvement Manager
Government Office South West
- 10.45 Question Time
- 10.55 Developing the Sustainable Community Strategy
 - Young People's Diary Room Film premiere
- 11.10 Refreshments
- 11.30 Shaping the Sustainable Community Strategy
 - Activities to consider key messages from the Sustainable Community Strategy public consultation programme
- 12.00 Delivery Partnership Showcase
- 13.00 Close