

## Question Time

Bob Wayne, North Somerset Partnership Chairman invited questions from delegates for the keynote speakers and members of the North Somerset Partnership Board. A range of queries and comments were raised these included:

- Clarification of how the wider voluntary and community sector could get involved in the work programmes being developed
- Clarification over how the Local Area Agreement was being developed and the impact it would have on geographical areas and services such as transport and economic development and regeneration
- Understanding how the lessons learnt from developing the Neighbourhood Management Programme could be transferred to speed up progress in Central Ward in Weston super Mare
- The need for improvements in public transport provision and in particular bus services from Nailsea to Weston super Mare to improve access to services and facilities
- Clarification on the representation on the Neighbourhood Management Board within South Ward, Weston super Mare, including consideration being given to representation from Weston Town Council



## **Developing the Sustainable Community Strategy**

### **Introducing the Young People's Diary Room Film**

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#### **Background**

Since the last annual event the North Somerset Partnership has been reviewing the current Community Strategy and is now in the process of developing a New Sustainable Community Strategy which will be published during 2007.

This new strategy will build upon our existing work programmes while taking into account new policy directives as indicated in the presentations throughout the morning. It will need to be developed in line with government guidance that will be available during 2007.

The Sustainable Community Strategy will still be a long term framework for developing shared work programmes to tackle a range of issues to improve quality of life across the area. To inform and help shape this work, a wide-ranging public consultation and engagement programme was carried out from May 2006 until October 2006.

The consultation programme was designed to ensure that people who didn't usually engage with the partnership had the opportunity to share their views about what was important to them

The emphasis of the programme was to make it fun for all involved. Many of the methods used and the views collated are being shared with delegates during the Shaping the Community Strategy session of this event. Before there is an opportunity to view results from this work more thoroughly it gives the North Somerset Partnership great pleasure to introduce the Diary Room Film, which stars young people from around the district.

#### **The Diary Room Film Project**

The Diary Room Film Project travelled around the area talking to young people where they felt comfortable. The format of the work was influenced by the popularity of the Channel 4 programme, 'Big Brother'. The scene was set with hidden cameras and gold seats all created on the back on the Avon Youth Association Bus.

The project benefited from 118 young people getting involved and sharing their views. 2 local media students helped with the filming under the guidance of a local North Somerset resident. A number of youth workers from Avon Youth Association and North Somerset Council helped to encourage young people to get involved.

The Diary Room Film is a snapshot of all this work. The film is structured around young people's answers to 4 questions:

- What young people liked about where they lived
- What they didn't like about where they lived
- What they would like to change about where they lived
- Finally, if the diary room was able to grant them one wish, what would they wish for that would benefit the whole community?

The film is a true reflection of young peoples input and contains serious messages, some jokes, and demonstrates a lot of thought and a tremendous community sprit by young people. Sincere thanks went to Avon Youth Association and the team of helpers that helped facilitate this project.

If you would like a copy of the Diary Room Film DVD please contact Lorraine Bush  
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