

## Evaluation of NSP Annual Event 2008

### Introduction

The NSP Annual Event was held on Tuesday, 22 April 2008, at the Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare. The NSP Board hosted the Event. The event aimed:

- To launch the new Sustainable Community Strategy 2008 – 2026
- To update participants on the development of the new Local Area Agreement for North Somerset
- To consider how communities and organisations can contribute to implementing the Sustainable Community Strategy
- To showcase delivery partnership activity contributing towards the partnerships' shared priorities
- To provide a networking opportunity across the Partnership.

### Event attendance

Of the 150 delegates who had booked places on the Event, 133 attended on the day representing private, public, voluntary and community sectors from across North Somerset.

### Delegates Feedback

Delegates were asked to complete an evaluation form commenting on the organisation, format and content of the morning. They were also asked if they wished to be kept informed of progress and developments. 17% of delegates returned feedback forms, additionally some delegates emailed comments.

Delegates were asked specific questions to establish if the venue accommodated their needs.

The following responses were received:

### Venue

	Very Good	Good	Adequate	Poor
<b>Accessibility</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	

Feedback was generally positive in relation to the aspects outlined above, although it was noted that the limited space available for workshops meant having two workshops in one room, which made it difficult to hear at times.

## **Delegates' views on the Stakeholder Event**

Participants were asked a series of open-ended questions to provide an overview of what went well and what could be improved. The following quotes are the most common responses received, grouped under common themes:

### **1. What delegates felt they gained from attending the Event.**

#### **Improved awareness and understanding**

- A knowledge of what the Partnership is trying to achieve
- Updated knowledge and networking
- Better understanding of what the NSP is about
- Realising that 'partnership' within North Somerset is the way forward
- Better grasp of NS Strategy and current work
- Better understanding of problems facing North Somerset
- An optimism that we maybe just starting to tackle real issues eg climate change
- Useful challenge to think about what action we all need to take
- Good overview of issues in the community
- Excellent presentation in workshop around peak oil and transition living

#### **Networking and sharing/listening to ideas**

- Good networking, contacts and ideas
- Hearing others views
- Saw some old colleagues and listened to some new ones
- General info and networking
- Interesting & helpful contacts with others

#### **Opportunity to engage, influence and put views**

- Opportunity to feedback in workshop
- Inputting to the process
- Good debate, interested to see projects and other people's ideas.
- The feeling that things are starting to move
- Had an interesting discussion in the workshop

### **2. Elements of the Event that delegates felt were least useful**

- Workshop – too vague
- Within the workshop given a specific problem – and trying to offer solutions without prior thought
- Being told which aim to cover – not own choice
- The writing up of the session
- Too long break in the middle of the morning – half an hour would have been adequate

### **3. How would delegates have liked the programme improved?**

- To have picked up on a theme for the session and had an external speaker – ‘so we could learn from others’
- Have something at the end to bring it together
- Longer for workshops
- Simpler tasks to do in workshops
- Shorter more focused workshops
- Time to summarise group working
- Programme was good but could manage feedback more effectively. The process is definitely improving
- In view of the large number of volunteers giving of own time – sandwiches should at least have been provided at close

### **4. Delegates’ general comments**

- All elements of the event were useful
- NSC staff on site very professional
- Excellent event
- I enjoyed the session and hope it can be developed further
- Thanks for all your hard work
- Only scratched the surface but worth doing
- It would be good to have wider representation amongst delegates
- Disappointed at the small number of Councillors attending
- Need a clear follow up
- Parking expensive
- Is there an opportunity for a reduced version of this to be taken all around the unitary authority area?

### **Conclusion**

Generally a well received Event that met its aims to inform and encourage stakeholders’ participation. Consideration needs to be given to the length and format of workshops for future events but generally delegates valued being updated on key work programmes and having the opportunity to discuss these further.

**Thank you to everyone who supported and participated in this event.**

For further information about the North Somerset Partnership please see our website [www.northsomersetpartnership.org.uk](http://www.northsomersetpartnership.org.uk)

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Jim	Barrett		Sport England, South West Office
Bob	Bateman	Councillor	North Somerset Council
Christopher	Batt		Weston College
Jillian	Battersby	Chair	Cleeve Parish Council
Georgie	Bigg		Wrington Parish Council
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Chris	Born	Chief Executive	North Somerset Primary Care Trust
Ed	Bradley		Barrow Gurney Parish Council Airport Assoc
Sara	Brown	Neighbourhood Manager	Neighbourhood Management Programme
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Steve	Burrough	Crime Reduction Officer	Avon & Somerset Constabulary
Lorraine	Bush	Partnership Development Officer	North Somerset Council
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Kate	Cochrane	School Travel Advisor	North Somerset Council
Andy	Cole	Councillor	North Somerset Council
Sarah	Cookson		Age Concern, Somerset
Geoff	Coombs		Barrow Gurney Parish Council
Chris	Creswick		Weston Hospital
Stephen	Date		Avon and Somerset Constabulary
Barbara	Davidson	Community Safety Unit	Avon and Somerset Constabulary
Ron	Davies		Highways Agency
Alun	Davies	Planning Manager, Adult Care	North Somerset Council
Paul	Davis	Manager	NS Education & Training Consortium
Gordon	Davey		Locking Community Action Team
Rosemary	Dowie		Weston Arts Festival
Leonard	Dowie		TENONS
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Antony	Feasey	Chief Executive	Community Action
James	Field		Avon Wildlife Trust
James	Foster	Strategic Policy Development Manager	North Somerset Council
Myles	Furr	Supporting People, Planning & Policy	North Somerset Council
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Simon	Gregory		North Somerset Council
Mike	Grist		Somer Housing Group
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Mary	Hart	Assoc Director, Health Improvement	North Somerset Primary Care Trust
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