

The Gosport Partnership

" Working Together For The Gosport Community "

Gosport Partnership Board meeting 23 June 2010

Item 8 Briefing paper - LSP funding and commitment

- 1 The Gosport Partnership Board has been successfully operating since 2001. It has been effectively supported by partners through the provision of various resources (money, staff, office space etc). The Board and its activities have been facilitated by a part time LSP Co-ordinator since 2005 and key partners have funded this post.
- 2 Hampshire County Council has indicated changes to its funding provision to the LSP (see copies of letters attached on page 2 and 3).
- 3 The LSP now needs to review the commitment and funding of all partners, especially that related to the LSP Co-ordinator Role.



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Dear Mark

For a considerable number of years now the County Council has contributed some £110,000 to Local Strategic Partnerships and we have now reached the stage where I must inform you that these contributions cannot continue in the light of virements of certain budgets within the County Council.

In order that this withdrawal of funding is on a smooth basis, I am confirming that the £10,000 per LSP will be available during the year 2010/2011 but applications for the continuation of that sum should be made to Councillor Keith Mans, Executive Member for Communities. Keith and his appropriate HATs chairmen will then consider the merits of the application for this year 2010/2011.

When we introduced LSPs (and the County has now spent in excess of £1 million in supporting them) we did make it clear that such funds should not be used to support staffing costs which are, by their nature, recurring. I think that this has been overtaken by events but I hope you will agree with me, disappointing though our withdrawal of funds is, that nevertheless, one year's notice of that withdrawal goes some way towards allowing you to make alternative arrangements.

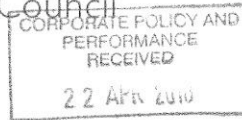
Yours sincerely

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Dear Ms. Hamilton,

The Chairmen of your LSPs (Fareham and Gosport) will recently have received a letter from The Leader of Hampshire County Council advising them of changes to the funding provision for LSPs. I attach a copy for your ease of reference.

Further to the information set out in this letter I am writing to update you on arrangements for your application for funding in 2010/11. HAT officers are producing an application form based on that used in previous years and amended to reflect the new approach to this funding. This will be sent to you once it has been agreed by Councillor Mans with advice on completion and return. I hope this will be very soon. HAT officers will then manage your application in liaison with Councillor Mans and the relevant HAT Chair.

I will keep you updated but should you have any further questions or queries you can e-mail me at neil.cole@hants.gov.uk or telephone 07725 446192.

In the meantime please can I thank you for your forbearance.

Yours sincerely

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