

Localities working

As reported in our last newsletter, the LSP is asking for views on ideas for joining up services within the six proposed Localities within the City. We would like suggestions on how we can improve links between organisations working within these localities, how residents can influence and challenge service delivery, and whether Area Committees should be replaced with new Locality Partnerships. The final deadline for comment has been extended to 16 October. Contribute your views online at www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouth2020/lspconsultation.htm or contact the office on 01752 304026.

Our Vision

“One of Europe’s finest, most vibrant waterfront cities, where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone.”

Rath Yatra 2009

For the first time in Plymouth Rath Yatra was celebrated in magnificent style. The event was seen by all who were in the city on 5 Sept 2009. Prasad (free blessed food) and refreshments were distributed to over 2000 people. The highlight of the event was the Chariot procession that started from the Big Screen to Brest de Place and stopped at various points where there was singing, chanting and dancing. It then circled its way back to the marquee in front of the Big Screen for everybody to see. Inside the Marquee there was singing, chanting, henna, rangoli, classical dance, face painting, ditar/tabla player and a palm reader who had come all the way from France. The event was attended by a coach from Birmingham and devotees had travelled from Watford Temple to witness the event, and are looking forward to Rath Yatra 2010. Manoj Joshi from the Hindu Community of Plymouth said the event was wonderful and went according to plan. He also added that he would like to thank Plymouth City Council that made this event possible and Fata He for their support and acting as the official photographers. Other agencies that supported the event were the Social Inclusion Unit and St John’s Ambulance, please contact Chaz Singh chaz@fatahe.com for further details.



Picture courtesy of Fata He

Equalities consultation

The LSP has launched a consultation about the way we work together in Plymouth to organise and improve our equalities and community cohesion work.

The LSP says equalities and community cohesion means being a truly inclusive city where everyone can live free from discrimination, have fair and equal access to services, and where people from different backgrounds get on well together. Views are being sought on the most important things we need to do to improve equalities and community cohesion, as well as how to organise things in the LSP to respond and to hear different communities’ views.

Specific issues out for consultation are:

- The most important things the LSP should do to improve equalities and community cohesion. (In addition to priorities the LSP has already decided on).
- A proposal for an Equality and Cohesion Group, and who should be members of it.
- Suggestions for consulting diverse communities (people representing different ages, disabilities, black and minority ethnic communities, faiths and beliefs, gender and sexual orientation)
- The way we tell people how well we are doing.

Views should be submitted by Monday 7 December 2009 by visiting our website

We will also be holding an interactive event on Thursday 7 January, 2010 between 10am and 12.30pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Rhian Edwards on 01752 304321, or email rhian.edwards@plymouth.gov.uk for more details

Plymouth Third Sector Consortium Assembly

Plymouth Third Sector Consortium held its first Assembly at Plymouth Pavilions on 16 September attended by over 45 Community and Voluntary organisations.

The Assembly began with a review of progress and details of the current workplan from Consortium Chair, George Plenderleith. Peter Aley, Assistant Director for Safer Communities, Plymouth City Council followed with a presentation on Localities working (see also the front page of the newsletter). The first half of the morning session closed with a presentation on the proposed membership criteria and Consortium structure roles.

All organisations then had an opportunity to give their views in a workshop session discussing membership criteria, roles and terms of reference for the Consortium. Catherine Brunsden from the LSP followed with a presentation on the revised Third Sector Strategy (see also item below). The final item on the programme was the proposed Third Sector Consortium LSP representation.

Revised Third Sector Strategy

The Third Sector Strategy has been revised in response to a number of changes in the sector over the past twelve months. The revised strategy sets out how Plymouth 2020 will work towards creating an environment for a thriving third sector by engaging and supporting the third sector to become an effective local partner. Please let us have your views on the strategy by visiting the consultation page on the Plymouth 2020 website:

<http://www.plymouth.gov.uk//plymouth2020/lspconsultation.htm>, the deadline for comments is 10 December. Contact Catherine Brunsden for further information 01752 304398 or email catherine.brunsdens@plymouth.gov.uk

From ATM to KTP

A market-leading cash protection business and the University of Plymouth have become the first organisations in the South West to secure funding for a new Government-backed partnership. Saltash-based Spinnaker International is working with academics from the University's Faculty of Arts on its latest generation of products and services thanks to a Shorter Knowledge Transfer Partnership (sKTP). The 40-week project is the first of its kind in the region following the introduction of the new sKTPs in July, which are designed to be flexible and act as a stepping stone for those businesses that may not have worked with higher and further education institutions before. It is expected to play a key role in enabling small organisations, in particular, to explore the benefits of collaboration. If you would like to know more or get involved contact Emma Wright on 01752 588916 emma.wright1@plymouth.ac.uk

Update from the Board

Comprehensive Area Assessment Presentation - The leads for the CAA inspection provided positive feedback on their findings and conclusions as things stand currently. The results are yet to be moderated and verified by the Audit Commission and their partners. The final results are due for publication in early December.

Apprenticeships - The Learning and Skills Council explained the challenge and benefits for the planned expansion of apprenticeships.

Results of the Place Survey - The results of the 2008 survey, which measures local residents' perceptions of public services, were presented to the Board.

The Board also received updates on the LSP Review, Governance arrangements and progress reports from the four theme groups.

Dates for the diary

- **Plymouth 2020 Executive Group**
7 October
- **Wealthy Theme Group** -
2 November
- **Wise Theme Group** -
5 November
- **Healthy Theme Group** -
12 November
- **Safe and Strong Theme Group** 12 November
- **LSP Forum** -
18 November
- **Plymouth 2020 Board**
- 4 December

LSP Forum – Save the date!

The next LSP Forum event will be held on Wednesday 18 November between 12 noon to 5pm. This time round we will be focusing on our Healthy Theme with a particular emphasis on Alcohol. Invitations will be sent out in mid October, we hope to see you there.

Cut off for submission of articles for the next newsletter is 23 October please send any articles to lsp@plymouth.gov.uk

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