

**Minutes of a Meeting of the External
Partnerships Select Committee held at
Surrey Heath House on 19 January
2016**

+ Cllr Paul Deach (Chairman)
+ Cllr Dan Adams (Vice Chairman)

+ Cllr Ian Cullen	+ Cllr Adrian Page
+ Cllr Ruth Hutchinson	+ Cllr Robin Perry
+ Cllr Rebecca Jennings-Evans	+ Cllr Chris Pitt
+ Cllr David Lewis	+ Cllr Nic Price
+ Cllr Katia Malcaus Cooper	+ Cllr Darryl Ratiram
+ Cllr Alan McClafferty	+ Cllr John Winterton
+ Cllr Max Nelson	

+ Present
- Apologies for absence presented

Substitutes:

In Attendance: Cllr Ian Sams, Sarah Groom, Andrew Crawford, Cllr Rodney Bates, Cllr Bill Chapman, Cllr Mrs Vivienne Chapman, Cllr Bruce Mansell, Peter Close, Nigel Drury, Windsor Rackham and Linda Cornelia

18/EP Chairman's Announcements and Welcome to Guests

The Chairman welcomed the following guests, who had agreed to participate in the meeting:

- (i) Linda Cornelia – North West Surrey Services Manager, Alzheimer's Association;
- (ii) Paul Evans – Dementia Action Alliance Coordinator, Alzheimer's Society;
- (iii) Peter Close – Chairman, Camberley Care Trust;
- (iv) Windsor Rackham – Chairman, Lightwater Information for the Vulnerable and the Elderly; and
- (v) Nigel Drury – Community Connector, Surrey Heath Borough Council.

He also welcomed Councillor Ian Sams, one of the Committee substitute Members and those non committee Members attending this important meeting.

19/EP Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 24 November 2015, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

20/EP Presentation - Dementia Friendly Surrey

Linda Cornelia reported that there were 850,000 dementia sufferers in the UK, but this was predicted to rise to at least 2 million by 2051. Of the 850,000, 40,000 were under 65. The cost of addressing Dementia in the UK was in the region of £26 billion per annum.

There were estimated to be 16,400 dementia sufferers in Surrey, with 2/3rds living in the community.

Alzheimer's Society - With 2,500 staff and 10,000 volunteers nationally, the Alzheimer's Society provided 3,000 services across the UK, 70 of which were in Surrey, where the Society operated with 80 staff and 200 volunteers, providing everything from drug support/cafes to activity based services and peer support.

Surrey County Council had launched its Dementia Friendly Surrey drive 3 years ago and was now looking to roll the programme out in all 11 Boroughs.

Dementia Friendly Communities - The Alzheimer's Society had been contracted, over a 2 year period, to establish Dementia Friendly Communities in every Borough, these being communities who understand what dementia is and the effect that it has on people living with it and their carers.

Dementia Action Alliances - The Society was seeking to develop a Dementia Action Alliance (DAA), that being a network of individual organisations, working together to create an environment where people with dementia and their carers were supported to continue to live independently. The range of organisations included GP surgeries, supermarkets, libraries, garden centres, bus companies and many more, as well as statutory authorities.

DAAs look to raise awareness, engaging different sectors of society to create networks that would enable people to work together for dementia friendly communities that were sustainable. They also looked to put the views and opinions of people with dementia at the heart of consideration and decision making.

In response to Members questions, Paul Evans noted that:

- (i) Although some forms of dementia were hereditary, this was not so in most cases;
- (ii) There were over 100 types of dementia, including vascular. Some triggers had already been identified, but, whilst the Society spent at least £10 million each year on research, the numbers facing various forms of dementia were rising and research funding overall continued to be severely limited in comparison to that allocated to other conditions;
- (iii) One successful initiative, in Newcastle and Chester involved certain supermarkets having a number of 'no hurry' checkouts;

Councillor Mrs Vivienne Chapman welcomed the Dementia Friendly Surrey Initiative and outlined measures being developed in Surrey Heath, including developments at the Windle Valley Centre and the establishment of a Surrey Heath Partnership Board which would lead in the drive to develop a dementia friendly Borough.

Councillor Paul Deach emphasised the importance of good communications and the use of social media to get the message out.

Councillor Rodney Bates encouraged all Members to become Dementia Friends and requested further Member training on dementia.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked Linda Cornelia and Paul Evans, encouraging them to present an update to a later meeting and to continue work with organisations in the Borough to achieve a dementia friendly community.

RESOLVED that

- (i) The presentation be noted;**
- (ii) Officers be asked to explore further training for both Members and Officers;**
- (iii) The Surrey Heath Partnership be encouraged to invite the Alzheimer's Society to make a presentation to an early future meeting;**
- (iv) Officers include an article in a future Heathscene magazine on Dementia Friendly Surrey;**
- (v) The Media Team be asked to promote Dementia Friendly Surrey on social media; and**
- (vi) The video "Small changes help make a dementia friendly community" be circulated to all Members.**

21/EP Presentation - Camberley Care Trust

Peter Close, the Chairman of the Camberley Care Trust, reported that the Camberley Care Trust originated from a proposal in 1974, by the Minister of Camberley United Reform Church for local churches to set up a telephone help line. The vast majority of pleas for assistance involved transportation and a voluntary car service was formed to address this need. In October 1987, a decision was taken to form a charitable trust called the Camberley Care Trust.

The aim of the Trust is to enable elderly, vulnerable, disabled and needy to remain in their homes for as long as possible. As part of that thrust, the Trust decided, in 2000, to establish a Handyman Service. The car scheme was limited to Frimley and Camberley, as there were similar services elsewhere in the Borough, but the Handyman Service was available across the Borough.

The Trust were based in the Ian Goodchild Centre, opening 5 days a week, from 8.30 a.m. till 4.30 p.m., Monday to Thursday and from 8.30 a.m. till 3.30 p.m. on Fridays. The Trust had 10 trustees, including the Chairman and Treasurer, all volunteers with a range of professional qualifications and experience. It had one full time paid administrator and had recently appointed a further part-time

administrator. They, in turn, were supported by volunteer 'Duty Officers'. The Trust also recently appointed a social media volunteer.

The Trust had a core of 60 drivers locally, of which up to 40 were very active. They donated their cars and time free of charge, but were encouraged to claim back mileage. There is no formal charge to clients, but they are encouraged to make a donation. Equally, there are no limits to journey distances and drivers will stay with clients if they are attending the likes of medical appointments.

The Handyman Service, the only subsidised service of its type, covers the whole of the Borough and covers minor but no less critical repairs, assisting 800+ households in 2014. A small charge is levied; £15 for the first hour, with 15 minute segments thereafter, and covers everything from changing lightbulbs to replacing tap washers or grab rails.

Mr Close noted that in 2004/05, the then Mayor, Councillor Paul Ilnicki had used part of his Mayor's Charity funds to purchase a vehicle for the Handyman Service. This year, the Council had given the Trust a grant to purchase a new vehicle.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee and Council, thanked Peter Close and the Camberley Care Trust, for their significant contribution in the Borough, noting that the service epitomised all that is good in Surrey Heath. He noted that the Trust had capacity and could take on minor works for the likes of community centres, and pointed Members to the Trust's Facebook site, encouraging them to visit and 'Like' the site.

RESOLVED, that the presentation be noted.

(Note: In accordance with the Council's Members Code of Conduct, Councillors declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to Camberley Care Trust as set out below:

- (a) Councillor Robin Perry as a Trustee of the Trust; and
- (b) Councillor Paul Deach, who provided media support for the Trust.

22/EP Presentation - Lightwater Information for the Vulnerable and Elderly

Windsor Rackham, the Chairman of Lightwater Information for the Vulnerable and Elderly (LIVE), reported that the concept for LIVE came from the need expressed by users of the Lightwater Care car service, typically to get them to and from hospital appointments, for a much wider range of care and assistance. A proposal was developed for a drop-in service for the GU18 area to provide a signposting and connecting service for the older and vulnerable members of the community. As Lightwater Care was reluctant to expand services, the concept of LIVE was developed.

With set-up funding from Councillor Adrian Page's SCC development fund, specialist assistance from Nigel Drury and premises provided free by the Frederick's Foundation, LIVE had operated on Saturdays from 10 a.m. till Noon for 44 weeks to date, with assistance from 20 volunteers from Lightwater Village.

Issues that had some commonality include bus services, health, men's activities and new residents looking for day centre facilities. There were plans to expand the range of services and to move into other geographical areas of the Borough which lacked this form of signposting. However, this would require further infrastructure and volunteers in the areas in which the service was rolled out.

LIVE recognised the need to develop strong social media tools. Although the Frederick's Society provided accommodation, Mr Rackham asked if the Council could assist with public liability insurance and/or website design.

Members recognised that what was developing in Lightwater could be used as a template for other parts of the Borough and could form a very good foundation for a Dementia Action Alliance. The Chairman thanked Mr Rackham and LIVE for their important contribution to the community and asked officers to examine if there was any support the Council could provide, particularly in terms of public liability insurance and social media.

RESOLVED, that the presentation be noted.

Note: It was noted, for the record, Councillor Adrian Page had provided financial support to LIVE through his SCC Local Allowance. He was advised that, as his support was through his role as a County Councillor and given that the Committee was not a decision making body, it would be acceptable for him to remain in the meeting.

23/EP Committee Work Programme

The Committee agreed the work programme for the remaining meeting of the 2015/16 municipal year. It was noted that, at that meeting, the Committee would be asked to consider its work programme for the next municipal year.

Members suggested consideration of the following areas for possible future presentations:

- (i) Citizens Advice Bureau;
- (ii) Voluntary Support North Surrey;
- (iii) Basingstoke Canal;
- (iv) Watts Gallery/Chapel; and
- (v) Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

At its previous meeting, the Committee had noted the economic development work that was ongoing in the Borough and had agreed to seek presentations from the Bagshot, Deepcut, Frimley and Yorktown & Watchmoor Business Associations. It had also been suggested that, at such a meeting, an item in relation to the Institute of Directors could be included.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Committee's Work Programme, as set out at Annex A, be agreed; and**
- (ii) Members be asked to consider possible items for inclusion in the draft 2016/17 Work Programme.**

Chairman

ANNEX A

**External Partnerships Select Committee
Work Programme 2015/16**

Date	Partners	Presenter
29 March 2016	Surrey Heath Health and Wellbeing Board	Tim Pashen
	Surrey Heath Clinical Commissioning Group	Dr Andy Brooks
	Frimley Park Hospital	Andrew Morris

Possible Items for 2016/17

- University of Surrey;
- Business Associations in the Borough and the Institute of Directors;
- Windle Valley Youth Project;
- Citizens Advice Bureau;
- Voluntary Support North Surrey;
- Basingstoke Canal;
- Watts Gallery/Chapel;
- Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst;
- Bagshot, Deepcut, Frimley and Yorktown & Watchmoor Business Associations;
and
- Institute of Directors.

Standing Responsibilities/Recurring Items

- Surrey Heath Health and Wellbeing Board;
- Surrey Police and Crime Panel; and
- Council's Crime and Disorder Function.

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