

## **News from Woking Local Strategic Partnership meeting 18 May 2004**

### **Strategic Community Planning**

- discussed community cohesion, and made an explicit commitment to build on the existing good community relations, foster community cohesion, remove factors such as segregation and jealousy which increase the risk of antagonism between communities, and positively promote Woking's diverse communities; and recommended that each member agency builds community cohesion into its business planning processes. Woking Community Relations Forum will bring further recommendations at the next meeting
- noted progress on producing a "community profile" of Woking, based on census findings
- received a brief presentation showing the sort of information which is now available from the census 2001 and the Index of Multiple Deprivation showing deprivation in "output areas" and "super output areas", which are smaller than wards
- received a report on progress in Lakeview with the appointment of a community development worker
- welcomed the proposal to ensure that social exclusion is addressed in the next Local Transport Plan through a multi-agency approach and agreed that each member organisations would identify appropriate people to liaise with Surrey County Council Local Transportation Service
- received a report on the Audit Commission report that Woking Borough Council is a good local authority under its Comprehensive Performance Assessment

### **Community voice**

Agreed

- to develop a compact for Woking
- to write down arrangements communication with linked partners, and to address communication and streamlined consultation generally as part of the work on a Compact for Woking
- actions following issues raised at the linked partner event in January
- to hold another event for linked partnerships probably in January 2005

*(Tell the Local Strategic Partnership secretary Chris Holloway if you know of a network which should be a linked partnership.)*

## **Health**

- noted that the PCT has changed its name from Woking Area PCT to Surrey Heath and Woking PCT
- reminded Local Strategic Partnership members that they had agreed that the health inequality priorities for the coming year should be coronary heart disease and the factors that are linked to it, such as poverty, smoking and healthy eating, and that each member should be identifying what they can do to contribute to improvement
- agreed to co-operate with the Health Equity Audit being organised by the PCT

## **Next meeting**

Date: 7 July 2004