



**'Improving our communities together –  
Delivering in changing times'**

North Somerset Partnership  
Annual Event

23 November 2009

Winter Gardens  
Weston-super-Mare

**Event Report**



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### **INTRODUCTION**

Almost 90 agency and community representatives from across North Somerset joined the North Somerset Partnership Board at its annual event. The event was held on 23 November 2009, at the Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare.

This year’s event looked at the implications of public sector financial pressures on delivering the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and the aims of the day were:

- To update participants on the work of the North Somerset Partnership (NSP)
- To develop a shared understanding of the impact of public sector financial pressures
- To explore how these pressures may impact on delivering the Sustainable Community Strategy
- To identify opportunities for local partnership solutions
- To provide networking opportunities across the partnership

The NSP Chairman Nigel Ashton, Leader of Council, chaired the event on behalf of the NSP Board, which welcomed delegates from different organisations across all sectors – public, private and voluntary and community groups.

Phil Hall, Director of Finance & Resources of North Somerset Council, set the scene for delegates by outlining key financial pressures for public sector organisations whilst highlighting the significance of overall public sector investment in North Somerset by key partners.

Delegates were invited to vote for the six aims from the SCS that they felt would be most difficult to deliver within this financial climate. Participants then had the opportunity to consider these further in a number of workshops under the following work areas:

- Safer Stronger Communities
- Health & Wellbeing
- Transport, Economy & Environment

During the morning delegates were able to view a number of displays. These included an update on the work of the North Somerset Partnership Board and Executive, progress against the Local Area Agreement and work being undertaken by the delivery partnerships.

After the workshops delegates returned to the Main Hall to hear Kay Wozniak, Vice Chair of the NSP outline how the information gathered from each of the workshop would be used. There was also an opportunity to review information discussed in each of the workshops.

Feedback from the event has been very positive and the opportunity to network with colleagues and to share views was particularly valued.

This report provides a record of the event including the presentation, outcomes from activities and an evaluation of the event as a whole.

The information provided by delegates will be used to inform future action planning by the Partnership.



## **Annual Stakeholder Event 23 November 2009**

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### **Event Programme**

- 9.30am** Arrival and registration  
Refreshments available and an opportunity to view displays
- 9.50am** Welcome and Introduction  
Nigel Ashton – Chair, North Somerset Partnership
- 10.00am** Presentation:  
'Implications of public spending constraints on delivering the SCS –  
challenges & opportunities'  
Phil Hall – Director Finance & Resources, North Somerset Council
- Workshops will be held under the following work areas:
- Safer Stronger Communities
  - Health & Wellbeing
  - Transport, Economy & Environment
- 10.20am** Workshop 1
- 11.05am** Refreshments and view displays
- 11.20am** Workshop 2
- 12.05pm** Workshop 3
- 12.50pm** Next steps  
Kay Wozniak – Vice Chair, North Somerset Partnership
- 1.00pm** Opportunity to review comments and suggestions made in workshop  
sessions and view displays
- 1.30pm** Event Close