

Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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Report for period: 2013 -2014

Name: Heather Goddard.....

Position held: Lead member for partnerships.....

A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

I chair all four Strategic partnerships e.g. Safer and Stronger Strategic partnership, (Community Safety partnership), Economy and Skills Strategic partnership, Local Strategic partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Board. In addition I have the responsibility of being involved in complaints procedures within the partnerships and we have just completed our first Domestic Homicide review

Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

Local Strategic Partnership

Our partnership conference this year was entitled "Closing the gap" – helping people and places of South Gloucestershire benefit from and contribute to economic success
The Key note speaker was Nigel Jump (Executive Director and Chief Economist Strategic Economics LTD advising the LEP) He spoke on the broad economic background/regional perspective in terms of what the key challenges are in the years ahead and the key characteristics of South Gloucestershire in terms of output and employment, structure and development needs and raised some questions about what the area wants The other three speakers covered Early start and Families in Focus, Education and Skills and Stronger Communities. This was followed by Workshops.
The Feedback was positive and the venue scored 97%, speakers who were excellent, stimulating and engaging.

Safer and Stronger Partnership.

Meetings have been streamlined this year allowing time to focus on topics in depth. We have used experts in the field to deliver these presentations. Performance results have shown crime levels falling once again. By focussing our work in priority neighbourhoods we have again produced a reduction of overall crime in Kingswood and more of our residents believe we are dealing effectively with Anti Social Behaviour

Health and Wellbeing Board

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy were adopted in June 2013 after a three month consultation period. The Board became "live" in

April 2013 and we have just completed our first year as a Board. The workload has increased considerably and we have found it necessary to have more meetings to allow us time to consider extra topics. We have also increased the time for workshops either as a separate session or following a Board meetings. We have spent a lot of time looking and understanding the Better Care Fund and the way it will work in South Gloucestershire together with our colleagues from the CCG and our own Social Care organisation and Sirona who now have the contract to provide most of the care to our vulnerable residents.

What “added value” to the local community have you been able to achieve through your special responsibilities?

By being involved with all partnerships, it has provided an opportunity to have a strategic overview of the work and make a more cohesive outcome for the council and the community it serves.

The work carried out on the Better Care Fund will be of great benefit to the residents of South Gloucestershire who qualify for this help

How have your special responsibilities enabled the Council to be more effective?

Reports on all partnership business are presented to the Policy and Resources Committee. This flow of communication helps key councillors have an effective understanding of the work that is undertaken with partners in a wide variety of aspects of council business and gives a broader understanding of its work..

In what ways has the exercise of your special responsibilities supported the core objectives of the Council?

Our shared vision is that South Gloucestershire continues to be a Great place to live and work.

The work of the Safer and Stronger Strategic partnership makes communities feel safer with less crime and this improves their quality of life.

The Local Strategic Partnerships, particularly through its conference this year has helped develop an economic vision for the council

In Economy and Skills Strategic Partnership we have looked at business development and in particular the work of the Local Enterprise Partnership, its growth fund and City Deal and how this will provide benefit to the residents of South Gloucester ship

We continually look at business development and opportunity and we particularly are encouraging SME's to prosper, Education and apprenticeships schemes and how this can help the workforce development to meet the skills and needs of local employers.

Our investments of £600,000,over three years has helped to build a stronger community and voluntary sector and enabled them to make decisions to provide vibrant local services

as well as develop social enterprises

The Health and Wellbeing Board has been developing and the health expectancy in South Gloucestershire is good. We will have an increasing elderly population and we are working towards providing high quality and more effective personalised services which will prevent the elderly going into hospital unnecessarily and able to stay in their own homes longer. Children, too, need a good start to help them fulfil their potential.

We have, through the JSNA and JHWBS helped our population enjoy a healthier lifestyle and make more healthy choices.

These core objectives are being monitored through the Sustainable Community Strategy which was adopted in 2012.