

ACHIEVING GENUINELY SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT COMMUNITIES



Thursday, 6th March 2008
The Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare

PROGRAMME

- 10.00 **Registration** (tea and coffee)
- 10.25 **Chair's introduction** – Jeff Ligo, local government advisor
- 10.30 **National Expectations for Achieving Sustainable Outcomes through Sustainable Community Strategies, Local Area Agreements and Local Strategic Partnerships**
Huw Lloyd Jones, Government Office SW
- 10.50 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: The Reality Check: developing genuinely sustainable, resilient communities.** George Ferguson, Acanthus, Ferguson and Mann Architects
- 11.10 **Emerging Best Practice** - Leslie Watson, Sustainability South West.
Summary of SSW's experience of Defra sponsored work around the region Break
- 11.30 Break
- 11.40 **Opportunities and Challenges for Local Partnerships** - Gary Mantle, Wiltshire Strategic Board
How local partnerships can contribute to sustainable communities
- 12.00 **Best Practice Approach to an LAA** - Keith Budden, Be Birmingham.
Applying environmental sustainability as a cross-cutting principle across their LAA and establishing the UK's first dedicated LSP sustainability champion
- 12.20 **The South West RDA's Approach to Building Resilient Sustainable Communities**
Sandra Rothwell, South West of England Regional Development Agency
- 12.40 **Panel discussion** (with short introductory statements from panel members who have not made presentations). Discussions led by delegate questions. Panel to include speakers, plus:
Creating Excellence – Dominic Murphy and Regen SW – Tony Norton

1.00 **Locally sourced, organic lunch**

Planting Places, cultivating resilience through urban greenspace. How urban greenspace can play a vital role in the regional growth agenda to support truly sustainable communities.



- 1.45 **Chair's introduction** – Simon Hooton, South West RDA
- 1.50 **Planting Places and the role of urban greenspace in the wider sustainability context** –
Leslie Watson, SSW
- 2.05 **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:**
Urban Greenspace, key to our sustainable, resilient future.
Naresh Giangrande, Transition Towns
European and Asian urban greenspace examples, what the SW can learn.
Jochen Rabe, Arup
- 2.45 **Planting Places award winners** – introduced by Naomi Wright, Natural England
Summary of the ten award-winning urban greenspace champions and how they are responding to sustainability challenges
- 3.00 **Workshop** (includes tea and coffee break)
Integrating urban greenspace into the growth agenda. Discussion of the barriers and opportunities for towns and cities, which will inform Planting Places guidance for planners.
- 3.40 **Report back** from each group
- 4.00 **Outcomes** of afternoon workshop and response from afternoon speakers
- 4.15 **Chair's summary**
- 4.25 **Close**