

(2) Opportunity for All Goal

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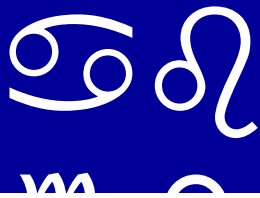
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Forming the Group

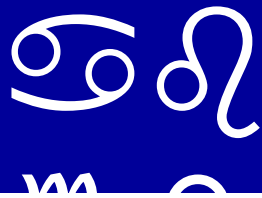
- To establish a Goal Group made up of partners interested in the areas of Economic Growth, Education and Skills, and Tourism
- To identify terms of reference for the group, with objectives for each year, and membership drawn from across Horsham District with representation from businesses and agencies with an interest in the Goal Group Areas
- To Set out priorities for the coming year



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Current Membership:

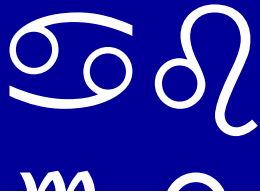
Jackie Johnston, Chairman (College of Richard Collyer), Steve Leverett, Vice-Chairman (Corporate Mosaic), Tom Leighton (HDC), David Coldwell (Horsham Association of Local Councils), Justine Harris (Harris Lord Recruitment), John Cooper (IBM), Ken Johnson (Rural Towns Forum), Paul Niner (Job Centre Plus), Elizabeth Francis (FSB), Peter Woodman (Weald School), Roger Paterson (HDC), Paul Stoggles (Learning & Skills Council)



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Priority Objectives for 2010

- To carry out a recession impact assessment on Horsham District
- Relates to a number of priorities in All Our Futures, most particularly: “Positively promote the District as a location for businesses”, “Supporting policies to keep post offices, shops, village halls and public houses”, “Supporting our local producers”, and “Providing support and advice to meet the needs of home-based businesses”
- Up-dating the HDCP Board on the Crawley University proposal and how Horsham District can benefit



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Outcome of the Work

- All Our Futures identifies the Economy as key concern, even prior to the recession, due to a slowing of growth
- A proper understanding of data can help develop actions to tackle the recession and its impact
- It can identify opportunities for growth
- Better dissemination of key data can help businesses and inform their decision making
- Better understanding of the conditions needed for businesses can ensure that the partnership endorses and promotes the right policy moves by HDC to enhance business success

Starting to gather information and share data, and to decide on what data is most useful/helpful.



Opportunities for All Goal Group Timescales

- Plans for April 2010 – 2011
- A Goal Group still in its infancy – 2 achievable outcomes for year one
- Move toward SMART objectives and identify developing priorities to follow on in the course of the first year

