

Item 7 Agenda Paper

Item	Potential New SHSP Members
Date	21 July 2008
Item for SHSP to Consider	<p>Alan Robinson has received requests from two organisations who would like to join the SHSP.</p> <p>The first request is from the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB). We have consistently sought greater involvement of the private sector to help us advance the Competitive Local Economy theme within the Sustainable Community Strategy. Given the high number of SMEs in the South Hams, the FSB could be a valuable new partner, as it represents a wide range of business sectors across the district. The inclusion of the FSB in the Partnership's membership could also broaden the existing business representation, currently solely provided by Pete Tansey.</p> <p>The second request is from Ivybridge Town Council. The SHSP has previously discussed town representation and whether it would be appropriate. Whilst it might be difficult for the towns in the district to fully represent all the parishes from their local hinterlands, the inclusion of the four main Town Councils on the SHSP could help to connect the Partnership back to local communities. This is a key theme emerging in Government advice about the operation of Local Strategic Partnerships.</p> <p>Approval of these proposals would broaden the Partnership's representation.</p>
Action Recommended	<p>To agree to invite one representative from each of the following organisations to join the SHSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSB; • Ivybridge Town Council; • Totnes Town Council; • Dartmouth Town Council; • Kingsbridge Town Council.