

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leader and Cabinet 22nd April 2004
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SOUTH CAMBS COMMUNITY STRATEGY

Purpose

1. To recommend to Council the approval of the Community Strategy.

Effect on Corporate Objectives

2	Quality, Accessible Services	Coordination of partners' services through the strategy will improve local service delivery.
	Village Life	The strategy promotes active, safe and healthy communities, where residents can play a full part in village life.
	Sustainability	The strategy has a role to develop sustainability, particularly through minimising waste and tackling climate change.
	Partnership	Development, delivery and monitoring of the strategy undertaken through the Local Strategic Partnership.

Background

3. The draft Community Strategy was approved by cabinet on 27th November and by Council on 12th December 2003.
4. Further development work has taken place through the South Cambs Strategic Partnership, and changes have been approved by the Board at their meetings in February and April 2004.

Considerations

5. The Community Strategy attached in the **appendix** to this report was approved by the Partnership Board, which consists of senior representatives of all the partners, at their meeting on 6th April 2004. It is now being taken to the partners for ratification as the adopted Community Strategy for the district.
6. The strategy runs from April 2004 to March 2007. During this period there will be an annual review process, when the strategy will be updated to reflect developments. The first review is due in autumn 2004, when the Local Public Service Agreement targets will be finalised; following this review there will be a public launch of the strategy. Further reviews are expected in the Summer/Autumn of 2005 and 2006.

Financial Implications

7. There are no additional direct financial implications of the strategy. Project work which arises may be addressed by the partners; for the Council this can be achieved through the Continuous Improvement Programme (CIP) process in future years.

Legal Implications

8. The agreement of the Community Strategy fulfils our obligations under the Local Government Act 2000.

Staffing Implications

9. The staffing implications of project delivery and monitoring will need to be kept under review. Any future proposals for the Council will need to be addressed through the CIP process.

Recommendation

10. Cabinet is recommended to endorse the Community Strategy, for formal approval by Council on 29th April 2004.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

Local Government Act 2000
Report to Cabinet on 27th November 2003

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