

Review of Progress on 25 Priority Actions in the 2004 –07 Community Strategy

Aim 1: Safe, Active and Healthy Communities

No	Action in Community Strategy	Milestone agreed in 2004	Progress between April 04 and April 06
1	To increase residents feelings of safety in villages by tackling antisocial behaviour and establishing new Police Community Support Officers to provide an increased visible presence in villages.	a) Evaluation of PCSO initiative b) LPSA target on reducing antisocial behaviour	PCSO posts established for 2 years, ending in 2006/07. Posts appear likely to continue. Quality of Life survey results, currently being analysed, will show progress on feelings of safety.
2	Work with communities to increase road safety through safer driving and cycling and safer routes to school.	LPSA target to be agreed	Deaths/serious injuries have decreased.
3	Support the development of the voluntary sector in the district through establishing a Voluntary Sector Forum, and improving systems of funding and support for voluntary organisations	a) Forum set up by Dec 04 b) New funding and support regime set up by April 06	Forum established and running well. SCDC capping has limited progress on funding issues. Work being taken forward by joint Funders Group.
4	Promote healthier lifestyles through work to promote physical activity, healthy eating and smoking reduction.	a) Physical Activity Strategy set by May 04 b) Healthy eating included in PAS action Plan by 2005	Targets achieved, with Physical Activity Strategy established, and progress on a range of initiatives, promoting healthier lifestyles.
5	Increase access for children and young people to quality learning and play opportunities through parental support and childcare.		Progress not expected until 2006/07. Formation of locality teams for Children and Young People should enable progress to be made.
6	Tackle unauthorised and illegal development around our villages	Successful legal action and clearance of sites	Successfully sought injunctions, and legal challenge unsuccessful.

7	Develop a Guidance Framework for Parish Plans , and coordinate support for Parish Plan work, to assist more villages to prepare and implement plans.	a) Develop guidance by July 04 b) Preparation of 12 Plans by March 07	Target will be exceeded, with 9 Parish Plans completed, and 9 more due for completion in 2006
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Aim 2: Building Successful New Communities

No.	Action	Milestone	Progress
8	Ensure joint planning of the community facilities and services for the new developments, to create successful and sustainable communities, through project management, responsible to the partnership.	Establishing multi-agency project management teams for each development	Joint planning of facilities/services underway for Northstowe, Cambridge East and Southern Fringe, coordinated with Cambridgeshire Horizons.
9	Promote the engagement of future/local residents in the social, cultural and physical development of new communities, and the growth of civic governance	a) Establishment of local groups for each development b) Agreement of civic governance arrangements and process	Stakeholder workshops held in 2005. Community engagement process started, with workshops in schools. Consultants have produced report for management and governance, including a Northstowe Trust.
10	Promote high environmental quality in the design of new developments, including sustainable use of resources and energy.	Percentage of new homes developed to Ecohomes 'good' or 'excellent' standard	These have been incorporated into the Local Development Framework (LDF). Work to promote environmental quality and sustainability is ongoing.

Aim 3: A Prosperous District

No.	Action	Milestone	Progress
11	Maintain/increase lifelong learning through developing adult education opportunities, including leisure courses and skills development, in rural areas, using 'e-learning' where appropriate.	Lifelong Learning LPSA target to be agreed	LPSA targets focussed on qualifications and national tests. Limited progress
12	Increase workforce skills development opportunities and uptake	Uptake of Level 2 courses &/or grant in English, Maths and ICT	LPSA targets for Level 2 achievement is being met.
13	Increase economic opportunities through developing access to Broadband for all settlements in the district.	All settlements to have access by Dec 06	Broadband now available across the district
14	Increase social inclusion through promoting the take-up of benefits by those eligible.		CAB/CCC benefit project has achieved significant increase in take-up

Aim 4: Good Access to Services

No.	Actions	Milestone	Progress
15	Improve young people's access to youth provision , facilities and services	LPSA target to be developed (this was subsequently not agreed with ODPM)	Projects developed in Histon, Fulbourn, Gamlingay, Cambourne
16	Develop new community transport schemes , and develop use of existing schemes and bus services, to respond to local needs	Maintain and improve access to community transport schemes.	Rural transport scheme under development for Balsham area and Taxi card scheme in Shelford area. Current funding for community transport schemes has ended, with a possible loss of schemes.
17	Increase access to information, learning, cultural provision and partners' services through developing ' community information hubs ' in villages and new settlements.	Define key aspects of information hubs and draw up programme for implementation.	12 Community Access points established, with on-going proposals for development. Proposal for a multi-use Civic Hub at Northstowe being developed.
18	Increase cycling between villages and services , particularly between smaller villages and larger ones.	a) Increase the use of existing cycleways b) Develop new cycleways linking villages	Usage on radial routes monitored. Some increase using S106 and other funding eg Girton to Oakington

Aim 5: Quality Homes for All

No.	Action	Milestone	Progress
19	Increase the supply of new affordable housing , including Key Worker housing.	Local PSA target to be agreed (this was subsequently not agreed by ODPM)	LDF includes requirement for 50% of housing to be affordable (subject to examination). District is a top performer on affordable housing delivery.
20	Improve and develop services to enable older people to continue to live independently at home .	Local PSA target to be agreed	Joint PCT/SCDC post established, and strategy developed by Community Living team. LPSA target appears unlikely to be achieved.
21	Determine and make appropriate provision for the accommodation and other needs of travellers in the district, including health and educational services.	Undertake a needs survey by April 2005	Needs Survey complete, with accommodation need quantified. Consultants commissioned to progress a Local Development Document on provision of sites.

Aim 6: A High Quality Environment

No.	Action	Milestone	Progress
22	Promote opportunities for access to the countryside , including creating local 'Greenspace' projects for wildlife habitat, and planning to meet strategic open space needs in the district.	a) Develop 5 Greenspace schemes by Mar 06 b) Plan/develop major new provision at Coton and Northstowe	Achieved ahead of target, with 6 schemes at: Elsworth, Orwell, Swavesey, Foxton, Comberton and Fen Ditton. Green Infrastructure Strategy developed to create a network of accessible strategic greenspace. LDF requires suitable open space. Northstowe group set up to consider new countryside provision
23	Increase recycling of waste and promote waste minimisation schemes in the work of all the partners.	Waste reduction to landfill	LPSA target agreed and on track to achieve stretch target.
24	Promote smoke-free environments in the workplace throughout the partnership and in local facilities.	Local PSA target to be agreed	Good progress towards LPSA targets with 3 licensed premises smoke-free and approx 6000 employees in smoke-free workplaces.
25	Provide a lead on tackling climate change through action by the partners on their own use of energy, water and other resources.	Development of a local strategy for Climate Change	Climate Change Strategy agreed