

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

REPORT TO: South Cambridgeshire Strategic Partnership
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REVIEW OF COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2004-2007

Purpose

1. To inform members of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) on progress against actions in the Community Strategy 2004-2007.

Background

2. The LSP was set up in July 2003 and launched its first strategy in 2004. The Community Strategy ran from June 2004 to March 2007.
3. The purpose of the Community Strategy was to improve the quality of life in South Cambridgeshire. The aims were:
 - Active, safe and healthy communities.
 - Building successful new communities.
 - A prosperous district.
 - Good access to services.
 - Quality homes for all.
 - A high quality environment.

Performance Against Targets

4. The strategy included 25 actions with milestones/targets. An update on performance to end March 2007 can be found at *Appendix A*.
5. It should be noted that although the allocation of traffic light colours is not in any way scientific, the system provides for a quick stock take of performance:
 - Green (17/25) = action achieved or awaiting final figure and likely to be achieved.
 - Amber (4/25) = partially achieved or awaiting final figures and achievement borderline.
 - Red (1/25) = action not achieved or awaiting figures and unlikely to be achieved.
6. The main successes seem to have been in the following priorities, although this is not to say that achievements were not made in the other areas:
 - Active, Safe and Healthy Communities
 - A Prosperous District
 - Good Access to Services

7. Although a large amount has been achieved in the past three years, a number of the actions have been achieved because the milestones/targets were either unspecific or non-existent. For example, the successful tackling of unauthorised and illegal development around our villages could have been met with only one legal action or clearance of a site. It should be noted that in this example, more work was carried out despite the lack of a SMART target, but it is not possible to say whether or not more could have been achieved or if the LSP expected more action to have been taken.

Action to Boost Performance

8. Although the strategy period has now elapsed, it is suggested that effort continues to be concentrated on the amber actions until the new Sustainable Community Strategy is launched. The actions/targets to be further developed would therefore be:
 - Reduce the number of road casualties to 447 by end Dec 2007 across Cambridgeshire.
 - Plan/develop major new provision at Northstowe (access to the countryside).
 - Development of a local strategy for Climate Change.
9. In order to develop a partnership Climate Change Strategy the South Cambs climate change group would like to co-opt a member of the LSP, with an interest in such issues, onto the group.

Recommendations

10. To continue with the implementation of the 2004-2007 strategy, specifically focusing on the areas identified at 6 above, until the new Sustainable Community Strategy is launched.
11. To co-opt a member of the LSP onto the South Cambs climate change working group.

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