

## SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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### LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT REWARD GRANT UPDATE (OCTOBER 2009 – DECEMBER 2009)

#### Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to set out the status of projects at Quarter 3 (1st October 2009 to 31st December 2009) that are being supported by South Cambridgeshire LSP, to allow members to assess their progress and give direction where appropriate.

#### Background

2. The LSP Board agreed its recommendations for LPSA Reward Grant allocation at the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2008.
3. Cambridgeshire Together agreed the LSPs investment plan recommendations, with the exception of the countywide strategic climate change proposal, which was only fully supported by two districts and therefore could not be taken forward (a joint Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire climate change project was established in its place).
4. As the senior accountable body, Cambridgeshire County Council's cabinet considered the recommendations on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008 and agreed the proposed investment.
5. The countywide projects are administered by Cambridgeshire County Council and the projects that are joint with one other LSP are administered by one of the district councils on behalf of the other e.g. South Cambridgeshire District Council administers the joint projects with East Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Council administers the Safer Homes project on the behalf of South Cambridgeshire.

#### Project Updates

6. A summary of the progress made by each of the projects, based on information provided in January 2010, can be found at Appendix A. The following symbols show overall progress and level of risk associated with each:



Indicates that the project has commenced and achieved its activities for the third quarter.



Indicates that the project has had a later than planned start or not completed all the activities forecast for the third quarter.



Indicates that the project (or part of the project) is delayed and/or that the project is significantly off target.

7. Points to note are:

- Two South Cambridgeshire capital only projects are yet to sign conditions of grant and start spending money, however, they have started planning the projects and revenue match funding has been spent (**A1307** and **Cycle Path**).

- One part of one project has been given a red rating (**Energising inclusion through learning**). The Cambridge LSP is closely monitoring this project because one element is significantly off target.

At the January meeting of the Cambridge LSP it was agreed that Young Lives would develop a new proposal for the £90,000 capital set aside for a Learning Bus, which would be presented to an early meeting of the joint LSP. The new project will focus on young people who are not in education, employment or training rather than informal adult learning. It will be up to the LSP to decide if the new project should go ahead or if the Cambridge and/or South Cambridgeshire elements should be diverted to another priority/project.

### **Community Chest**

8. The Community Chest, which was set up by the LSP to provide a small capital community fund to assist voluntary and community groups and Parish Councils to deliver against the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities, has recently passed its 12-month anniversary (£30,000 has been spent since January 2009). Eligible groups can apply for up to £1,000 in any financial year.
9. The scheme has proven very popular to date and a total of 37 projects have benefited since January 2009. The priorities covered by the Community Chest are:
  - (a) Providing Opportunities for Disengaged Young People in Your Community
  - (b) Promoting Independence for Older People in Your Community
  - (c) Preventing Obesity in Your Community
  - (d) Promoting Community Cohesion in Your Community
  - (e) Supporting Development and Learning in Your Community
  - (f) Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Your Community
  - (g) Enhancing the Cleanliness of Your Community
  - (h) Promoting Low Carbon Lifestyles
  - (i) Preserving and Enhancing the Countryside
  - (j) Improving Access to Services in Your Community

Projects have generally covered two or more of the priorities listed and some have been agreed under each of the headings. Please see Appendix B for a full list of projects supported to date.

10. The current guidance notes state that these priorities are for 2008-2011, however, there is an opportunity for the LSP to amend the priorities if it so chooses. The scheme is currently closed because all funding has been allocated and will be widely advertised again in March 2010 in advance of the scheme opening again on 1 April 2010 (£20,000 will be available to allocate between 1 April 2010 and 31 March 2011).

### **Recommendations**

11. The LSP Board is asked
  - (a) To consider the progress being made by the projects (Appendix A) and raise any matters of concern for officers to investigate.
  - (b) To consider the priorities covered by the Community Chest (see paragraph 9) and agree any amendments that they would like implemented for 2010/11.

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