

COMMUNITY PLAN 2016-17 YEAR END MONITORING

Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee - 3 October 2017

Report of Chief Officer - Communities & Business

Status: For information

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: The Annual monitoring for the first year (2016/17) of the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2016-19 has been completed and progress against agreed key success measures for each priority within the plan is reported.

This report supports the key aims of the Community Plan

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Recommendation to Economic & Community Development Advisory Meeting:

That Members note the contents of the report.

Reason for recommendation: The report sets out outcomes for the first year of monitoring (2016/17) for the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2016-2019.

Introduction and Background

- 1 The Community Plan creates a long-term vision (2013-2028) for the Sevenoaks District and sets out the community's priorities for action.
- 2 The Community Plan and strategic level action plan accompanied by key success measures were approved by Council on 10 May 2016.
- 3 The Community Plan is delivered by the Sevenoaks District Local Strategic Partnership. This is made up of public sector organisations, together with voluntary, community and faith sector representatives. It is co-ordinated by Sevenoaks District Council.

Community Plan Monitoring for the period 1st April 2016 - 31st March 2017

- 4 The monitoring for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 has now been completed and the results are included at Appendix A.
- 5 97% of key performance indicators are currently on target, against a target of 80%.

Key Successes

- 6 Below we have listed some of the key successes achieved this year by theme of the Community Plan. We have also included some of the key partnership challenges for the year ahead. The full details of achievements and successes are set out in the Annual Monitoring at Appendix A.

<p>Safe Communities</p>	<p>Successes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 96% of actions in the Community Safety Action Plan achieved. • Sevenoaks had the lowest level of ASB recorded incidents in the county. • 86% of actions in the Domestic Abuse Action Plan were on target. <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing issues related to mental health by setting up and implementing a community MARAC process (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) to holistically address the needs of individuals across the Community Safety Partnership.
<p>Caring Communities</p>	<p>Successes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The percentage of NEETs (Young people not in employment, education or training) was 1.68% of year 12 and 13 pupils and below the county average of 3.24%. It was the lowest level in the county and exceeds the Kent County Council target to reduce NEETs to below 2.5%. • 100% satisfaction level with the Council’s HERO service and a successfully secured £94,500 of Trailblazer funding for HERO to tackle homelessness in the District and to help developed

	<p>a 'SuperHERO' service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sevenoaks District Council was able to prevent or relieve 225 households from becoming homeless during 2016/17. 50 households were able to keep in their own home and 175 were supported to find alternate accommodation. <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering the impact on local services of Kent County Council's contract relating to "Older Persons and People living with Dementia Wellbeing Core Officer of Services". • Taking action to prevent homelessness in line with new duties on local authorities likely to commence in 2018 as part of the Homelessness Reduction Act. The Local Strategic Partnership will need to work together to support the most vulnerable residents in our District. This also includes troubled families and those affected by the benefits cap.
<p>Green Environment</p>	<p>Successes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council continues to support the Heritage Lottery Fund funded Darent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme which hopes to secure over £2 million in funding this year from the Heritage Lottery fund. • 16 conservation area appraisals have been produced and there were three applications for renewable, decentralised or combined heat and power schemes granted planning permission during 2015/16. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshing Sevenoaks District Council's Local Plan involving extensive consultation and engagement during 2017/18. Partners in the Local Strategic Partnership will need to consider key constraints within the District, housing and employment land needs and infrastructure provision. In addition the Local Plan will produce various evidence based studies to support the Local Plan which

	<p>partners will need to engage with.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivering the Darent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme if funding is approved by the Heritage Lottery Fund.
<p>Healthy Environment</p>	<p>Successes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 85% of actions in the Health Inequalities Action Plan were on target to be achieved. During the year a total of £629,434.69 of government funding was spent on Disabled Facilities grants. Sevenoaks Council worked in partnership with Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells, Family Mosaic and Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust to set up at Tunbridge Wells Hospital a service assisting in speedier hospital discharges. Sevenoaks District Council continued to develop its dementia awareness programme and delivered training to Taxi Drivers. 86.4% of adults engaged in targeted weight loss programmes and 90% of those with the highest Body Mass Index scores of 28 or over lost weight. Set up a Sevenoaks District Kent Shed’s Project with 9 volunteers. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivering the West Kent District Deal for Health. Supporting the delivery of the new One You Kent holistic health service in West Kent. Looking for funding and opportunities to support GP social prescribing to support rurally and socially isolated older people in the District.
<p>Dynamic Economy</p>	<p>Successes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 85% of the Economic Development Strategy was on target to be achieved. 6 Sevenoaks businesses were successful in receiving £594,000 of Kent County Council’s regional growth fund Escalate funding which created 33.6 new jobs and safeguarded 18.17

	<p>jobs in the Sevenoaks District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sevenoaks District Council continued to support SupaJam Education Media and Music. SupaJam were awarded their first primary contract for pupils on an Education and Health Care Plan. They achieved a 93% Business Music Practitioner Diploma pass rate; a 91% Maths pass rate; an 85% English pass rate and are completing our first GCSE cohort in June 2017. Their first level 3 student has gone from being NEET 2 years ago to being accepted for a place at University. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to look at innovative ways to support and promote and increase access to apprenticeships in the District. This will include engaging schools and employers in the District and supporting students and partners to understand the benefits of apprenticeships as a viable alternative to University. Partners will also need to work together to promote key sectors such as health and social care. • Building on the success of the NEET provision in Swanley and develop mobile resources that can tackle smaller pockets of NEETs across the District, engage home educated students and vulnerable groups, including teenage parents and those on an Education and Health Care Plan. • Continuing to promote and support inward investment and growth and supporting business.
<p>Sustainable Economy</p>	<p>Successes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In September 2016, the Council launched its consultation on the draft Master Vision document for Swanley and Hextable. A questionnaire was posted to over 10,000 residents in Swanley and Hextable. Over 1,800 people responded and the results of the survey were taken to Planning Advisory Committee and Cabinet in February 2017 • A comprehensive Local Housing Needs study was completed and over 8000 responded. • 70 additional affordable housing units were

	<p>completed with a range of types, sizes and tenures, including some supported housing for vulnerable people.</p> <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to the challenges of the Local Housing Need Study. This sets out requirements for affordable housing and new housing provision in the District. It also sets out particular needs for older people and young people who need help to get onto the housing ladder. It is also set in the context of the refresh of the Local Plan. • Undertaking further studies related to Sevenoaks District Council’s Swanley and Hextable Master Plan. • Continuing to look at opportunities to improve public transport options and active travel within the District.
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Key Implications

Financial

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

There are no legal or human rights issues relating to this report.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Resource (non-financial)

Work connects with the Community Plan and the administration of the Local Strategic Partnership is being undertaken through existing resources.

Conclusion

- 7 The percentage of key performance indicators for the 2016-19 Sevenoaks District Community Plan Priorities on targets to be completed stands at 97%.

Appendices

Appendix A - Annual Monitoring Report for
Community Plan Priorities 2016-19, 1 April 2016
and 31 March 2017

Background Papers:

[Sevenoaks District Community Plan Priorities
2016-19](#)

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