

## COMMUNITY PLAN 2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT

Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee - 25 September 2018

Report of Chief Officer, Communities and Business

Status For information

Also considered by Cabinet - 11 October 2018

Key Decision No

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**Executive Summary:** The Annual Report for the second year (2017/18) 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.

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**This report supports the Key Aim of the Community Plan**

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**Recommendation to Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee:**

That Members note the contents of the report

**Recommendation to Cabinet**

That Members note the Community Plan 2017/18 Annual Report

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**Reason for recommendation:** The report sets out progress against key success measures for the second year of monitoring (2017/18) for the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2016-2019.

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### 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 Council approved the Community Plan and strategic level action plan accompanied by key success measures on 10 May 2016.
- 3 The Sevenoaks District Local Strategic Partnership delivers the Community Plan. This is made up of public sector organisations, together with voluntary

and community sector representatives. It is co-ordinated by Sevenoaks District Council.

### Community Plan Annual Report for the period 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018

- 4 The Annual report is attached at Appendix A.
- 5 It sets out some of the key outcomes achieved this year by theme of the Community Plan. Each theme also includes some of the key partnership challenges for the year ahead.
- 6 97% of key performance indicators are currently on target, against a target of 85%. A flavour of the work is given below. The Annual Report sets out further information.

Safe Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 92% of the 2017/18 Community Safety Partnership Action Plan achieved.</li> <li>• 12.4% reduction in anti-social behaviour, and the lowest level in the county.</li> <li>• 27% reduction in the number of people killed and seriously injured on local roads in the Sevenoaks district.</li> </ul>
Caring Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new housing strategy “Wellbeing Starts at Home” adopted by Sevenoaks District Council.</li> <li>• £40,000 of grants awarded by the Sevenoaks Local Children’s Partnership to support attendance at school, healthy weight and mental health.</li> <li>• 22% reduction in the number of families with children under five receiving benefits.</li> </ul>
Green Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning and outline planning applications granted by Sevenoaks District Council, incorporated plans for around 4.42 hectares of additional new recreational and open space in the District.</li> <li>• Sevenoaks District Council maintained a weekly refuse and recycling collection</li> </ul>

	<p>service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sevenoaks District Council consulted residents on its Issues and Options for a new emerging Local Plan.</li> <li>• West Kent Communities sold over 125,000 tonnes of reused goods.</li> <li>• Pollution levels across the Sevenoaks District have fallen in all air quality monitoring locations except two sites.</li> </ul>
Healthy Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In partnership with Kent County Council, Sevenoaks District Council launched a new holistic One You public health service. Two One You Advisers were appointed in January 2018 already making a significant impact during the first few months.</li> <li>• The Better Care fund, helped some exciting and innovative social prescribing projects, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One You Your Home partnership project with Sevenoaks District Council, Age UK, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge (£113,000) for two Advisers working with GPs and older people in Edenbridge and Swanley</li> <li>○ £140,000 to support four new voluntary sector projects aimed at reducing accidents in family homes, tackling hoarding, support to reduce loneliness and improve independent living.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sevenoaks District Council working in partnership with the Sevenoaks Area Friendly Community Forum to deliver a “Run Walk or Push for Dementia” event that raised £4,500 to support dementia projects in the District.</li> </ul>
Dynamic Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 250 people attended a West Kent jobs fair with 16 people starting work following the event.</li> <li>• Nine business in the District benefitted from</li> </ul>

	<p>LEADER funding, creating a wide-range of projects from forestry projects at St Clere Estate and Montreal Estate, a visitor centre and shop at Westerham Brewery, a shop and tasting room at Squerrys Estate to glamping at Bore Place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Across the County, Sevenoaks District had the lowest level of young people who were not in employment education or training.</li> <li>• 420 apprenticeships were started in the District for under 19s and 19-24 year olds.</li> <li>• 85% of learners at SupaJam went on to get a full diploma or qualification.</li> </ul>
Sustainable Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sevenoaks District Council’s Community Infrastructure Levy Board approved over £1.26 million of projects in the District, including projects in Darent Valley and Swanley Station improvements.</li> <li>• 49 units of affordable housing were created in the district by registered social landlords and developers.</li> <li>• Significant consultation of local people was undertaken relating to the Local Plan, housing, health services and local projects.</li> </ul>

## 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 connected with the Community Plan and the administration of the Local Strategic Partnership is undertaken through existing resources.

### **Conclusion**

- 7 The percentage of key success measures that are completed or on target to in the 2017/18 Community Plan Annual Report, stands at 97%.

### **Appendices**

Appendix A - Community Plan Annual Report 1  
April 2017 to 31 March 2018

### **Background Papers:**

Sevenoaks District Community Plan Priorities  
2016-19

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