

## COMMUNITY PLAN 2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT

Cabinet - 11 October 2018

Report of	Chief Officer, Communities and Business
Status	For information
Also considered by	Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee - 25 September 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<sup>st</sup> April 2017 - 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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></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 service. Sevenoaks District Council is unique in being the only Council within Kent to maintain a weekly service.</li><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</li></ul>

	<p>tonnes of reused goods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pollution levels across the Sevenoaks District have fallen in all air quality monitoring locations, with the exception of one site.</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 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.</li> </ul>

	<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**

- 6 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 (amended not exact  
same version considered by the Economic & Community  
Development Advisory Committee on 25 September 2018)

## **Background Papers:**

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

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\*slightly amended version of the report that was considered by ECDAC