

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY OR REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

5(a) Community Plan - Sustainable Community Action Plan 2010-13

Social Affairs Select Committee – 19 January 2010

The Head of Community Development informed Members that the draft Plan had been widely consulted on with Members, the voluntary sector, town and parish councils and businesses, amongst others. The plan was intended to be kept simple, with 13 priorities identified which covered every aspect of life in the District.

A Member commented that, in his opinion, the document should place greater emphasis on the need to reduce energy usage than on climate change, as many people remained cynical about the latter. He suggested that the picture for priority 7 be replaced with one of energy escaping from an inefficient house.

Members also expressed dissatisfaction with the wording of National Indicator 139. They felt that the indicator should be to ask older people whether they felt that they had the support they needed to live independently at home, rather than the general population. The Head of Community Development informed Members that this was a national indicator which could not be changed, although it was possible to create a local indicator. Members supported the suggestion of a local indicator.

Members expressed a general view that the priorities should be written in plain English rather than give the detail of each target. A Member suggested that the document be printed in black and white, to save money.

Resolved: That the report be noted, subject to the comments above.

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To follow.

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