

FULL COUNCIL - 23 APRIL 2013
ELECTRONIC APPENDICIES

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Name of Respondent	Organisation	Summary of response	Response
Liz Jarvis, Chair of Trustees	Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services	Welcomes inclusion of Domestic abuse in the document. While a reduction in repeat incidents can be a measure of success, it is also vital to support those vulnerable individuals who never actually report an incident.	The Domestic Abuse Action Plan which sits underneath the Community Safety Partnership will deal with the detail which sits behind strategic Domestic Abuse target in the Community Plan
Alison de Jager, Parish Clerk	Ash Cum Ridley Parish Council	More visible policing, access to hospitals, including North Downs AONB - is there a case for extending it? Ensure links with Neighbourhood Plans and NHS Dentists	Policing and access to health services are included in the plan. The Sustainable Economy priority 1 "Reduce the need to travel and promote and improve access to key local services and to public and community transport" sets out what we can do in terms of planning policy and infrastructure to improve access to key local services. The Health Action Team have just started to consider links with Dentists and CCGs have targets around Pharmacies and Dentists.
Cllr Christine Rogowska	Brasted Parish Council	Support PCSO, rural broadband, mobile and telephone signals, clean play areas for children and access point to M25 and NHS Dentists	All key issues from Parish Council workshops have been considered and included in the Community Plan action plan. The Sevenoaks District Local Transport Strategy implementation plan and KCCs strategic aims in "Growth without Gridlock" are reflected in the action plan. NHS Dentists will be considered by Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Health Action Team at an appropriate stage.

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Mr D Johnson	Chevening Parish Council	Action plan is generic with no measurable targets, no housing for keyworkers, publishing date of plan will conflict with Parish led Plan and why were Parish Plan Steering group not consulted	Measurable targets now included as part of the consultation process was for partners to provide this information. Plan will be published in April and is a strategic plan covering the whole District and will not detract from any Parish led Plan. Town and Parish Council's were consulted, initially as a group then individually as part of the Public consultation. Details of the public consultation were also released through press releases, tweets and put on the website. If the Parish Council wished particular community led groups to comment then we would expect the Parish Council to arrange for them to receive a copy of the consultation document
Page 2 Mr M Ryan, Chairman of Chevening Parish Plan Steering Group	Chevening Parish Plan Steering Group	68 page detailed Parish Plan responses received and not included as an Appendix as they are too detailed and area specific.	Response prepared and sent to Steering Group. Parrish and Town Council's were fully consulted and all members of the public have had the opportunity to give their views both during the District wide Community Plan and consultation at various locations in the District wide public consultation. The Community Plan is strategic in its nature and covers the priorities for the whole District. While these take into account needs of local areas, the Community Plan is not the appropriate place to capture this level of detail. In addition, the Community Plan supports District level support of Parish and Neighbourhood Plans. Parish and Community Plans should be complementary as the Parish Plans will help to achieve at a local level, some of the District wide issues and priorities set out the District wide community plan.

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Sarah Gow	CXK	Contributions to targets in plan from CXK perspective	NEETs target delivery incorporated within Dynamic Economy action plan
Tracy Godden, Parish Clerk	Dunton Green Parish Council	No comments to make	No comments
Mrs C Lane	Edenbridge Town Council	Supportive of overall priorities; action plan needed; conflict between PCC model for "demand led Policing" and community desire to "ensure visibility of Neighbourhood Police in their local communities"; concern about positioning of Town and Parish Councils in the introduction (pg. 6) as Town and Parish Councils are not responsible for delivering the Plan.	Extensive consultation has involved West Kent Police, CSU and Community Safety Partnership. The targets presented in the document are high level strategic targets and represent a desire to improve satisfaction with Kent Police. The Community Safety Partnership and Action Plans sets out the detail of how this will be done, including smarter ways to improve Police and Neighbourhood visibility, e.g. through targeted media and social media campaigns, improving publicity of services, attending community events etc.
Parish Office	Eynsford Parish Council	Concerns about Neighbourhood Policing, creating care homes for elderly, taking services to older people, improving local public transport networks, recycling and improving broadband	All key issues from Parish Council workshops have been considered and included in the Community Plan action plan. The LDF Core Strategy includes a infrastructure plan which is monitored. In addition, the LDF plan does support the needs of older people and smaller households including additional extra care and sheltered housing accommodation
Nick Fenton	KCC - Families and Social Care	Minor corrections to introduction and main text in Safe and Healthy	Changes made in final draft.
Cllr Giles Bergne	Farningham Parish Council	Concern about fly tipping and highlights need to have more visible and personal Policing. Strengthening caring communities by supporting parent. Supporting rural tourism and sustainable measure and infrastructure.	All issues that arose from the Parish Council workshops have been considered and included in the Community Plan. Action plan.

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Gillian Scott-King, Parish Clerk	Halstead Parish Council	Both Council Chairman and Clerk attended the work shop in October and felt the comment sheets produced following the meeting reflected the options stated during the workshop fully and these of course were topics of important to the Parish and Town Councils. The Draft Community Plan is a well researched and presented document.	No comments.
Rebecca Spore, Property Director	KCC	Outline all agencies are working to promote prevention and support to the young, vulnerable and old and include reference to Kent Education Commissioning Plan 2012-2017. How public agencies can reduce the carbon footprint within Sevenoaks by rationalisation of buildings and by smarter green investment. Town master plans for key Sevenoaks district urban centres could be outlined and also to promote some greater business development in Swanley. Comments about the changing role of Community Centres over the next 15 years	This is a forward looking plan that does look at the role all agencies have to play in delivering the plan. We do recognise the role of working together to reduce the carbon footprint, producing the Sevenoaks Climate Local action plan and sustainable buildings. The comments regarding promoting business development are already captured through references to the LDF and planning policy. The LDF does seek to safeguard existing community facilities. References to the Kent Education Commissioning Plan 2012-2017 have now been included.
Janet Davies	KCC Community Librarian	Sets out how the Library service is supporting families and children to have books in their homes and improve reading and literacy.	Reference to KCC Libraries now included in the plan.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Page 5</p> <p>Julie Reed</p>	<p>KCC Locality Team Manager SWK team for people with Learning disabilities</p>	<p>Reduce crime against people with learning disabilities, increase safeguarding, promote anti-bullying, develop supporting living for people with Learning Disability, improve affordable housing provision, make housing "lifelong", make information more accessible, recognise health issues of people with learning disabilities and support people with learning disabilities into employment</p>	<p>The action plan has been reviewed from the perspective of people with Learning Disabilities. In addition, discussions have been held with Simon Goldsmith from Community Futures and Athene Fenn, MENCAP who both sit on the Sevenoaks Partnership Group (for People with Learning Disabilities). It is not appropriate for the Community Plan to capture all the detail as it is a strategic document as this will be more appropriately found in detailed supporting action plans such as the Health Action Plan, the Sevenoaks Health Inequalities action plan and the Community Safety Plan. However, we have increased the references to people with learning disabilities where appropriate throughout the plan. With regard to specific suggestions regarding people with learning disabilities (PWLD), the current needs analysis of PWLD will identify any gaps in service provision. It is therefore premature to seek, for example, to give PWLD higher priority on the housing register, an 8 unit scheme in Dunton Green, etc. Lifetimes homes actions and action to complete the housing needs analysis of People with Learning Disabilities and agree/implement an action plan to address identified needs have been included.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Page 6</p> <p>Nicola McLeish</p>	<p>KCC, Families And Social Care – Strategic Commissioning</p>	<p>Welcomes supporting Older People to remain in their own home for longer, recognising the role of Children's Centres. Recognise the link between health and social care and reduce the need to travel by building housing in sustainable locations.</p>	<p>All issues reflected in the Community Plan and the role of Children's Centres recognised in the action plan.</p>

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Nick Johannssen	Kent Downs AONB	Need for overarching principle for the document and this should be sustainable development. Reference to AONBs should be made more prominent as AONB makes the areas distinctive. Make the distinction between GI and open space clear they are not the same thing and need to reference AONB Management plans and reference the SE Sustainable Tourism Project and securing Landscape Project. Reference AONB design guides, KCC Countryside Access Improvement Plan and SDC Cycle Strategy. Wish to link health work to AONB Naturally Active Project (no funding). Try to pick up economic development which draws from and supports the special characteristic of the District	The vision sets the overarching principles in that we wish to achieve a District with Safe Communities, Caring Communities, Green Environment, Healthy Environment, Dynamic Economy and Sustainable Economy. The strength of the plan is that there is a great deal of cross over between themes in that some actions support delivery of other themes. Amendment made to text in Green Environment regarding Green Infrastructure and open space are two different concepts. An action has been put in the plan to deliver the Darent Valley Landscape Partnership scheme and references to the SE Sustainable Tourism and Countryside Access Improvement Plan. Also action for SDC Cycle strategy has been made. Rural economic development issues are included within the AONB units management action plans (High Weald and Kent Downs), the LDF as well as West Kent Area Investment Framework, ion. Rural economic development will also be considered through the District Council's developing Economic Development Strategy
Nigel Cogger	Kent Integrated Youth Services (KIYS)	Contributions to targets in priority Caring 3	Where appropriate KIYS (Kent Integrated Youth Services) contribution considered and included
Stephen Walker	MOAT Housing	Provided detailed analysis of how MOAT housing can and will support the priorities in the new Community Plan	The details provided form part of other Partnership action plans, e.g. Community Safety Partnership, Health Inequalities Action Plan and Sevenoaks District Housing Action Plan. Contributions to new housing in the area will be captured as part of the monitoring.
Cllr Raikes	SDC	Include reference to the Stag within the introduction and minor corrections to text. Is GVA figure correct?	Reference to the Stag Community Arts Centre included in the introduction. Corrections in text made and GVA figure checked and correct.

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Geoff Parsons, Acting Secretary	Sevenoaks District Seniors Action Forum	Comments included as Appendix A1	The Forum submitted very detailed and comprehensive comments. The detail of all comments relating to safe will be reflected in the Community Safety Partnership's action plan 2013-14 which will include extending the use of mobile CCTV. The Community plan captures maximising the benefits to the District from the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games. Strategic targets in LDF for safeguarding the green belt and making best use of previously developed land.
Linda Larter	Sevenoaks Town Council	Thanks for consulting young people at the House in the Basement. Two suggestions to improve the night time economy and support local markets.	The Sevenoaks Economic Development Action Plan will focus on the detail supporting and encouraging new businesses in the District.
Rev Ray Samme	St Peters Church, Hextable	Recognising the role churches play in delivery of the Community Plan, particularly around supporting Caring theme	The role of the Faith sector is recognised and valued. The faith sector is represented on the Locality Board Officer Delivery Group, the Troubled Families Delivery Group and Faith Sector support for all themes in the Community plan will be captured at a monitoring level where appropriate.

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Cllr A McCormick	Westerham Town Council	Concern about the impact of cuts to public services, particularly Police Services. Need to recognise pockets of deprivation and to develop proactive assessments of poverty, vulnerability and isolation allowing for a better apportioning of support, funds and facilities. What can smaller locations do to attract larger-scale employers with firmer foundations for long-term success and examines the barriers to business start ups.	The Sevenoaks District Locality Board Officer Delivery Group has used its recent Development day to do a SWOT analysis on the new Community Plan priorities. As a result of the Development day, there will be some high level strategic actions developed by the Partnership to look at how we can work better together in the face of increased pressure on public services and reduced funding to deliver the priorities in the plan. Sevenoaks District Council's Economic Development Action Plan will deliver some of the outcomes in the Dynamic Economy theme and look at initiatives to support business start up and to promote the District as a good place to do businesses.
Tom Cornfield	Sevenoaks Churches Together	Concern about reduce repeat incident of domestic abuse not being right target wishes to see increased reporting of Domestic Abuse and targeting early interventions and reduce repeat victimisation	Domestic Abuse Action plan reflected in the Community Plan action plan.
National Landlords Association	National Landlords Association	Supportive comments which set out areas where the NLA would like to work with the Council	The role of the NLA is already captured through the Sevenoaks District Housing Strategy.

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Appendix A1

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SENIORS ACTION FORUM

Response to the Consultation on the
Sevenoaks District Community Plan

Introduction

This paper is the Forum's response to the Sevenoaks District Council's consultation on the draft Sevenoaks District Community Plan of December 2012.

Although the Draft Plan covers three years, our items under each of the six Priority Headings of the Plan ("Safe", "Caring", "Green", "Healthy", "Dynamic", and "Sustainable") are not given priority. We would hope that the partnership organisations and will bring them about over the next 15 years.

Trends for the Future

It is not easy to identify the trends which will influence policy and practice in community matters for 15 years. Similarly, the likely measures needed to establish success or failure of the Plan will have to be identified. The following are included for monitoring:

- Ageing population
- Improving health and fitness of the seniors
- Increased activity rates of seniors
- Growing demand for public transport
- Improvement of the national economy
- More local engagement of seniors in public affairs
- Increased awareness of failings in micro-public services
- Higher demands for transparency in public affairs
- Higher demand for a professional approach to the management of health and care events and services
- Greater demand for household measurement of energy usage and local energy security

Pointers to Actions

Safe 1 Facilitate effective working between the Police, Partners and Communities

- 1.1 Increase the number of PACT schemes as appropriate
- 1.2 Review their action plans to develop a more "coordinated" approach to matters under this plan

Safe 2 Tackle anti-social behaviour and environmental crime

- 2.1 Make physical changes to the environment to make anti-social behaviour less easy
- 2.2 Improve and extend mobile CCTV services to "hot-spots"

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Safe 3 Deliver a low crime rate in the District

3.1 Make physical changes to the environment to make crime less easy, eg apply principles of “physical determinism”

3.2 Improve and extend CCTV services to hot-spots

3.3 Use the proceeds of the community infrastructure levy for such as above

3.4 Encourage resident gardeners to plant thorny bushes at boundaries with security in mind

Safe 4 Support vulnerable and repeat victims of crime and anti-social behaviour

4.1 Create awareness of victim-support charities, voluntary groups, and local public services¹

4.3 Develop or enhance a more supportive environment for carers who are children

Safe 5 Tackle speeding vehicles and improve safety for all road users including pedestrians and cyclists

5.1 Develop “SpeedWatch” teams for each settlement

5.2 Identify places where safer cycleways could be added towns and villages.

5.3 Identify places for 20mph road signs and other traffic calming measures

5.4 Increase the number of mobile speed warning signs to more “hot spots”

5.5 Increase pedestrianisation of town centre areas, perhaps only at weekends initially

5.6 Consider the creation of 'mixed zones' without kerbs, traffic lights etc which have been shown to encourage safer driving

Caring 1 Enable older people and vulnerable groups to live as independently as possible

1.1 Create or enhance good neighbourliness schemes

1.2 Encourage formation and enhance the role and activities of the Patient Participation Groups in the District with the view to supporting this Plan

1.3 Train more visiting health and social care staff to spot the signs of distress due to poor warmth in homes

1.4 Encourage the use of websites such as www.dropby.co.uk

1.5 Introduce more digital technology which is health-related or care-related for services administered in the home

Caring 2 Provide the right support at the right time (including vulnerable groups, people on low incomes and those who care for others)

2.1 Develop or encourage such supportive initiatives as “Boomerang”

2.2 Encourage the development of local credit and savings unions

Caring 3 Improve outcomes for children and young people

3.1 As part of the Olympic Legacy develop schemes for establishing and improving “personal best” in non-competitive walking, running, lifting, rowing, and other exercises

3.2 Develop or enhance a more supportive leisure environment for carers who are children

3.3 Target the primary schools which are performing least well with accredited “reading volunteers” so as to enhance the reading capabilities of those due to leave the school

3.4 Particularly in the first couple of years, ensure that all primary school children are “assessed” for dyslexia

Caring 4 Reduce poverty and social exclusion

4.1 Establish mobile employment services for rural areas

4.2 Initiate and develop a voluntary University of All Ages (UAA) for training and personal development schemes in work-related topics

4.3 Develop or enhance a more supportive environment for carers who are children

Green 1 Maintain the extent of the green belt, and conserve and enhance the value of our countryside and green spaces, particularly areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

1.1 Identify derelict land and previously low density developed urban land for redevelopment

1.2 Identify agricultural buildings and other rural properties suitable for ancillary business and tourist use

1.3 Encourage the creation and maintenance of new allotments

1.4 Encourage the creation of new community gardens and similar initiatives to promote food growing, such as "Incredible Edible" in Todmorden.

1.4 Properly enforce the use of existing statutory powers to protect common land and village greens from inappropriate development

Green 2 Ensure new development is designed to a high quality and takes into account local character

2.1 Encourage developers to plant more trees to provide shade, absorb carbon dioxide and reduce traffic particulates

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2.2 Encourage developers to provide ground works for sustainable urban and rural sewage and surface water systems to prevent flooding

2.3 Encourage developers and occupiers to retain rainwater for grey use in buildings and gardens, eg install tanks of 500 to 2000 litres

2.4 Make more use of the Planning and Energy Act 2008 to encourage developers to incorporate energy efficiency and renewable energy in their projects.

Green 3 Reduce energy use and pollution preserve our resources and mitigate the impact of climate change

3.1 Plant more trees to absorb carbon dioxide and traffic particulates in areas of heavy air pollution

3.2 Plant more species which are suitable for hedgerow “foraging”, eg walnut trees, as part of community growing as under Green 1(1.4)

Green 4 Maintain a clean local environment

4.1 Encourage residents to keep pavements near their home swept and litter-free

4.2 Review the need for litter bins to be placed near litter-generating establishments

4.3 Pursue measures to reduce packaging waste: recycling schemes across the District to include mixed plastic

4.4 Collaborate with manufacturers and retailers to reduce the volume of packaging, and promote reusable shopping bags over disposable plastic ones

Healthy 1 Reduce health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing for all

[Please note: In the context of SECamb and SDC aims and objectives for defibrillators, SDSAF’s Project Defibrillator covers points 1.2 to 1.6]

1.1 Ensure that Patient Participation Groups are made aware of all actions aimed at reducing health inequalities

1.2 Build a resilience with first aid training for residents and in schools and with increased involvement of Community First Responders

1.3 Encourage all voluntary bodies, schools and colleges to develop and enhance capabilities in basic first aid and survival techniques

1.4 Establish requirements for a structure of public access defibrillators in towns and villages

1.5 Establish and maintain a virtual directory of defibrillators in the District

1.6 Where first aid and defibrillators are located ensure awareness of the need for appropriate publicity and maintenance

Healthy 2 Improve access to health services

- 2.1 Encourage formation and enhance the role and activities of the Patient Participation Groups in the District with the view to supporting this Plan
- 2.2 Enhance the availability of travel services to health, fitness and care facilities for those without their own transport, in particular, by reducing waiting and overall journey times through improved timetables
- 2.3 Encourage the making of appointments so that bus passes may be used in the morning – SDSAF’s “*Travel to Hospital, etc*” raised this point
- 2.4 With the view to supporting this plan, and as appropriate, encourage residents to join in the activities of a) Patient Participation Groups, b) local HealthWatch, c) membership of SE Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust and d) similar groups

Healthy 3 Reduce risk taking behaviour that affects health and wellbeing

- 3.1 Where organised activities involving risk are planned ensure the organisers or management carry out appropriate risk assessment and brief the participants

Healthy 4 Create a legacy for the Olympics and Paralympics

- 4.1 As part of the Olympic Legacy develop schemes for establishing and improving “personal best” in non-competitive walking, running, lifting, rowing, and other exercises
- 4.2 Encourage the development or enhancement of “ground volleyball” schemes in leisure centres.
- 4.3 Develop a base for “Old-lympics” for oldtimers in the District

Dynamic 1 Protect employment land

- 1.1 Encourage any existing historic building trust to bring derelict or vulnerable land and buildings into business use
- 1.2 Encourage the formation of a historic building trust to protect employment land and buildings which are at risk and to bring vacant buildings back into use
- 1.3 Use powers under the Localism Act to identify and register community assets which have community value
- 1.4 Ensure flood protection structures are adequate to protect existing shops, offices and industrial premises

Dynamic 2 Improve skills for employability

- 2.1 Establish mobile employment services for rural areas

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2.2 Initiate and develop a voluntary University of All Ages (UAA) for training and personal development schemes in work related topics

Dynamic 3 Retain existing businesses and encourage new businesses

3.1 Identify landfill sites suitable for the extraction of methane gas

3.2 Develop strong local business development agencies for training and supporting any embryonic businesses

3.3 Consider the use of statutory schemes for business improvement district (BID) in Swanley, and Edenbridge - to help the identified needs

Dynamic 4 Improve broadband connectivity

4.1 Prepare case studies from other places showing what is involved in a local group setting up an improved broadband conductivity scheme

4.2 Encourage more public buildings, village halls, leisure centres and other facilities to have wifi and other services for broadband users

Dynamic 5 Improve energy efficiency

5.1 Increase understanding of the local impact of instability of national energy security to encourage local district energy schemes

5.2 Encourage woodland owners to consider their resource as a basis for woodchip and other woodland sustainable energy products

5.3 Facilitate upgrading and installation of loft insulation by providing for the elderly and infirm assistance with 'loft emptying'

5.4 Making increased use of existing networks such as Freegle, Freecycle and West Kent Extra's 'Abacus'

5.5 Aim to have 100% of public buildings, dwellings and business buildings to be insulated to appropriate standards

Sustainable 1 Reduce the need to travel, and promote and improve access to public and community transport

1.1 Increase the number of cycleways using the proceeds of community infrastructure levy

Sustainable 2 Improve access to key local services

2.1 When new development takes place, ensure appropriate access routes and modes of transport are provided, eg cycleways

2.2 Ensure timely annual “Snow Plans” and annual “Flood Plans” are published for public consultation in each town and parish

Sustainable 3 Provide the right mix of housing types and smaller homes for older people and meet the needs identified for Gypsies and Travellers in the Local Development Framework

3.1 Where provided, ensure multi-partner effort to make vulnerable groups welcome

Sustainable 4 Work with local communities to deliver strong, active and sustainable communities

4.1 In every town and village in the district install at least one electric power point for electric cars and other vehicles

4.2 Encourage all those who run events to adopt the principles and practice of sustainable event management, eg BS 8901, and more recently ISO 20121

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Sevenoaks District Community Plan Our Vision for the next 15 years (2013-2028)



Making it Happen - *together* Sevenoaks District Community Plan Our vision for the next 15 years

The Community Plan creates a long-term, sustainable vision for the Sevenoaks District and sets out the community’s priorities for action. It reflects what people have told us is important to them.

We are pleased to present a new vision for the Sevenoaks District for the next 15 years, which is the result of widespread consultation with local people and our partners. The Community Plan is the result of many agencies working together and will be delivered in partnership with those agencies.

We are delighted that 95% of people who responded to our survey supported the existing Community Plan vision and felt it was still relevant. However, we have taken into account the feedback you have given us to make the vision more relevant for the next 15 years.

The Vision:

We want Sevenoaks District to be a place with:

- **Safe Communities:** a safer place to live, work and travel
- **Caring Communities:** children are enabled to have the best start and people can be supported to lead independent and fulfilling lives
- **Green Environment:** people can enjoy clean and high quality urban and rural environments
- **Healthy Environment:** people can have healthy lifestyles, access to quality healthcare and health inequalities are reduced.
- **Dynamic Economy:** a thriving local economy where businesses flourish, where people have skills for employment and tourism is supported
- **Sustainable Economy:** people can live, work and travel more easily and are empowered to shape their communities

This vision is supported by an action plan which responds to these priorities for the next three years.

The Community Plan is delivered by the District and County Councils, the health service, the police, the fire and rescue service and housing associations together with voluntary groups, businesses and faith representatives who are all committed to delivering the vision for Sevenoaks District for the next 15 years set out in this document. Other partners, including Town and Parish Councils, will be closely involved in delivering projects at a local level together with many businesses, community, voluntary and faith groups.

We would like to thank everybody who took the time to give us their views and who will be involved in helping to deliver the Community Plan.

Cllr Peter Fleming
Chairman of the Sevenoaks Locality Board
Leader of Sevenoaks District Council

Our Partners

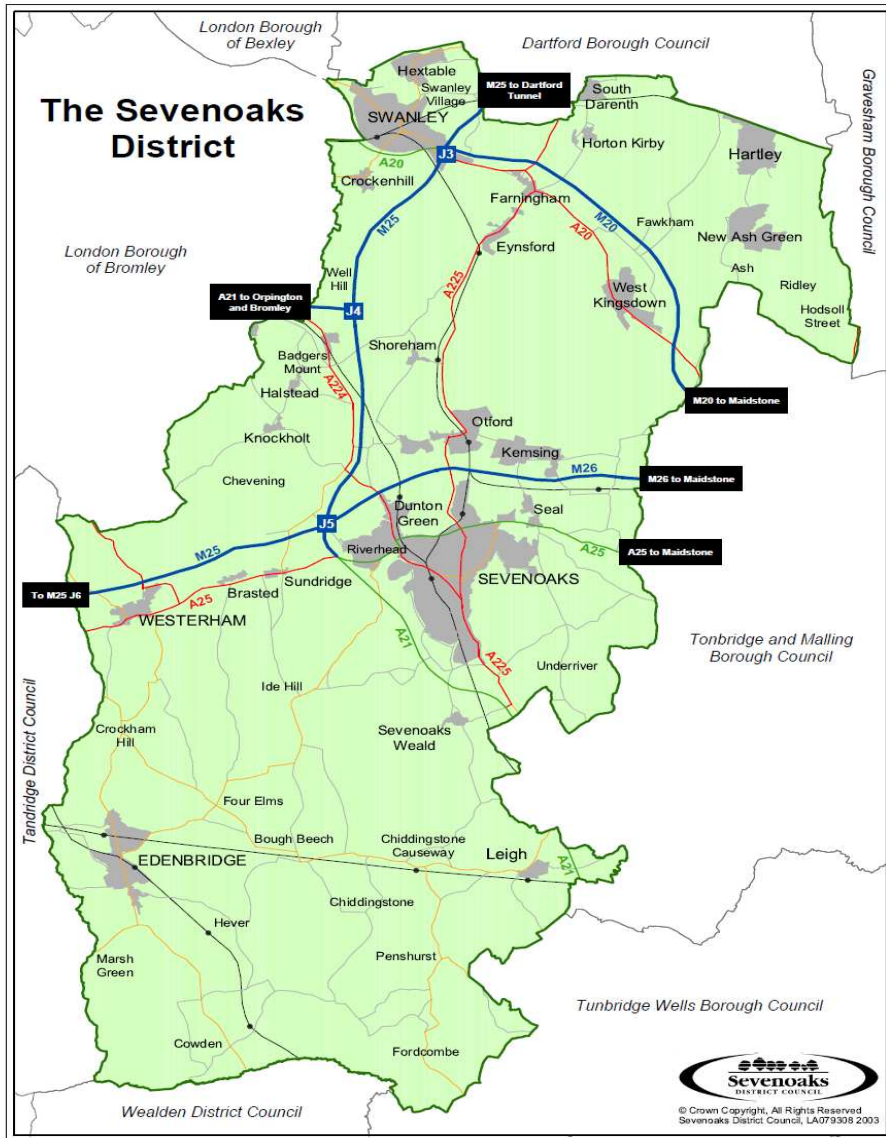


Kent Fire &
Rescue Service



community matters





About the Sevenoaks District

Sevenoaks District is located in West Kent. The District covers almost 142 square miles and 93% is designated Green Belt.

The quality of its landscape is a distinctive feature. The national significance of the landscape is recognised by the inclusion of 60% of the District within either the Kent Downs (to the North) or High Weald (to the South) Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

With excellent transport links, a skilled workforce, a healthy supply of commercial space, a good quality of life and an eclectic blend of shops, restaurants and historic buildings, Sevenoaks District is a great place to live, visit, work and do business.

The economy of the District is broad based and has a higher than average level of employment in small businesses and a lower than average level in large businesses compared to the South East average. It is dominated by the service sector with the highest level of employment in wholesale and retail trade followed by business services.

Sevenoaks town is the largest employment centre and is primarily a centre for service industries. Swanley and Edenbridge also have significant concentrations of employment.

London is only a short distance away by train. In addition, the fast Eurostar connection to London and Europe available at Ebbsfleet is only a few miles outside the District.

With direct access to the M25, M26 and M20, London’s primary airports, Kent’s seaports and the UK motorway network are all within easy reach. By car Gatwick takes less than 30 minutes and Heathrow around 55 minutes. The District is also well connected to Kent’s designated growth areas.

The proximity of the District to central London means that there are high levels of commuting, particularly by train. Over 16% of those in employment commute by train to work compared with fewer than 6% in the South East as a whole.

Gross weekly pay for working age employees living in Sevenoaks is above the county and national averages at £582.00 per week. However, the District also has levels of child poverty within 2 wards which are in the highest levels (top 20%) of child poverty in the country.

An overall impression of affluence masks local pockets of urban and rural deprivation. There are six areas in the District more deprived than the national average. Some wards in the District suffer from higher than national average unemployment rates, higher levels of poverty, poor health, low educational and skill levels and higher than average rates of crime.

Actual and perceived affluence in parts of Sevenoaks District makes it particularly difficult to demonstrate need in areas of deprivation and it is consequently a real challenge to access funding for growth or services.

While we have excellent transport links out of Sevenoaks, within Sevenoaks, the sparse and rural nature of the District makes it difficult for some people to access services, particularly vulnerable groups such as young people, older people and people with learning disabilities. The lack of a Job Centre in the District compounds problems as residents who need employment related support have to travel to access services.

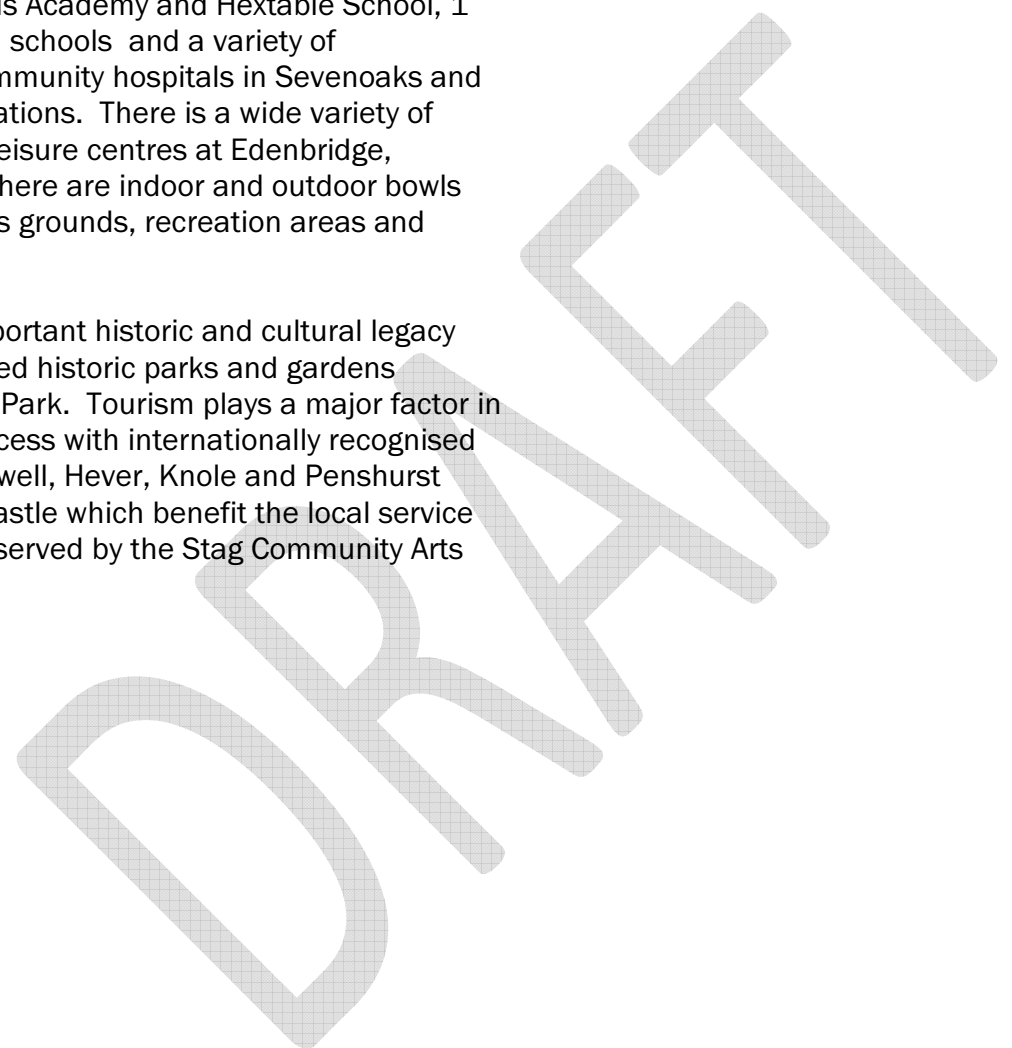
The age profile of the District’s population is slightly older than the South East average and the trend towards an ageing population is set to continue in the future.

The District is distinguished by relatively high levels of home ownership. These factors, together with the proximity of London, have an impact on the affordability of housing. Average house prices in the District exceed both the County and South East averages. The District also has one of the sparsest populations in the County and this is a challenge for local agencies and other service providers.

The District has a strong and vibrant voluntary, community and faith sector, which undertakes a huge and diverse range of services every day. For example, they support those who need extra help, provide specialist counselling and advice services, help older people to remain independent, empower younger people to take control of their lives and achieve their ambitions, support people with physical health difficulties, disabilities or mental health difficulties, support people who can’t get to their local hospital and don’t have access to transport. The District benefits from committed Town and Parish Councils and other groups representing different sectors of our community.

The area is served by 42 Local Authority primary schools as well as Knole Academy, Orchards Academy and Hextable School, 1 pupil referral unit, 3 special schools and a variety of independent schools, 2 community hospitals in Sevenoaks and Edenbridge and 3 Police stations. There is a wide variety of leisure facilities, including leisure centres at Edenbridge, Sevenoaks and Swanley. There are indoor and outdoor bowls centres, golf courses, sports grounds, recreation areas and scenic country walks.

The District also has an important historic and cultural legacy with 17 nationally designated historic parks and gardens including Knole House and Park. Tourism plays a major factor in the District's economic success with internationally recognised attractions, including Chartwell, Hever, Knole and Penshurst Place and Chiddingstone Castle which benefit the local service sector. The District is also served by the Stag Community Arts Centre in Sevenoaks Town.



Priorities for the next three years

To help identify priorities for the District over the next three years we consulted many different groups, including community representatives, statutory and voluntary organisations, businesses, partnerships and residents.

The following groups have been consulted in the preparation of this document:

- All residents, via the District-wide questionnaire through the Council's "In Shape" magazine.
- Young People at Kent County Council's Youth Advisory Group
- West Kent Ability Group
- Staff engaged in Housing, Planning, Health and Wellbeing, Community Safety, Economic Development and Regeneration and Environmental Health
- Businesses through Business Breakfasts
- Young People, at the Youth Café at the Stag Community Arts Centre.
- Children and young people who sit on School Councils
- Families in Knockholt, at half-term activities
- Residents at the launch of the White Oak Charter in Swanley
- Families in Eynsford at half-term activities
- Residents in Edenbridge, Sevenoaks, New Ash Green and Swanley
- Sevenoaks Voluntary Sector Forum
- Older People at Hollybush Court Day Centre

- Sevenoaks Kent Locality Board (Sevenoaks District Council and Kent County Council Members)
- Sevenoaks District Council Members
- Town and Parish Councils
- Sevenoaks District Kent Locality Board Housing Sub-Group
- Community Safety Partnership
- Sevenoaks Local Children's Trust Board
- Sevenoaks Health and Wellbeing Board

During our consultations, including more vulnerable people and groups, residents told us that they sometimes need extra support in their lives and extra support to engage in their communities and avoid social exclusion.

For example, support is needed to help families on low incomes, those who find themselves in difficult economic circumstances, and those who want to be supported to be as independent as possible. This can reflect housing and other needs, access to key local services and facilities, access to reliable public transport and access to employment opportunities.

The needs of vulnerable people are taken into account within each part of the Community Plan

Equality and inclusion statement

We recognise that everyone has a contribution to make to our society and a right to access services without being discriminated against or disadvantaged because of their:

- Race, colour, nationality, ethnicity.
- Gender, marital status or caring responsibility.
- Sexual orientation.
- Age.
- Physical or mental disability or mental health.
- Religion or belief.
- Health status.
- Employment status.

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Safe Communities

Feeling safe in the community and at home is really important. During our consultations local people told us that they want to make Sevenoaks District a safer place to live, work and travel. Reducing speeding vehicles and improving safety for all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists, is also a clear priority.

Residents said that they want local and more visible policing. They value the role of Neighbourhood Police teams as they help them to feel safer and work with communities to help address local concerns. Residents want to continue to develop and improve their relationship with their local Officers.

Sevenoaks District continues to be one of the safest places to live in Kent. However, from our consultations we recognise that residents are concerned about crime and anti-social behaviour, including fly-tipping, intimidation and harassment, noise and criminal damage.

The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership brings together all of the key agencies in the District who have an impact on crime, anti-social behaviour and the perception of crime. Its Community Safety Unit is based at the Sevenoaks District Council offices and responds daily to anti-social behaviour and other community safety priorities in the District.

The Community Safety Partnership recognises that early intervention with some young people helps to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. The Partnership will continue to focus on preventative and diversionary programmes to help those young people most at risk of becoming involved in crime

However, we must continue to challenge perceptions about young people. Young people can also be the victims of crime, bullying and anti-social behaviour. We will also work with the Partnership on the Government's Troubled Families initiative, which aims to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour, worklessness and persistent school absence.

On 15 November 2012, in the first ever elections, 41 new Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) were elected across England and Wales to give local people a say when it comes to cutting crime in their area. PCCs will make and influence key decisions about Community Safety and we are committed to working alongside partners and local people to ensure that the needs of the residents in the Sevenoaks District are identified and represented.

Priorities for the next three years:

- Safe 1 Facilitate effective working between the Police, Partners and Communities
- Safe 2 Tackle anti-social behaviour and environmental crime
- Safe 3 Deliver a low crime rate in the District
- Safe 4 Support vulnerable and repeat victims of crime and anti-social behaviour
- Safe 5 Tackle speeding vehicles and improve safety for all road users including pedestrians and cyclists.

An Action Plan is shown on pages 24 - 27

Supports the Vision for Kent –Ambition 2 “To tackle disadvantage”, Ambition 3 “To put citizens in control” and cross cutting theme “Improving Community Safety, crime and anti-social behaviour”

Facts and Figures

- With fewer than 5,000 crimes per year, Sevenoaks District has the second lowest level of all crime in Kent and achieved a reduction of 0.5% in recorded crime in the period October 2011– September 2012 when compared the same period in the previous year.
- The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Unit’s District’s Anti-Social Behaviour Officer received a total of 217 reports between September 2010 and October 2011. The most common type of reported behaviour is intimidation and harassment, followed by noise and criminal damage.
- The Kent Crime and Victimization Survey (for the period April 2012 – September 2012) showed that 96.4% of people in the District felt safe. This represents a slight improvement compared with the same period in the previous year.
- Theft of Motor Vehicles increased in the period September 2011 –October 2012 by 6.3% (13 crimes) when compared to the same period in the previous year. Sevenoaks District has the highest level of Theft of Motor Vehicles in Kent.
- Theft from Motor Vehicles increased in the period September 2011 –October 2012 by 7.3% (36 crimes) when compared to the same period in the previous year.
- There are currently 10 PACTs (Partners and Communities Together groups). These groups enable local residents to identify their community safety priorities and work with the Police and other agencies to make improvements. Action plans are updated on a regular basis. Speeding vehicles is the most consistently identified priority for local people

Caring Communities

The Sevenoaks District is seen as a prosperous area, but this can mask poverty, vulnerability, rural isolation all of which can be a barrier to people accessing services and support as well as limiting social and economic opportunities.

Forecasts for the District suggest that the proportion of people aged 65 and above will significantly increase in the years leading up to 2031. This will have an impact on service planning for health, social care, housing and other support services.

During our consultations, local residents felt it was important for older people and vulnerable people to be able to remain in their own homes for as long as possible. We recognise that people need different types of support and help at different times in their lives. Health and social care use “life stages” to recognise the need to support people to start well, develop well, live well, work well and age well. The new health and wellbeing boards will help to ensure that health and social care work together to bring about better outcomes for individuals.

We also recognise that vulnerable people need to be supported to be able to sustain tenancies and own occupation. In order that people can remain independent, they need access to appropriate housing support, care services, benefits and other services and facilities. Working with voluntary and faith sector partners, we can help local people to take greater control of their own finances.

During our consultations, residents also told us that they felt it was important to give children and young people the best possible start in life. We want to work with partners and families to provide the right social and emotional support to make sure that children thrive. We will also continue to support improved outcomes for children to make sure children and young people are healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution and achieve economic well-being.

Priorities for the next three years:

- Caring 1 Provide the right support at the right time (including for vulnerable groups, people on low incomes and those who care for others)
- Caring 2 Improve outcomes for children and young people
- Caring 3 Reduce poverty and social exclusion

An Action Plan is shown on pages 28 - 30

Supports the Vision for Kent –Ambition 2 “To tackle disadvantage” and Ambition 3 “To put citizens in control”

Facts and Figures

- The overall impression of affluence in the District masks local pockets of urban and rural deprivation. Six out of the 74 smallest areas for which the level of deprivation is measured in the District, are more deprived than the UK average. Five of these areas, including the two worst, are within Swanley and one is in Hartley. (LDF Core Strategy)
- Forecasts show that in the period 2010-2026 we will see a 6,600 or 31% increase in those people who are over 65. The number of people who are over 85 will increase by 1,900 or 62.99%. This is a large increase overall in the retired population of the District and will have a significant knock on effect for the future provision of housing and services
- Over the same period the number of people aged 25-44 will decrease by 3,600 or 13.2%. This is a significant decrease in the working population by 2026. The number of people aged 0-15 will decrease by 1,700 or 7.6%. This indicates a long term change in the population structure of the District (Kent County Council Population Forecasts, Research and Statistics)
- On average throughout the UK, one in five (21.3%) children is classified as below the poverty line.). 11.6% of children in Sevenoaks District are in families on out of work benefits. Children within two 2 wards, in Sevenoaks District (Swanley St Mary’s and Swanley White Oak) have the highest child poverty levels (top 20%) in excess of the county and national average (KCC Research and Statistics 2012)
- In rural areas within Sevenoaks District elderly people can feel isolated due to geographic barriers to service and inadequate transport links. (Sevenoaks Disadvantage Profile, 2011)

Green Environment

Residents in Sevenoaks District value our environment. They place a high value on the quality of the landscape and want to protect its historic character and the high quality natural and built environment.

This is recognised in the Local Development Framework Core Strategy (adopted in February 2012). The Core Strategy sets out a twenty year spatial vision and strategic planning policy that supports the delivery of the Community Plan. It sets out that new development should be of high quality, respect distinctive local character, incorporate sustainability and take into account potential climate change.

The Government recognises that climate change is happening. We recognise that we need to support local communities in adapting to the effects of climate change. This includes assessing the risks and opportunities for both residents and businesses in the District, including such issues as flood risk, water shortages and frequent droughts.

During our consultations, residents also told us they were concerned about saving energy, reducing the use of natural resources and improving air quality. We are committed to leading by example and working with communities to implement measures to reduce the impact of climate change and reduce our carbon footprint. We will also help vulnerable groups who find it difficult to afford to heat their homes due to the rising costs of essential utilities.

Residents have told us that they also want to protect open spaces in the District, spaces where they can enjoy the green environment and green infrastructure and open, spaces for children to play and for people to enjoy sports. Green Infrastructure performs a variety of functions including the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity as well as providing space for informal and formal recreation. In addition, the Local Development Framework Open Space Strategy recognises the importance of preserving and enhancing open space for the enjoyment of all.

Residents are also concerned about keeping the District looking clean. Cleanliness of the local environment can affect people's perception of the local community and quality of life. It also has an impact on how safe we feel in our communities and this is recognised within the Safe theme of the Community Plan on pages 11-12. Residents also told us that they value and want to keep the weekly refuse collection.

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We want Sevenoaks District to be a place where people can enjoy clean and high quality urban and rural environments

Priorities for the next three years:

- Green 1 Maintain the extent of the Green Belt and conserve and enhance the value of our countryside and green spaces, particularly areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- Green 2 Ensure new development is designed to a high quality and takes into account local character
- Green 3 Reduce energy use and pollution, preserve our resources and mitigate the impact of climate change
- Green 4 Maintain a clean local environment

An Action Plan is shown on pages 31-34

Supports the Vision for Kent – Cross Cutting theme “Protecting and Enhancing the Environment” and Ambition 2 “To tackle disadvantage”

Facts and figures

- The total energy consumption in Sevenoaks District is above the average for local authority areas in Britain. The per capita energy consumption in Sevenoaks District is 18% more than the South East average, 8% more than the Kent average and 10% more than the national average. The Code for Sustainable Homes and the BREEAM standards require mandatory energy reduction measures in new developments. (LDF Core Strategy)
- The Energy Act 2011 creates a “Green Deal”. This is a new way to enable fixed improvements to the energy efficiency of households and non-domestic properties, which will be refunded by a charge on energy bills that avoids the need for consumers to pay upfront costs (Department of Energy and Climate Change)
- Poor air quality is an issue in certain parts of the District along main roads. Eleven Air Quality Management Areas have been declared and the Council has an Air Quality Action Plan (2009) that includes measures to improve air quality. Road traffic is the main contributor to poor air quality and the level of traffic, particularly through traffic, is largely outside the control of the District (LDF Core Strategy)
- Parts of the District are liable to flood. Historically, flooding has occurred within the catchments of the Rivers Darent and Eden. Areas with a high probability of flood risk (1 in 100 year event) are identified in and around Edenbridge, to the north of Sevenoaks, and along the Darent Valley. There are also other areas which are at risk of more localised flooding. (LDF Core Strategy)

Healthy Environment

The Health and Social Care Bill (2012), makes big changes to the way the NHS works from 2013/14. It increases GPs' powers to commission services on behalf of their patients. Sevenoaks District will be covered by two Health and Wellbeing Boards which bring together GPs, local health and social care commissioners, elected representatives and a range of partners including voluntary and community sector organisations, who will work together to improve health and wellbeing of people in the Sevenoaks District and reduce health inequalities.

They will focus on the following five key outcomes for health:

- every child has the best start in life
- people are taking greater responsibility for their health and wellbeing;
- the quality of life for people with long-term conditions is enhanced and they have access to good quality care and support;
- people with mental ill health are supported to live well
- people with dementia are assessed and treated earlier.

They are based on the principles set out in the "Kent Health Inequalities action plan - Mind the Gap, Building Bridges to better Health". This builds on the findings of the Marmot review published in "The Strategic Review of Health Inequalities - Fair Society, Healthier Lives" where Marmot sets out that "Health inequalities result from social inequalities".

Healthier lifestyles help to prevent serious or long-term life threatening illness and provide a sense of wellbeing. However, not all groups have equal access to services, facilities and opportunities. The rural nature of parts of the District presents problems in accessing services due to the lack of rural transport services.

From our consultations, we know that transport to local health facilities is an issue for many people who do not drive. Residents were concerned to make sure that the health needs of children and young people were taken into account and that we improve access to health advice and information including advice about drug and alcohol misuse. It is also important to maintain access to the District's leisure facilities, open spaces and to the countryside and to continue to provide healthy lifestyle activities.

We are aware of the challenges we face in planning the health and social care needs of an ageing population because people are living longer. In addition, we know that both diabetes and dementia are increasing and will continue to increase over the next 15 years. These issues will have an impact on the provision of health and social care services and facilities.

From our consultations, it is clear that residents and partners wanted to maximise the benefits to the District from the legacy of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. We want to work with local communities to build on the success of these events to increase cycling, physical activity and sport participation in the area. We also want to promote inclusive activity and awareness of disability.

Priorities for the next 3 years

Healthy 1 Reduce health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing for all

Healthy 2 Encourage access to health services for all

Healthy 3 Reduce risk taking behaviour that affects health and wellbeing

An Action Plan is shown on pages 35 - 37

Supports the Vision for Kent –Ambition 2 “To tackle disadvantage” and Ambition 3 “To put citizens in control”

Facts and Figures

- There is a difference in life expectancy between different wards in the District. For example, men in more deprived areas have 6 years shorter life expectancy than those from less deprived areas, whereas women have 11.6 years shorter life expectancy.
- Sevenoaks District has the second highest prevalence of type 2 diabetes in West Kent and the number of those with Type 2 Diabetes is expected to rise over the next 15 years. Type 2 Diabetes can cause serious health complications including heart disease, kidney problems, blindness and in extreme cases even amputation (Sevenoaks Disadvantage Profile, 2011)
- 7,834 people in West Kent are currently estimated to have late onset dementia. By 2023, 11,692 people (+50 %) are likely to have late onset dementia. 178 people are currently estimated to have early onset dementia in West Kent. The number of people who have early onset dementia is projected to increase to 203 (+14 %) by 2023. (Dementia Joint Strategic Need Assessment – West Kent)
- The following information is taken from the 2012 Health Profile for Sevenoaks District (Department of Health)
 - About 16.1% of year 6 children in the District are classified as obese, which is lower than the average for UK.
 - An estimated 18% of adults smoke (compared to an average of 20.7% for the UK) and 23.9% are obese (compared to an average of 24.2 for the UK)
 - The rate of increasing and higher risk drinking in the District is higher than the UK average (23.7% compared to 22.3% nationally)



We want to make Sevenoaks District a place with a thriving local economy, where businesses flourish and people have skills for employment

Dynamic Economy

We recognise that a lot of what we want to achieve in our District over the next 15 years depends on having a thriving local economy where businesses can flourish. We wish to encourage the growth of existing businesses and the start up of new businesses. We also want to highlight the benefits to businesses of locating within the District.

Sevenoaks District is home to approximately 6,355 VAT registered enterprises, with the vast majority of those being small and medium sized enterprises. We have a strong rural economy with one of the highest levels of homeworkers, home businesses and self-employed people in the county. Businesses in the District benefit from a transport infrastructure, which is among the best of anywhere in the south of England. London is only a short distance away from Sevenoaks or Swanley by rail and the fast Eurostar connections to London and Europe are available at Ebbsfleet, only a few miles outside the District.

During our consultations businesses identified the following priorities:

- Enable local people to have the right skills and training to take up work opportunities
- Create places for people to stay in the District, continue to support tourism, the rural economy and rural diversification
- Support business growth and development, start-up and home working.
- Improve access to fast and reliable broadband, particularly in rural areas
- Town and village centres to remain vibrant. Some areas in the District need extra help, particularly Swanley and New Ash Green
- Support transport infrastructure for businesses and improve transport within the District
- Protect employment land for the future business needs of the District
- Provide advice and information to business and help them to access financial support

We will work to create an environment where business can flourish and take advantage of the support and initiatives that are open to them. The Local Development Framework sets out the strategic planning policy that supports the Community Plan. This recognises the importance of supporting business needs in the District and will help to achieve the objectives set out in this plan.

Priorities for the next three years:

- Dynamic 1 Maintain a supply of employment land and premises
- Dynamic 2 Retain existing businesses and encourage new businesses
- Dynamic 3 Improve skills for employment
- Dynamic 4 Improve broadband connectivity
- Dynamic 5 Improve the sustainability of the business economy

An Action Plan is shown on pages 38 - 41

Supports the Vision for Kent Ambition 1 – “To grow the economy” and Ambition 2 “To tackle disadvantage”

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Facts and Figures

- GVA is the value of goods and services produced and is used to measure the overall economic wellbeing of an area. GVA in Sevenoaks District (15,824) is the lowest in West Kent and lower than the County average (17,138) (KCC’s Research and Evaluation’s district and county estimates)
- The three largest employment sectors in the District are; construction; professional, scientific and technical; business admin and support services (ONS UK Business Survey)
- The total value of tourism to the economy in 2011 was £178,453,000, representing a 2.7% increase from 2009. It also supported 4,279 jobs and generated a total of 290,000 visitors, of which 47,000 were overseas visitors (Cambridge Model tourism impact statistics 2011)
- The District has a higher proportion of individuals with NVQ4 and NVQ 3 and above equivalent qualifications compared to the South East (41.9% in Sevenoaks District compared to 36.2% in the South East and 32.9% in Great Britain). The District has a higher proportion of individuals with NVQ3 and above equivalent qualifications (62.7% in Sevenoaks compared to 56.7% in the South East and 52.7% in Great Britain).
- The proportion of individuals in Sevenoaks District with no qualifications is higher than for South East as a whole, but lower than Great Britain (11.1% in Sevenoaks District compared to 9.1% in the South East and 12.3% in Great Britain).
- Unemployment in Sevenoaks District is below the County average (3.3%), (Kent County Council) In the year April 2011 – March 2012
- Incapacity benefits (40%) Jobseekers (23%), Lone Parent (11%) and Carer (11%) account for the most frequently claimed type of benefits claimed by benefits claimants in the Sevenoaks District (Feb 2012, Health and Social Care Mapping)
- While there was a net loss of 95 sq. m employment floor space in the main settlements in the District (Sevenoaks Urban area, Swanley and Edenbridge), there was a net increase of 3250 sq. m in employment floor space across the rest of the District.

Sustainable Economy

The District's proximity to London means that there are high levels of commuting from the District, especially by train. However, we know from our consultations that residents find travelling within the District difficult, particularly for those without cars. The need for better and more sustainable transport is a significant priority.

During our consultations, local residents said that they wanted to be able to walk and cycle more safely. We will promote public and community transport options to reduce pressure on parking and congestion and enable people to access key local services and facilities more easily.

Residents were concerned about the lack of affordable homes. They also felt strongly that there should be a greater choice of local housing retirement and down-sizing opportunities. This should include private options. With a growing older population, the District's housing requirements will change considerably in the next 15 years. Sevenoaks District has the highest average house prices in Kent and people find it very difficult to afford to buy homes. We aim to ensure that there is access to affordable, decent homes for all, by providing the right mix of different housing types and small homes in new developments and taking the needs of vulnerable groups into account. Affordable homes need to be provided in wards and parishes to meet the type and level of evidenced need for each respective area. Our new homes need to be sustainable, that is fit for the future in being able to adapt to changing needs, reduce energy consumption and built using sustainable standards of construction. We must also take into account the accommodation needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities in the District.

We recognise that there is a strong history of volunteering in the District. There are many voluntary, community and faith groups operating in the District. They make our communities vibrant and play an active role in bringing different parts of our community together. They also provide an invaluable range of essential services and facilities to people who need support, including those who care for people who need special support. We want to support and encourage strong and active communities by encouraging volunteering and providing support and help for people who volunteer and care for others. We will support local people wishing to shape their own communities through Neighbourhood and Parish Plans. We also want to work in partnership with local communities, neighbourhoods and residents to ensure that we are delivering services that people want, that residents' views are known and that we listen and respond.

We will help protect and promote the use of the District's wealth of community buildings and facilities including, for example, sports and leisure centres, libraries, village halls, playing fields, outdoor gyms. We will also make sure that developers consider the need for new or improved community facilities as part of any new development. These enable a variety of voluntary and community activities to take place.

Pictures to go here

We want Sevenoaks District to be a place where people can live, work and travel more easily and are empowered to shape their communities

Priorities for the next three years:

Sustainable 1 Reduce the need to travel, promote and improve access to key local services and public and community transport

Sustainable 2 Provide for additional housing development including the right mix of housing types and smaller homes for older people and meet the needs identified for Gypsies and Travellers in the Local Development Framework

Sustainable 3 Work with local people to deliver strong, active and sustainable communities

An Action Plan is shown on pages 42 - 45

Supports the Vision for Kent – Ambition 1 “To Grow the Economy”, Ambition 2 “To tackle disadvantage” and Ambition 3 “To put citizens in control”

Facts and figures

- Sevenoaks has seen the lowest population growth of all Kent districts. Between 2001 and 2011 Sevenoaks’ population increased by 5,584 people, which is equivalent to a 5.1% increase. (2011 Census)
- The District’s commitment to volunteering and strong and active communities was highlighted by the number of volunteers involved in the Olympic Torch Relay and the London 2012 Paralympic Road Cycling at Brands Hatch. Over 280 volunteers were recruited and trained and remain keen to use their new skills.
- There was an 88% increase in the average house price in Sevenoaks District between 2001 and 2011. The average house price in 2011 was £401,975 and the average (median) earnings were £22,703. (Home Truths, National Housing Federation)
- The Council is forecast to have healthy housing land supply which shows that it can meet its housing targets up to 2026. (LDF Core Strategy)
- Kent County Council’s “Growth Without Gridlock” identifies the following key transport challenges for Sevenoaks:
 - Achieving a rebalancing of the transport network in favour of non-car modes as a means of access to services and facilities.
 - Working towards an improved and integrated network of public transport services in and between both urban and rural areas.
- The Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show People Accommodate Pitch need assessment (2012) estimated there are at least 498 local gypsies, travellers and travelling show people living in the District. The study estimates the need for an additional 72 pitches/plots for gypsies and travellers over the period 2012-2026.

The following pages contain the partnership action plans for the following themes:

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Safe Communities – a safer place to live work and travel

Safe 1 Facilitate effective working between the Police, Partners and Communities


We will do this by:

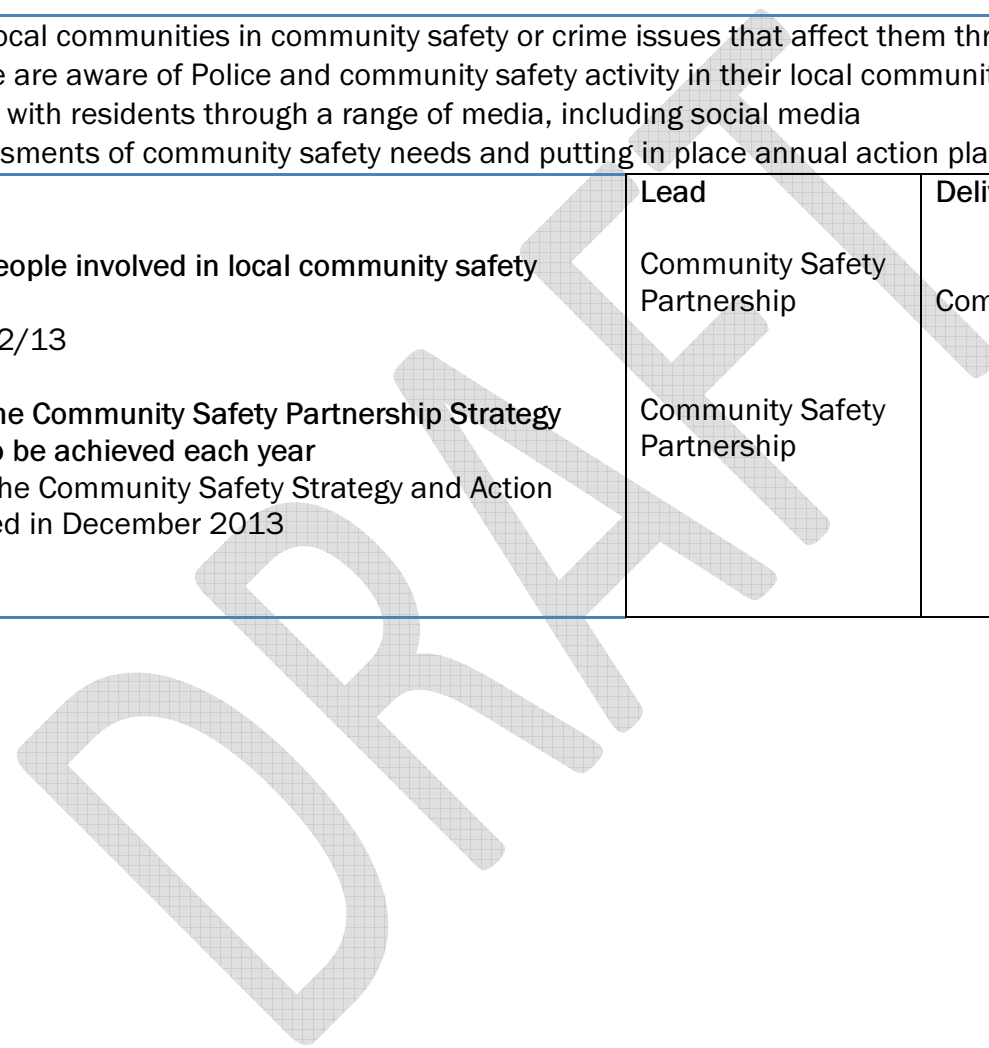
- Consulting and involving local communities in community safety or crime issues that affect them through PACT panels
- Ensuring that more people are aware of Police and community safety activity in their local communities
- Improving communication with residents through a range of media, including social media
- Undertaking annual assessments of community safety needs and putting in place annual action plans responding to those needs

Our targets are:

Safe 1.1 Increased number of people involved in local community safety projects
 Baseline: To be established 2012/13

Safe 1.2 85% of the actions in the Community Safety Partnership Strategy and Action Plan to be on target to be achieved each year
 Baseline: 85% of the actions in the Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan were on target to be achieved in December 2013

Lead	Delivery supported by
Community Safety Partnership	Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan
Community Safety Partnership	



Safe 2 Tackle anti-social behaviour and environmental crime

We will do this by:

- Proactively responding to reports of anti-social behaviour and noise
- Ensuring children and young people have positive activities to divert them from crime and anti-social behaviour
- Reducing incidents of fly-tipping by fast removal and improved enforcement
- Helping 'Troubled Families' by taking coordinated action to improve life chances by reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, absence from school and worklessness
- Designing out crime and making environments safer

Our targets are:

Safe 2.1 Maintain the low percentage of people who say ASB is a very or fairly big problem below 5% (Based on monitoring of 7 strands of anti-social behaviour in the Kent Crime and Victimisation Survey)
Baseline: To be established April 2013

Safe 2.2 Reduce the number of people who say that fly-tipping is either a very or fairly big problem
Baseline: To be established

Safe 2.3 Reduced number of Children and Young people entering the Youth Justice System for the first time
Baseline: Between April – December 2012, there were 39 children and young people entering the young justice system for the first time

Safe 2.4 33% improvement in outcomes for 42 families identified as part of the Year 1 cohort of the Troubled Families programme, rising to 50% in Year 2 and beyond
Baseline: To be established April 2013

Lead

Sevenoaks District Community Safety Unit

Community Safety Partnership

Community Safety Partnership

Sevenoaks Troubled Families Project Board

Delivery supported by

Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan




Sevenoaks District Troubled Families Project Board



Safe 3 – Deliver a low crime rate in the District

We will do this by:


- Reducing all recorded crime in line with annual targets
- Increasing Safer Towns Partnership Membership and working with businesses to reduce crime

<p>Our targets are:</p> <p>Safe 3.1 Crime reduced by 1% compared to the previous year Baseline: All recorded crime for April 2012 - December 2012 stands at 3924</p> <p>Safe 3.2 Business crime reduced by 2% compared to the previous year Baseline: At February 2013, there were 1173 business crimes accounting for 25.2% of the total crime in the District. (Business crime is defined as crimes where the victim is an organisation)</p>	<p>Lead</p> <p>Community Safety Partnership</p> <p>Sevenoaks District Business Crime Reduction Partnership</p>	<p>Targets support by</p> <p>Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan</p> 
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Safe 4 Support vulnerable and repeat victims of crime and anti-social behaviour

We will do this by:

- Helping children and young people to feel safe from bullying at home and at school and safe on the internet
- Reducing repeat incidents of Domestic Abuse and actions to improve reporting and recognising the importance of early intervention
- Improving information available to local communities about the services and facilities that are available for victims of crime and anti-social behaviour
- Reducing incidents of bullying of people with learning and other disabilities
- Investigating repeat victims of crime and anti-social behaviour

<p>Our targets are:</p> <p>Safe 4.1 2% reduction in repeat incidents of domestic abuse by March 2014 Baseline: At December 2012, there were 690 victims of domestic abuse and 161 repeat incidents</p> <p>Safe 4.2 Review 100% of repeat victims of crime and refer actions to Daily Tasking as appropriate</p>	<p>Lead</p> <p>Sevenoaks District Domestic Abuse Working Group</p>	<p>Delivery supported by</p> <p>Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan</p>  <p>Sevenoaks District Domestic Abuse Working</p>
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Baseline: The Sevenoaks Community Safety Unit commenced monitoring in all repeat victims in January 2013.	Sevenoaks Community Safety Unit	Group Action Plan
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Safe 5 – Tackle speeding vehicles and improve safety for all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists

We will do this by:

- Implementing initiatives to reduce speeding vehicles in locations identified by local communities
- Improving safety for cyclists and pedestrians on roads in Sevenoaks District managed by Kent County Council
- Improving the maintenance of pavements and repairing street lights to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- Improving access for people with disabilities
- Continue to support road safety campaigns

Our targets are:

<p>Safe 5.1 Work towards a reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured on local roads in Sevenoaks to reach the target of 47 by 2020 Baseline: The number of KSI casualties recorded in 2011 was 62</p>	<p>Lead Kent Highways</p>	<p>Delivery supported by Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan</p> 
<p>Safe 5.2 Increased satisfaction with the condition of pavements in the District (as measured by the Kent Highways Annual Tracker Survey) Baseline: To be established April 2013 by the Kent Highways Annual Tracker Survey</p>	<p>Kent Highways</p>	

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Caring Communities – where children are enabled to have the best start and where people can be supported to lead independent and fulfilling lives

Caring 1 Providing the right support at the right time (including vulnerable groups, people on low incomes and those who care for others)

We will do this by:

- Adapting properties to enable older and vulnerable people to live as independently as possible
- Helping people to remain in their own homes where this is possible and appropriate by expanding the use of technology such as Telehealth and Telecare, providing social care and support at the right time and continuing to provide disabled facilities grants
- Completing a housing needs analysis for older people and people with learning disabilities and help to inform future provision
- Improving on current levels of down-sizing to help free-up additional family housing, much of which is currently under occupied
- Working closely with KCC, Supporting People Team to provide housing related support to enable people to sustain tenancies and home ownership
- Increasing support and respite placements offered to those who care for others
- Developing initiatives for vulnerable people, particularly people with learning disabilities to access to social opportunities

Our targets are:

Caring 1.1 Increased number of people in the District provided with equipment and housing adaptations following assessment
Baseline: To be established April 2013

Caring 1.2 Increased number of respite placements offered to people in the District
Baseline: To be established April 2013

Caring 1.3 Increased number of carers assessments carried out and carers supported
Baseline: To be established April 2013

Lead Partner

KCC Families and Social Care

KCC Families and Social Care

KCC Families and Social Care

Delivery supported by

Sevenoaks District Health Action Team



Caring 2 Improve outcomes for children and young people

We will do this by:

- Focusing on the health needs of children aged 0-5 and their parents in the Sevenoaks District Health Inequalities Action Plan 'Mind the Gap'
- Making best use of Children's Centres, focusing on breast feeding, child weight, supporting literacy and personal social and emotional needs
- Providing youth work and youth outreach work in the District to support the needs of young people
- Using the multi-agency Sevenoaks Local Children's Trust Board to support social, emotional and care needs of children and young people
- Enabling more young people to have their achievements recognised
- Supporting vulnerable children in Year 6 in their transition from Primary to Secondary Schools
- Working as a Team around the Family (TAF) to reduce barriers that prevent children and young people achieving and learning

Our targets are:

Caring 2.1 Increased number of TAFs (Team around the Family) with outcomes achieved for children under 5
Baseline: To be agreed April 2013

Caring 2.2 Reduced gap between the lowest 20% and the median (middle data point) for Communication Language and Literacy Development (CLL) and Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) as assessed at Children's Centres

Baseline: At Early Years Foundation stage, the percentage achieving 78+ points @6= PSED and 6+ CLL for Sevenoaks in 2011/12 was 80.2% The gap between the lowest 20% and the median Sevenoaks during 2010/11 was 27.9%

Lead Partner

KCC Families and Social Care

KCC Children's Centres

Delivery supported by

Sevenoaks District Troubled Families Project Board



Sevenoaks Local Children's Trust Board



Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-2017

Caring 3 Reduce poverty and social exclusion

We will do this by:

- Providing free support and advice for residents about debt management and financial awareness
- Supporting people in the transition to universal credit through benefits surgeries
- Through planning policies, seek to protect services that serve local communities in rural parts of the District
- Working with Job Centre Plus and other agencies to reduce unemployment
- Producing a directory of organisations providing support

Our targets are:

Caring 3.1 Reduced percentage of children and young people within Sevenoaks classified as living within poverty in the District
 Baseline: 11.6% Children in families in receipt of Child Tax Credits (below 60% median income) or Income Support /Job Seekers Allowance, with 2 wards falling within the 20% highest child poverty levels in Kent. The majority of children in poverty lived with a lone parent.

Caring 3.2 Increased number of people completing pre-employment training in unemployment hotspots in the District
 Baseline: To be established 2013/14

Lead Partner

Sevenoaks District
 Locality Board
 Officer Delivery
 Group & sub-
 groups

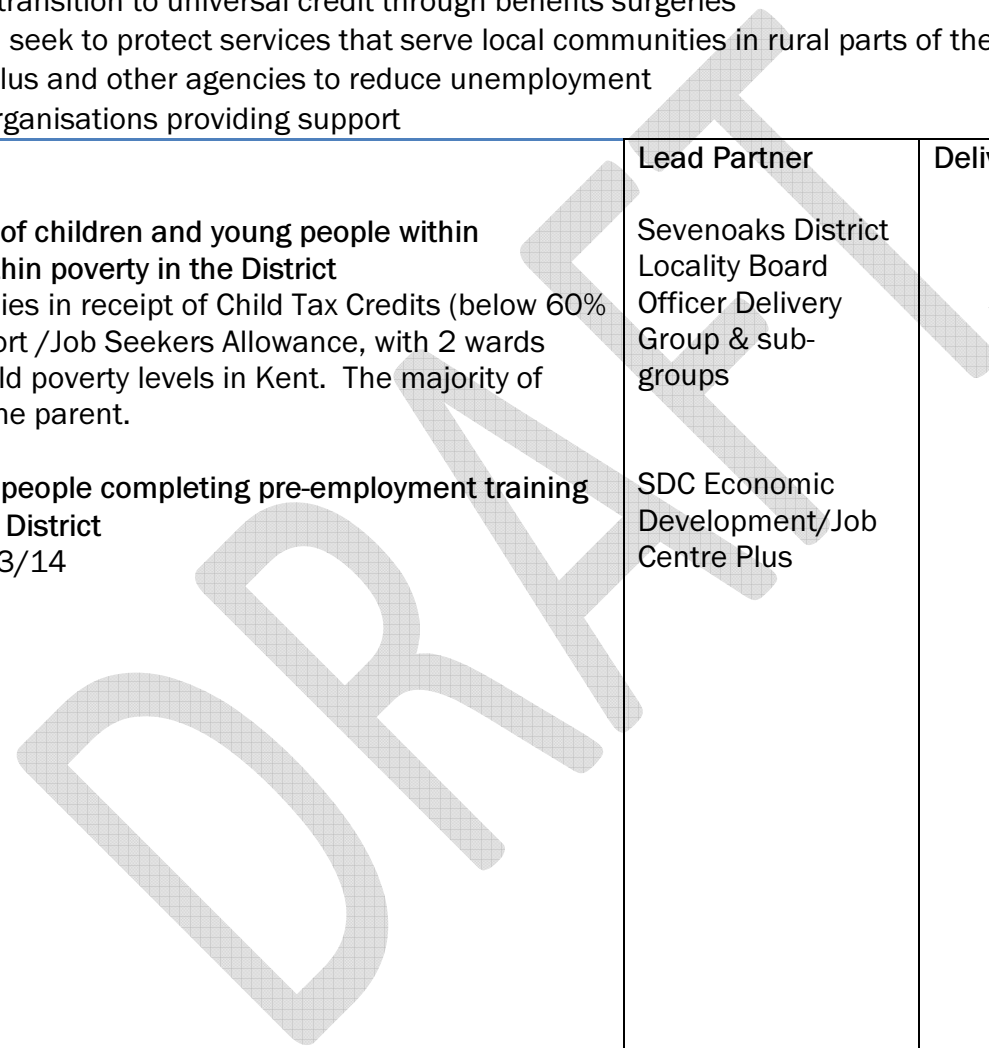
SDC Economic
 Development/Job
 Centre Plus

Delivery supported by

Sevenoaks Local Children’s Trust Board



Sevenoaks District Health Action Team



Green Environment – where people can enjoy clean and high quality urban and rural environments

Green 1 – Maintain the extent of the Green Belt, conserve and enhance the value of our countryside and green spaces, particularly Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

We will do this by:

- Ensuring that appropriate planning policies are in place to:
 - Protect the Green Belt, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the District’s historic heritage
 - Enable access to green and open spaces, the countryside and the historic environment
- Working together to deliver projects including the proposed Darent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme aimed at working with communities, landowners and local groups to conserve the landscape, wildlife and rich heritage of the area and learn about, enjoy and celebrate their local area

Our targets are:

Green 1.1 Planning policies used effectively, as monitored through the LDF Annual Monitoring Review

Baseline information (from Annual Monitoring Review 2012 April 2011-March 2012):

- 59% of housing completions were within the main settlements
- No additional dwellings were allowed on appeal by the Planning Inspectorate within the Green Belt
- As at 31st March 2012, 13 Conservation Area Appraisal Management Plans have been adopted
- There were no changes to the conservation area extents
- There has been no change in the number of historic parks and gardens
- There was no change in the number of scheduled ancient monuments

Green 1.2 Darent Valley Heritage Lottery Fund bid for a Landscape Partnership scheme submitted and if successful, delivery supported by the Locality Board Officer Delivery Group
 Baseline: Consultation held with Partners on the Vision for the Landscape Partnership scheme 2012/13

Lead

SDC Planning Policy

Kent Downs AONB

Delivery supported by

Local Development Framework Core Strategy



Kent Downs and High Weald AONB Management Action Plans

Kent Environment Strategy



Countryside Access Improvement Plan 2007-2017

Green 2 – Ensure new development is designed to a high quality and takes into account local character

We will do this by:

- Through the use and enforcement of Planning Policies set out in the LDF, ensuring new development is designed to a high quality and where possible makes a positive contribution to the distinctive character of the area in which it is situated
- Taking into account the recommendations in AONB design guides in planning and development control decisions

Our targets are:

Green 2.1 Two thirds of new housing development to be rated good or better against the Building for Life criteria and no development to be rated poor
 Baseline: In the 2012 Annual Monitoring Review 100% of housing schemes assessed against the Building for Life Criteria scored “Good” or above

Lead

SDC Planning Policy

Delivery supported by:

Local Development Framework Core Strategy



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Green 3: Reduce energy use and pollution, preserve our resources and mitigate the impact of climate change

We will do this by:

- Ensuring new development is not built in areas likely to flood, complies with BREEAM environmental assessment standards and promoting renewable energy
- Driving, inspiring and supporting action to reduce carbon emissions, conserve natural resources, improve thermal efficiency of the housing stock and tackle fuel poverty through a Sevenoaks 'Climate Local' agreement
- Improving and monitor air quality in the District through monitoring of Air Quality Management Areas

Our targets are:

Green 3.1 Sevenoaks 'Climate Local' to be agreed, including local reduction/improvement targets and at least 75% of all actions on target to be delivered in the first year, rising to 80% in the second year and improving in the third year

Baseline:

- In February 2013, SDC commenced discussions about a Sevenoaks Climate Local with partners
- Current DECC (time lag per capita data 2009/10); Domestic (2.5 kt CO2); Industry and commercial (1.6 kt CO2); Transport (4.6 kt CO2) – M25 outside of our control

Green 3.2 Air quality across the District to be regularly reviewed and assessed and the Air Quality Management Action Plan delivered

Baseline: In February 2013, there were 13 designated AQMAs in the District

Lead

SDC Housing

SDC Environmental Health

Targets supported by

Local Development Framework Core Strategy



Sevenoaks District Health Team (Health Inequalities Action Plan)



Kent Environment Strategy



Sevenoaks District Air Quality Management Action Plan

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Green 4: Maintain a clean local environment

We will do this by:

- Maintaining a weekly rubbish collection service
- Promoting recycling in the District as part of Kent wide campaigns via the Kent Waste Partnership
- Conducting local 'Environmental Visual Audits' in areas where local communities wish to see improvements

Our targets are:

Green 4.1 Weekly rubbish collection service maintained

Baseline: Sevenoaks District Council currently maintains its commitment to a weekly collection

Green 4.2 Recycling campaigns delivered in line with campaigns led by the Kent Municipal Waste Management Partnership

Baseline: To be provided April 2013

Green 4.3 Environmental Visual Audit action plans in place and achieving change in areas where improvement is needed

Baseline: 9 EVA action plans were produced between April 2012 -February 2013

Lead

Sevenoaks District Council

SDC Direct Services

Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership

Delivery supported by

Kent Municipal Waste Management Strategy

Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan



Healthy Environment – where people can have healthy lifestyles, where access to quality healthcare and health inequalities are reduced

Healthy 1 – Reduce health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing for all

We will do this by:

- Delivering the Sevenoaks District ‘Mind the Gap’ action plan to reduce the gap in health inequalities
- Through the Health and Wellbeing Boards, engaging the new Clinical Commissioning Groups to support delivery of health priorities
- Supporting healthy weight programmes, particularly for children measured as being overweight or obese as part of the National Child Weight Management Programme
- Helping people to manage long-term health conditions
- Improving early assessment and diagnosis of dementia and improving community support for patients and their carers
- Maximising the opportunity gained from the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics to promote healthy lifestyles, disabled sport and volunteering.

Our targets are:

Healthy 1.1 Sevenoaks District ‘Mind the Gap’ Action Plan agreed and at least 75% of the actions in the action plan on target to be achieved in the first year of delivery, rising to 80% second year and improving in the third year
 Baseline: Health Action Team Health Inequalities Workshop in February 2013 has resulted in first draft of Sevenoaks District Health Inequalities Action Plan

Healthy 1.2 Quarterly partnership Health Action Team meetings coordinated to improve partnership working, identify gaps and address needs to achieve the health and wellbeing outcomes
 Baseline: Health Action Team away day February 2013 has resulted in first draft of Sevenoaks District Health Inequalities Action Plan

Healthy 1.3 Two Clinical Commissioning Groups (West Kent and Dartford Gravesham and Swanley) in the District achieving agreed outcomes
 Baseline: To be established in April 2013

Lead

Sevenoaks District Health Action Team

Sevenoaks District Health Action Team

CCGs

Delivery supported by

Sevenoaks District Health Action Team
 (Sevenoaks District Mind the Gap)



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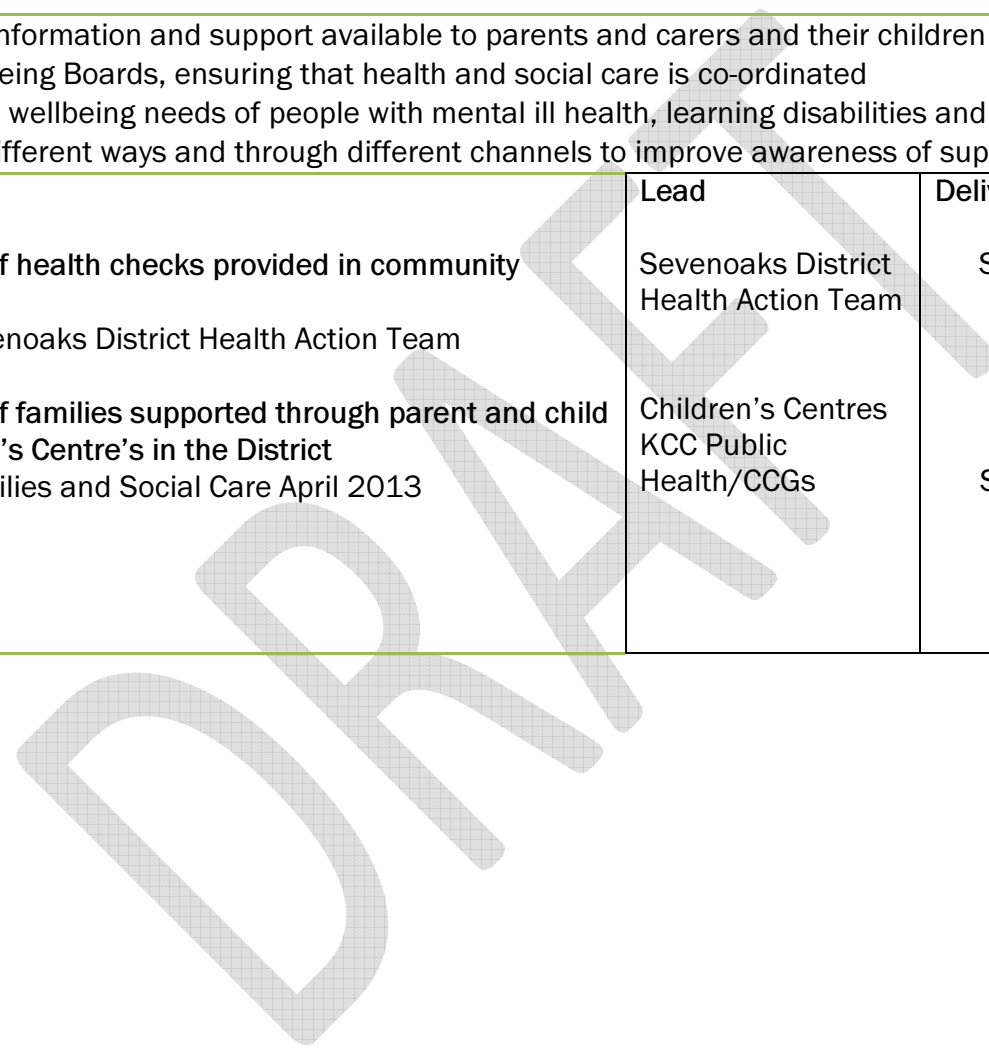
Healthy 2 – Encourage access to health and social care services for all

We will do this by:

- Improving health advice, information and support available to parents and carers and their children through Children’s Centres
- Through Health and Wellbeing Boards, ensuring that health and social care is co-ordinated
- Supporting the health and wellbeing needs of people with mental ill health, learning disabilities and physical disabilities
- Providing information in different ways and through different channels to improve awareness of support available

Our targets are:

	Lead	Delivery supported by
<p>Healthy 2.1 Increased number of health checks provided in community settings Baseline: To be provided by Sevenoaks District Health Action Team</p>	<p>Sevenoaks District Health Action Team</p>	<p>Sevenoaks District Health Team (Health Inequalities Action Plan)</p> 
<p>Healthy 2.2 Increased number of families supported through parent and child clinics being provided at Children’s Centre’s in the District Baseline: To be provided by Families and Social Care April 2013</p>	<p>Children’s Centres KCC Public Health/CCGs</p>	<p>Sevenoaks Local Children’s Trust Board</p> 



Healthy 3– Reduce risk taking behaviour that affects health and wellbeing

We will do this by:

- Supporting people, particularly young people, to stop smoking
- Reducing teenage pregnancy, improving awareness of sexual health and targeting support to particular areas of need for example:
 - Increasing the number of schools providing Sex and Relationship Education
 - Providing a C card condom scheme from schools
 - Increasing the number of pharmacies offering Emergency Hormonal Contraception and chlamydia testing and treatment
- Supporting people to improve their health by raising awareness of and tackling the harmful effects from drugs and alcohol

Our targets are:

Healthy 3.1 Reduce the rate of increase in alcohol admissions to Hospital through the delivery of partnership interventions

Baseline: 1241 per 100,000 population 2010/11

Healthy 3.2 Increased number of sexual health and C-Card services in targeted areas Local reduction targets to be agreed as part of the review of the action plan

Baseline: To be established by the Sevenoaks District Teenage Pregnancy Local Implementation Group

Healthy 3.3 Increased number of smokers who become 4 week quitters

Baseline: 199 in the period April – December 2012

Lead

Sevenoaks District Health Action Team

Sevenoaks District Teenage Pregnancy Local Implementation Group (LIG)

KCC Public Health/CCGs

Targets supported by

Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan



Sevenoaks District Health Team (Health Inequalities Action Plan)




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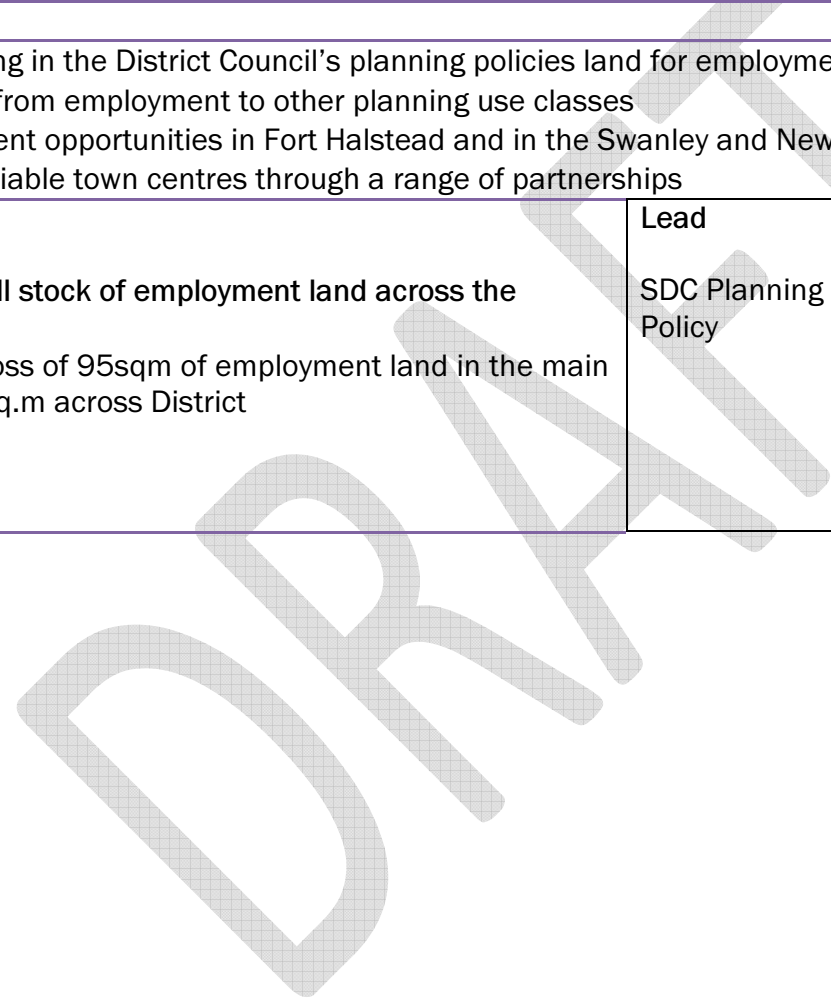
Dynamic Economy – a thriving local economy where businesses flourish, people have skills for employment and tourism is supported

Dynamic 1 – Maintaining a supply of employment land and premises

<p>We will do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocating and safeguarding in the District Council’s planning policies land for employment use • Resisting changes of use from employment to other planning use classes • Pursuing major development opportunities in Fort Halstead and in the Swanley and New Ash Green retail areas • Encouraging vibrant and viable town centres through a range of partnerships 		
<p>Our target is to:</p> <p>Dynamic 1.1 Maintain the overall stock of employment land across the District every year Baseline: In 11/12 there was a loss of 95sqm of employment land in the main settlements and a gain of 3155sq.m across District</p>	<p>Lead</p> <p>SDC Planning Policy</p>	<p>Target supported by</p> <p>Local Development Core Strategy</p> 

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Dynamic 2 – Retaining existing businesses and encouraging new businesses

We will do this by:

- Encouraging new businesses through the development and delivery of an Economic Development Strategy
- Enabling home and flexible working through ‘live to work’ units as allocated in the District Council’s planning policies
- Encouraging, through the planning system, a supply of modern, well-designed business accommodation
- Encouraging and supporting tourism, sustainable rural diversification and the rural economy e.g. Kent Downs AONB South East Sustainable Tourism Project “Our Land our Experiences to Treasure”
- Helping businesses to access funding and growth accelerator opportunities
- Developing a consistent programme of business support
- Lobbying for improved transport services, e.g. to mitigate the negative effects of the London Bridge rail Development

Our targets are:

Dynamic 2.1 Increased net growth in the number of businesses (measured by business rates new accounts created and the number of accounts closed)
Baseline: To be provided at April 2013

Dynamic 2.2 Tourism economy grown by 2% by 2016 (Measured by the Cambridge Model)
Baseline at 2011 was £178,453,000

Dynamic 2.3 Economic Development Strategy developed with 75% of actions on target to be delivered in the first year, rising to 80% in the second year and continuing to improve in the third year
Baseline: New strategy in development (February 2012)

Lead

SDC – Economy Development/
West Kent Partnership

SDC – Community Development/
Visit Kent

SDC Economic Development

Delivery supported by

SDC Economic Development Action Plan



West Kent Partnership Area Investment Framework

Local Development Core Strategy



Kent Downs and High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Action Plan

Dynamic 3 Improve Skills for Employment

We will do this by:

- Supporting 16-24 year olds into employment through a range of training courses
- Increasing the number of apprenticeships taken up in the District and investigate skills gaps
- Supporting learners with learning disabilities into assisted employment opportunities
- Supporting “troubled families” to access learning and training opportunities through the European Social Funded “Progress –Go Further” initiative and the Government funded Youth Contract
- Improving educational attainment for young people attending schools within Sevenoaks District and investing in schools

Our targets are:

Dynamic 3.1 Increased number of young people in apprenticeships at Level 2, 3 and 4

Baseline: baseline and confirmation of targets will be provided in March following the approval of the strategy by KCC

Dynamic 3.2 Reduce the number of young people who are not in education, training or employment by 1% (as measured by 3 monthly average % for the District)

Baseline: Three monthly average during 2012/13 was 3.98%

Dynamic 3.3 Increased number of young people aged 14-24 accessing learning or training opportunities as a result of the Troubled Families programme

Baseline: To be provided in 2013/14 when data from Cohort year 1 becomes available

Dynamic 3.4 Increase the number of pupils achieving 5 GCSEs or more at grades A*-C who attend schools within Sevenoaks District

Baseline: 42.4% in 2012/13

Lead

KCC Education, Learning and Skills

CXK Ltd (Previously Connexions Kent and Medway)

Sevenoaks District Troubled Families Project Board

Delivery supported by


SDC Economic Development Action Plan




Sevenoaks Troubled Family Project



Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-2017

Dynamic 4 – Improve Broadband connectivity		
We will do this by:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping to prove the need and demand for faster broadband • Applying for funding to support rural communities in accessing superfast broadband • Supporting local communities to find broadband solutions 		
Our target is to:	Lead	Target supported by
<p>Dynamic 4.1 Support delivery of national and county targets to achieve faster broadband for 90% of homes and businesses and a minimum of 2 megabytes for the remaining 10%</p> <p>Baseline: To be established</p>	SDC Economic Development	<p>SDC Economic Development Action Plan</p> 

Dynamic 5 – Improve the sustainability of the business economy		
We will do this by:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting in place a series of workshops to enable local businesses to increase energy efficiency • Supplying businesses in the District with sustainability information packs to increase awareness of schemes and opportunities which they can take advantage of 		
Our target is to:	Lead	Delivery supported by
<p>Dynamic 5.1 Increased number of businesses assisted each year to improve energy efficiency within their business</p> <p>Baseline: 0 businesses assisted during 2012/13</p>	SDC Economic Development	<p>SDC Economic Development Action Plan</p> 

Sustainable Economy – where people can live, work and travel more easily and are empowered to shape their communities

Sustainable 1 – Reduce the need to travel, promote and improve access to key local services and to public and community transport

We will do this by:

- Seeking to ensure that new development is located in the most sustainable locations in the District
- Considering the transport infrastructure implications of commercial, retail and larger residential developments in the District
- Supporting improvements to infrastructure through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
- Promoting the existing transport links, and working towards more sustainable and integrated transport by seeking to deliver the implementation plan (set for 2018) in the Sevenoaks District Strategy for Transport 2010- 2026 and lobbying to implement recommendations targeted at Sevenoaks District in “Growth without Gridlock”
- Promoting the use of community transport to meet particular needs and supporting the voluntary sector in any funding bid for community transport initiatives
- Promoting the benefits of the Kent Freedom Pass within schools within the Sevenoaks District
- Promoting cycling by identifying potential new routes, highlighting locations for new cycle parking and improving promotion through the Sevenoaks District Cycling Strategy

Our targets are:

Sustainable 1.1 Travel plans produced for 100% of new commercial or retail developments in the District and transport infrastructure and sustainable travel considered as part of S106 agreements for larger residential developments



Baseline: To be provided by KCC April 2013

Sustainable 1.2 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule providing funds for infrastructure improvements

Baseline: A consultation on a draft CIL charging scheduled for Sevenoaks District was carried out in 2012/13

Sustainable 1.3 Kent Freedom pass promoted in all schools within the Sevenoaks District

Baseline: Awaiting information from Kent Highways

	Lead	Delivery supported by
	Kent Highways	Local Development Framework  Growth Without Gridlock 
	SDC Planning Policy	Sevenoaks District Strategy for Transport 2010-2026
	KCC Highways	Sevenoaks District Cycling Strategy



<p>Sustainable 1.4 Supported bus budget sustained annually Baseline: Supported bus budget for Sevenoaks District was £1million (exact figure to be confirmed) during 2012/13. £20,000 of improvements to Sevenoaks bus Station were delivered during 2012/13</p>	KCC Highways	
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Sustainable 2 – Provide for additional housing development including the right mix of housing types and tenure and smaller homes for older people and meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers

We will do this by:

- Having District Council Planning policies in place:
 - Identifying and updating on a yearly basis the supply of specific deliverable housing sites to meet housing needs over a 5 year period
 - Seeking to provide for affordable housing in new developments in response to locally identified housing needs, assisting those unable to afford suitable homes in the open market
 - Promoting housing development to meet the needs of smaller households, older people, housing with mixed tenure and smaller homes to meet the needs in the District
 - Providing small scale affordable housing schemes to meet locally identified needs in rural areas
 - Meeting the accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People through Planning Policy
- Delivering a housing strategy to support the housing needs within the District




Our targets are:

<p>Sustainable 2.1 75% of Sevenoaks District Housing Strategy and Action Plan delivered, rising to 80% in the second year and improving in the third year. Baseline: To be provided 2013/14</p> <p>Sustainable 2.2 Maintain the percentage of affordable homes achieving the lifetime homes standard at 100% Baseline: 100% of affordable homes achieved Lifetime Homes standard in 2011/12</p> <p>Sustainable 2.3 Maintain an average of 165 dwellings per year over the LDF plan period, 2006-2026, to meet the Core Strategy Housing Provision of 3300. Baseline: There have been 1360 units completed since 2006, which gives a surplus of 370 over the requirement of 990 units and an average of 227units per year</p>	<p>Lead</p> <p>Locality Board Housing Sub-Group</p> <p>SDC Housing</p> <p>SDC Housing</p>	<p>Delivery supported by</p> <p>Sevenoaks District Housing Strategy</p> <p>Local Development Framework</p>  <p>SDC Vision for Balanced Communities</p> 
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<p>Sustainable 2.4 Meet the accommodation needs set out in the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show People Accommodation Needs assessment (2012) Baseline: The Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show People Accommodation Needs Assessment was agreed in 2012</p>	<p>SDC Planning Policy</p>	
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Sustainable 3 – Work with local people to deliver strong, active and sustainable communities

- We will do this by:**
- Promoting and increasing participation in regular volunteering and community activities
 - Supporting the development of Parish and Neighbourhood Plans through the Planning system
 - Ensuring that residents are consulted about the issues that affect them and that they are involved in the design and planning of services
 - Enable local social, community and cultural activities to flourish for all age groups
 - Optimising the use of community spaces, making best use of local facilities e.g. libraries and community buildings

Our targets are:	Lead	Delivery supported by
<p>Sustainable 3.1 Increased number of people volunteering and number of volunteer hours monitored by partner agencies Baseline: To be established</p>	<p>SDC Community Development</p>	<p>Sevenoaks District Health Action Team</p> 
<p>Sustainable 3.2 Increased number of people who have taken part in major consultations Baseline: As part of the Community Plan consultation 203 people responded to the survey and an estimated further 150 took part in the consultation</p>	<p>Sevenoaks District Locality Board Officer Delivery Group</p>	<p>Community Safety Strategy and action plan</p> 
<p>Sustainable 3.3 Increased number of neighbourhood bodies and community led projects/plans (including Neighbourhood and Parish Plan) Baseline to be established 2013/14 through annual audit of all partners and LDF Annual Monitoring Review (AMR): The Otford Parish Plan was published for public consultation in June 2012 and will be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document. Sevenoaks District Council also consulted on three proposed Neighbourhood Plan Areas in June 2012 covering the Parishes of</p>	<p>Sevenoaks District Locality Board Officer Delivery Group and all sub-groups</p>	<p>Local Development Framework</p> 

Ash-cum-Ridley, Edenbridge and Shoreham

Sustainable 3.4 Joined up approach by agencies when considering location and use of community buildings, e.g. libraries.

Baseline: A Libraries Sub-Group of the Locality Board has been set up and receives regular reports about potential use of library buildings.

Sevenoaks
District Locality
Board Officer
Delivery Group
and all sub-
groups/ Locality
Board Library
Sub-group

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Glossary

ASBO	Anti-Social Behaviour Orders are statutory measures that aim to protect the public from behaviour that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress. An order contains conditions prohibiting the offender from specific anti-social acts or entering defined areas. For more information please visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk	HS1	used to measure the overall economic wellbeing of an area. High Speed 1. High Speed 1 is the railway between St Pancras in London and the Channel Tunnel and connects with the international high speed routes between London and Paris, and London and Brussels. http://highspeed1.co.uk/Who-we-are
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Two AONBs cover the Sevenoaks District and these are the High Weald AONB (covering much of Sussex and parts of Kent and Surrey) and the Kent Downs AONB (covering a quarter of Kent from the White Cliffs of Dover to the London and Surrey borders). For more information please visit www.kentdowns.org.uk or www.highweald.org	KCC	Kent County Council. For more information please visit www.kent.gov.uk
CCGs	Clinical Commissioning Groups – (Refers to the two CCGs covering the Sevenoaks District – West Kent CCG and Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG)	LDF	The Local Development Framework forms the “spatial expression” of the Community Plan and therefore contains land use policies that reflect the aims identified in the Community Plan. For more information please visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allows local authorities to secure funding for infrastructure (e.g. roads) to support development by requiring developers to pay a standard charge per sq m of qualifying new development.	LCTB	Sevenoaks District Local Children’s Trust Board http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/kct/lctb_sevenoaks.cfm
DECC	Department of Energy and Climate Change	PACT	Partners and Communities Together is a scheme which enables local communities to work with service providers to identify, prioritise and deal with local community safety issues. For more information please visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk
GVA	Gross Value Added is the value of goods and services produced in the Districts economy and	PCC	Police and crime commissioners (PCCs) will ensure the policing needs of their communities are met as effectively as possible, bringing communities closer to the police, building confidence in the system and restoring trust.

PCCs will make and influence key decisions that will impact on how a local area looks and feels. Their job is to listen to the public and then respond to their needs, bringing more of a public voice to policing and giving the public a name and a face to complain to if they aren't satisfied.
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/police/police-crime-commissioners/public/>

SDC Sevenoaks District Council

Sub-groups of Locality
Board Officer Delivery
Group

The Locality Board Officer Delivery Group is the Delivery group for the full Sevenoaks District Kent Locality Board. Sub-Groups include, Sevenoaks Health Action Team, Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership, the Sevenoaks Housing –Sub-Group and the Sevenoaks Voluntary Sector Forum.

Sevenoaks District Kent Locality Board

Who are we?

The Locality Board consists of 7 Kent County Council Members and 7 Sevenoaks District Council Members. The Board will be chaired by the Leader of Sevenoaks District Council.

The Board is responsible for supporting, steering and scrutinising the work of multi-agency partnerships serving the District.

The Locality Board will set local priorities for action and deliver the countywide ambitions for the locality.

The Community Plan is delivered by the district and county councils, the health service, the police, the fire service and housing associations together with voluntary groups, businesses and faith communities. Together they make up the Locality Board Delivery Group.



What are the countywide ambitions?

The Vision for Kent 2012-2022 is Kent's Sustainable Community Strategy.

It sets out three Countywide Ambitions for Kent

- Ambition 1 - To grow the economy: For Kent to be 'open for business' with a growing and successful economy and jobs for all
- Ambition 2 - To tackle disadvantage : For Kent to be a county of opportunity, where aspiration rather than dependency is supported and quality of life is high for everyone
- Ambition 3 - To put citizens in control: For power and influence to be in the hands of local people so they are able to take responsibility for themselves, their families and their communities

Within this document, we have identified which local priorities support the ambitions set out in the countywide "Vision for Kent"

How to get involved

If you feel that you or your organisation can make a contribution to delivering the key priorities or the priority outcomes please let us know. For more information or a copy of the Community Plan for Sevenoaks District, please contact:

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Appendix C - Equality Impact Assessment Corporate Service Improvement Tool

Details of the assessment	
Name of Function/Policy/ Service being assessed	Sevenoaks District Community Plan
Date of assessment	Completed: 22.2.13
Directorate & Service	Community Development
Policy Owner:	Sevenoaks District Kent Locality Board
Name of Officer(s) carrying out assessment:	Alan Whiting

Step 1 Initial Screening for:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> new policies/strategies revised policies/strategies policy decisions considering partnership working arrangements procurement/commissioning activities (For assessments identified within the Equality Impact Assessment Timetable 2007-10 please go straight to Step 2).	
Key Questions	Answers/Notes
1	What are you looking to achieve in this activity? Delivery of the Sevenoaks District Community Plan
2	Who in the main will benefit? All residents in Sevenoaks District
3	Does the activity have the potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please explain:
	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please explain:
	Note: if the answer is 'yes' then a full equality impact assessment is required – see step 2.
4	Does the activity make a positive contribution to equalities? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please explain:
	No <input type="checkbox"/> Please explain:
	Note: if the answer is 'yes' then a full equality impact assessment is required – see step 2.

Where the screening has identified the need for a full impact assessment, this must:

- be commenced during the drafting stages of a new policy/strategy and fully completed following any consultation period before submitting for committee approval
- carried out before any policy decision is taken
- completed in the planning stages of any procurement exercise

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	Key Questions	Answers/Notes
Step 2	Scoping the assessment	
1.	What is the overall aim, or purpose of the function/ policy/service?	To improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of residents in the District
2.	What outcomes do you want to achieve with this function/ policy/service and for whom?	To make a Sevenoaks District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safer place to live, work and travel • A place where children have the best start and where people can be supported to lead independent and fulfilling lives • A place where people can enjoy clean and high quality rural environments • A place where people can have healthy lifestyle, access to quality healthcare and health inequalities reduced • A place with a thriving local economy where businesses flourish and people have skills fro employment • A place where people can live, work and travel more easily and are empowered to shape their communities
3.	Who is intended to benefit from the function/service/ policy?	All residents in the Sevenoaks District, people who travel to the District for work or tourism purposes
4.	Who defines or defined the function/service/policy?	The Sevenoaks District Kent Locality Board
5.	Who implements the function/service/policy?	The Sevenoaks District Kent Locality Board Officer Delivery Group
6.	How do the outcomes of the function/service/policy meet or hinder other policies, values or objectives of the public authority (if applicable)?	Please select which corporate priority these outcomes relate to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Communities • Caring Communities • Green Environment • Healthy Environment • Dynamic Economy • Sustainable Economy <p><i>(double click on the text highlighted in grey and remove unrelated priorities)</i></p>

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	Key Questions	Answers/Notes
7.	What factors could contribute or detract from the outcomes identified earlier?	The actions set out within Safe Communities help to deliver the outcomes identified
Step 3 Consideration of data and information		
8.	What do you already know about who uses this function/service/ policy?	<p>We have collected a significant of information during the 10 years of the current Community Plan vision and 3 year action plan. The partnership is an established partnership (previously the Local Strategic Partnership).</p> <p>The Partnership structure which sits underneath the Sevenoaks Locality Board means that the Community Plan outcomes are scrutinised by Members as well as partners on the Locality Board Officer Delivery Group</p> <p>We have collected a great deal of information about people who use current services as part of the Community Plan consultation and will continue to seek to views of people who use services.</p>
9.	Has any consultation with service users already taken place on the function/service/ policy and if so what were the key findings?	Yes - a full copy of the consultation findings are available on request and a summary is attached (Appendix C1)
10.	What, if any, additional information is needed to assess the impact of the function/service/policy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
11.	How do you propose to gather the additional information?	Through regular 1./4ly monitoring from lead agencies identified in the action plan
Step 4 Assessing the Impact		

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Key Questions		Answers/Notes	
12.	Based on what information you already know, in relation to each of the following groups consider whether a) there is anything in the function/service/policy that could discriminate or put anyone at a disadvantage b) for an existing function/service/policy, how it is actually working in practice for each group		
a.	Equality groups	Age	No adverse impacts – the Community plan seeks to address issues relating to age
b.		Disability	No adverse impacts – the Community plan seeks to address issues relating to Disability. Specific actions for vulnerable groups including people with learning and physical disabilities are included
c.		Gender (<i>inc. Gender reassignment, marital or civil partnership status, pregnancy or maternity</i>)	No adverse impacts – the Community Plan seeks to address particular issues around health and the delivery of the Sevenoaks Health Inequalities Action Plan. In addition, the Community Safety Partnership addresses LGBT i.e. (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) issues.
d.		Race	No adverse impacts – the Community Plan seeks to address issues relating to Race and has specific actions regarding the Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People
e.		Religion/Belief	No adverse impacts – the Community Plan Officer Delivery Group includes Faith Sector representation
f.		Sexual Orientation	No adverse impacts – the plan seeks to reduce victimisation and the Community Safety Plan has specific actions to address LGBT issues.
g.		General <i>i.e. affecting all of the above /other e.g. socio-economic</i>	No adverse impacts – the Community plan seeks to address all inequalities, including health, socio-economic and deprivation/rural deprivation and child poverty
Step 5 Reviewing and Scrutinising the Impact			
13.	Have you identified any differential impact and does this adversely affect any groups in the community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each section of the Community plan seeks to address particular issues raised by Members of the Community; representative groups etc. and seek to ensure equality to all groups. We are aware that particular groups in the community are perhaps more adversely affected by the issues which the plan seeks to address. For example people on low incomes. The plan seeks to reduce disadvantage and improve life chances to children, young people, vulnerable groups, groups from different ethnic backgrounds and people living within pockets of deprivation and people at risk of exclusion. 	

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	Key Questions	Answers/Notes
14.	Can we make any changes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
15.	If there is nothing you can do, can the reasons be fairly justified?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
16.	Do any of the changes in relation to the adverse impact have a further adverse affect on any other group?	No

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Step 5 continued...		Actions to be inserted into Equality Action Plans		
Based on your answers in Step 5, please finalise your actions here. These actions will then be incorporated into our equality action plans.				
Equality Strand	Action	Outcome/monitoring information and targets	Date for Completion	Responsible Officer
If an adverse impact was found or unmet needs identified, which actions will you put in place to address this:				
	N/A			
If the impact is still unclear, list the actions you will put in place to gather the information you need:				
	N/A			
If you did not find any evidence of unmet needs or adverse impact, list the actions you will put in place to maintain good practice:				
	Ensure each partner organisation has signed up to commitments to deliver the Community Plan in line with equalities statement in the Community Plan	Partners signed up to equalities commitments in plan as well as actions and targets submitted to the Sevenoaks Locality Board	<i>April 2013</i>	Alan Whiting/Lesley Bowles
	Partners held to account regarding actions and commitments in the plan	Partners signed up to commitments in plan and scrutinised through the provision of 1/4ly monitoring information.	<i>April 2013 and monitoring quarterly</i>	Alan Whiting/Lesley Bowles

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	Undertake regular monitoring to pick up barriers to services or equalities related issues that require increased focus from the Locality Board Officer Delivery Group	Quarterly monitoring of the Community Plan undertaken	<i>Quarterly over 3 year period</i>	Alan Whiting/Lesley Bowles
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Step 6 Decision making and future monitoring		
	Key questions	Answers / notes
17.	Which decision making process do these changes need to go through i.e. do they need to be approved by a committee/Council?	N/A
18.	How will you continue to monitor the impact of the function/service/ policy on diverse groups?	Please see above. The Sevenoaks District Locality Board Officer Delivery Group will review quarterly monitoring reports of the Community Plan which will then be submitted to Sevenoaks District Council's Social Affairs Committee and the full Sevenoaks District Kent Locality Board
19.	When will you review this equality impact assessment?	The EIA for this one-off event will become standard template for this type of event.
Final steps		
<p>For an existing function/service/policy: Send your assessment to the Equality Policy Officer who will include it in the Annual Equality Report which is made available for consultation.</p> <p>For a new function/service/ policy: Summarise your findings in the committee report.</p>		

Appendix D - SUSTAINABILITY CHECKLIST:

Name of Officer completing this form: Alan Whiting	Tel Ext no. 7446
Date checklist completed: 21 st February 2013	
Title of policy/strategy/project: Public Consultation Draft of Community Plan 2013 - 2028	

What contribution/impact does this proposal make towards enhancing the Council's commitment to sustainability?

- Tick: (✓) +ve - if the proposal makes a **positive** contribution
 -ve - if the proposal makes a **negative** impact
 ? - if there is **uncertainty** in predicting positive contribution or negative impact
 N/A - if the impact of the proposal is **outwith scope** of proposal

Categories	+ve			-ve			?	N/A	Action to minimise or eliminate negative impacts or enhance benefits	
	+	+	+	0	-	-				-
A. Community Safety										
1) Help to reduce fear of crime		✓								Tackling anti-social behaviour and reducing the fear is a focus point for both the Community Plan by improving information about Police activities in the local community and the Community Safety Partnership Action Plan
2) Help to reduce occurrence of crime		✓								Targets to deliver a low crime rate in the District
3) Help to reduce occurrence of anti-social behaviour		✓								Target to maintain the low percentage of people who say ASB is a very or fairly big problem
4) Ensure developments maximise security and safety using safer by design procedures as appropriate		✓								Specific action to design out crime and a consideration within Planning Policy
5) Encourage individual/community responsibility			✓							Through PACT panels and actions in the Community Plan seeking to increase Neighbourhood Watch.
B. Economy & Work										

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Categories	+ve				-ve			?	N/A	Action to minimise or eliminate negative impacts or enhance benefits
	+	+	+	0	-	-	-			
6) Increase employment opportunities for local people			✓							Both the Caring Communities section “Improve outcomes for young people” and Dynamic Economy “Improve Skills for Employment” will support this
7) Link local production with local consumption			✓							This needs to be improved by recognising role of farmers markets and supporting businesses. The detail will be set out in the Economic Development Strategy. Support is also delivered by the West Kent Partnership and the West Kent Leader Scheme. Also encouraging business networking helps local businesses with local opportunities.
8) Help local and community based businesses to set up and grow and promote rural diversity			✓							West Kent Partnership and the LDF and AONB action plans promote and support sustainable rural diversification. Dynamic Economy supports measures to retain existing businesses and encourage new businesses
9) Value and support unpaid work		✓								The Community Plan promotes and recognises the value of volunteering and has specific actions within “Work with local people to deliver, strong, active and sustainable communities” to increase volunteering. The value of unpaid work is also recognised in support for carers in the plan.
C. Education & Awareness Raising										

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Categories	+ve				-ve			?	N/A	Action to minimise or eliminate negative impacts or enhance benefits
	+	+	+	0	-	-	-			
10) Foster appreciation and care for the local environment			✓							Within AONB Management Action Plans and delivery of the Darent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme.
11) Improve access to training, education and self-development opportunities for all			✓							See 6. In addition, there are initiatives as part of the Troubled Families scheme to improve access to work opportunities and as part of CSK's targets to reduce NEETS
12) Encourage the adoption of sustainable lifestyles and practices			✓							The Climate Local initiative for Sevenoaks will encourage the adoption of sustainable lifestyle practices in residential and commercial environments. In addition, the plan promotes sustainable travel and preventative health.
D. Equitable Access to Local Facilities & Services										
13) Address inequalities through allocating resources based on need			✓							The Community Plan supports targeting resources at areas in needs, as demonstrated through the creation of a Sevenoaks Health Inequalities action plan, targets to reduce child poverty and focusing on unemployment hotspots in the District
14) Improve access to local services and facilities for local people			✓							The Sustainable Economy has targets to reduce the need to travel, promote and improve access to key local services and facilities
15) Protect local shops and services			✓							There is a need for the Community Plan to seek to resist change of use from office space to residential use. As a result of planning legislation this can now be done without planning permission.

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Categories	+ve				-ve			?	N/A	Action to minimise or eliminate negative impacts or enhance benefits
	+	+	+	0	-	-	-			
16) Ensure access to usable open spaces and meeting places			✓							The Green Environment theme promotes access to open spaces through planning policies. In addition, the LDF promotes retaining services and recreational facilities in rural areas
17) Improve facilities, access and opportunities for people with disabilities, wheelchair users, people with pushchairs and elderly people			✓							The LDF policy and the Sevenoaks District Local Transport Plan promote improved access to facilities. The plan also seeks to improve access to services facilities for vulnerable groups, including, young people, older people and people with learning disabilities. Sustainable Economy also maximise the use of existing facilities and improve access to key local services and to public and community transport
18) Improve opportunities, facilities and access for children & young people		✓								As above. In addition, within Caring Communities, focusing multi-agency facilities and services within children's centres in the District
E. Health										
19) Reduce factors contributing to ill health (e.g. poverty, safety, diet, lifestyle, pollution)		✓								The Caring Communities theme includes actions to reduce poverty and social exclusion. All of the actions within Healthy Environment are relevant
20) Provide support for elderly people and young people and their families		✓								All targets within Caring Communities and Healthy Environment are relevant. In addition some actions within Safe relating to the Troubled Families programme and the

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Categories	+ve				-ve			?	N/A	Action to minimise or eliminate negative impacts or enhance benefits
	+	+	+	0	-	-	-			
21) Provide access to housing, appropriate to need			✓							All targets within Sustainable 2 “Provide for additional housing development including the right mix of housing types and tenures and smaller homes for older people and meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers
22) Increase opportunities for residents to partake in regular physical activity		✓								Actions within Healthy Environment aimed at improving physical activity and preventing ill health
23) Increase accessible leisure/ recreation opportunities for young people (i.e. in terms of cost/transport/supervision)			✓							Sustainable Economy seeks to encourage access to key local services and to public and community transport. In addition the Troubled Families Programme and the newly commissioned youth services will aim to improve access to opportunities
F. Local Identity & Heritage										
24) Protect/enhance local heritage and features of cultural, visual and historic identity		✓								Actions within Green 1 seek to “ Maintain the extent of the green belt, conserve and enhance the value of our countryside, particularly Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty”
25) Contribute to local distinctiveness and promote design quality in new buildings		✓								As above. In addition Sustainable 2, actions to increase the percentage of affordable homes achieving the Lifetimes homes standard.
26) Increase enjoyment/participation in arts, local culture and heritage			✓							Within Green Environment and the delivery of the Darent Valley Landscape Partnership scheme. Within Sustainable Economy, enable local social, community and cultural activities to flourish

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Categories	+ve			-ve			?	N/A	Action to minimise or eliminate negative impacts or enhance benefits	
	+	+	+	0	-	-				-
G. Natural Environment										
27) Protect/enhance wildlife habitats (e.g. open spaces, trees, hedgerows, private gardens, some buildings, designated sites)		✓								As number 24
28) Increase tree cover, especially broad-leaved woodland								✓		Not an issue raised as part of the consultation but may be covered in some respects by the delivery of the AONB units Management Action Plans
29) Improve/maintain public access to open spaces, wildlife areas and the countryside			✓							As number 24 and 26
30) Protect/enhance landscape quality/heritage and retain open land/countryside			✓							As number 24 and 26
31) Protect/enhance the welfare of captive, domestic and wild animals								✓		Not an issue raised as part of the consultation, but AONB Management Action Plans and the LDF cover protecting bio-diversity
H. Participation, Democracy & Partnership										
32) Involve people in action		✓								The Community Plan seeks to involve people in action in all parts of the plan. Specific actions include PACTs panels, Environmental Visual Audits and ensuring people are consulted on decisions which affect them
33) Involve appropriate partner organisations	✓									The Community Plan is build on partnership. The plan will be overseen by the Sevenoaks Locality Board and delivery driven by the multi-agency Locality Board Officer Delivery Group chaired by Sevenoaks District Council

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Categories	+ve				-ve			?	N/A	Action to minimise or eliminate negative impacts or enhance benefits
	+	+	+	0	-	-	-			
34) Increase access to information by communicating in different ways		✓								This is a theme which has arisen in almost all areas of the Community Plan and individual partnership action plans such as the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan and the Sevenoaks District Health Inequalities Action Plan contain details of how this will be achieved. The partnership recognises that we must use an increased variety of information channels.
35) Effectively involve local people in decision making, especially under-represented groups including young and elderly people			✓							As 32. In addition each partnership action plan has detailed targets about how they will involve local people in decision making.
I. Pollution										
36) Contribute to minimising or preventing incidences of localised flooding			✓							Within the Green Environment, there are specific measures provided through the LDF to avoid development in areas likely to flood.
37) Protect/enhance quality and availability of ground, surface and drinking water			✓							Conserving natural resources features as a part of the existing LDF and sustainability measures set out in planning policy. In addition, this will feature in the assessment in risks and opportunities contained in the Climate Local Strategy that will be developed.
38) Prevent/reduce land contamination and dereliction			✓							Not a part of community priorities. The LDF has targets to build on previously developed land. The Community Safety Strategy Environmental Visual Audits seek to improve community safety and reduce dereliction.

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Categories	+ve				-ve			?	N/A	Action to minimise or eliminate negative impacts or enhance benefits
	+	+	+	0	-	-	-			
39) Prevent/reduce air, noise and light pollution			✓							Targets will be contained with Climate Local when developed and Safe Communities captures anti-social noise. Air and light pollution did not feature as part of the community priorities
40) Ensure the appropriate use and disposal of hazardous materials									✓	Not a part of Community Priorities
41) Prevent an increase in waste production, fly-tipping, littering, dog fouling			✓							Actions within Safe Communities to reduce fly-tipping and littering. Specific actions within the Community Safety Strategy and action plan also make a positive contribution
J. Resource Use, Energy & Waste										
42) Minimise use of energy, water, minerals and materials (e.g. paper)			✓							Through delivery of Green Environment, AONB action plans, creation of a Sevenoaks Climate Local Strategy and existing planning policy within the LDF
43) Increase use of renewable energy sources (wind, water, wave, biomass, solar gain)			✓							Through delivery of Green Environment, AONB action plans, creation of a Sevenoaks Climate Local Strategy and existing planning policy within the LDF
44) Increase re-use and recycling of water, minerals, materials and waste			✓							Through delivery of Green Environment, AONB action plans, creation of a Sevenoaks Climate Local Strategy and existing planning policy within the LDF
45) Ensure the use of environmentally friendly/recycled materials			✓							Through delivery of Green Environment, AONB action plans, creation of a Sevenoaks Climate Local Strategy and existing planning policy within the LDF

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Categories	+ve				-ve			?	N/A	Action to minimise or eliminate negative impacts or enhance benefits
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46) Ensure the use of wood from sustainably managed sources			✓							Through delivery of Green Environment, AONB action plans, creation of a Sevenoaks Climate Local Strategy and existing planning policy within the LDF
47) Use brown field sites or vacant buildings rather than greenfield land			✓							Through delivery of Green Environment, AONB action plans, creation of a Sevenoaks Climate Local Strategy and existing planning policy within the LDF
48) Ensure buildings are designed for a long life-span/future change of use			✓							Through delivery of Green Environment, AONB action plans, creation of a Sevenoaks Climate Local Strategy and existing planning policy within the LDF. Specific action within Sustainable Economy to ensure affordable homes meets the Lifetime homes standard.
K. Transport & Access										
49) Reduce the number and length of car and lorry journeys			✓							Through the delivery of the Sustainable Economy theme, and in particular, Sustainable 1 to “Reduce the need to travel, promote and improve access to key local services and to public and community transport”.
50) Promote the movement of people by walking and cycling to reduce car dependency			✓							Through the delivery of the Sustainable Economy theme, and in particular, Sustainable 1 to “Reduce the need to travel, promote and improve access to key local services and to public and community transport”.

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Categories	+ve				-ve			?	N/A	Action to minimise or eliminate negative impacts or enhance benefits
	+	+	+	0	-	-	-			
51) Improve conditions and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists			✓							Through the delivery of the Sustainable Economy theme, and in particular, Sustainable 1 to “Reduce the need to travel, promote and improve access to key local services and to public and community transport”. Particular actions to deliver the Cycling Strategy and within Safe Communities, actions to improve the safety for pedestrians and road users by reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on local roads in Sevenoaks
52) Increase use, availability & access to public transport particularly for disadvantaged groups			✓							Through the delivery of the Sustainable Economy theme, and in particular, Sustainable 1 to “Reduce the need to travel, promote and improve access to key local services and to public and community transport”.
53) Make use of new technologies/alternative fuels			✓							Through the delivery of the Sustainable Economy theme, and in particular, Sustainable 1 to “Reduce the need to travel, promote and improve access to key local services and to public and community transport”.

12. What changes will be made to the proposal as a result of using the sustainability checklist?

12.1 Community Safety
12.2 Economy & Work
12.3 Education & Awareness Raising
12.4 Equitable Access to Local Facilities & Services
12.5 Health
12.6 Local Identity & Heritage

12.7 Natural Environment
12.8 Participation, Democracy & Partnership
12.9 Pollution
12.10 Resource Use, Energy & Waste
12.11 Transport & Access

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13. Sustainability Implications Statement

Please refer to guidance notes

The Council's Environmental Policy Statement is applicable to all decision making. Taking this into account, please say what significant beneficial/adverse sustainability implications are contained in this document.

E.g. A positive contribution to recycling because....

A negative impact on combating crime because....

A positive contribution to all areas covered as part of the Sustainability checklist. The Community Plan is a strategic level partnership plan that seeks to provide sustainable ways of improving the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of residents in the District. The 6 themes, Safe Communities, Caring Communities, Green Environment, Healthy Environment, Dynamic Economy and Sustainable Economy provide the framework for improvements that will be made over the next three years and a vision that covers a 15 year period. There is a significant degree of cross over between the themes and delivery of the plan will make a positive contribution and builds on areas where we can make a more effective contribution by working together in a more effective, integrated and coordinated way.

14. It is recognised that when making the above decisions about sustainability impact, compromises and choices have to be made. Please list below any changes which were considered, but not proposed for implementation, giving the reasons for your choice:

Changes Considered	Reasons for non implementation
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

Director's signature: _____

Date: 21.2.13 _____

Please send completed Sustainability Checklist to:
Simon Davies, Partnership & Project Officer, Community Development Team.

Appendix D1

Summary of Community Plan consultations

Key issues arising from the consultation

General across all themes, improving communication and information

Community Safety – 95.4%

- Protect PCSO posts – local faces important
- Police and Council working together – PACT
- Deal with nuisance neighbours and ASB
- Diversionary activities and early intervention for young people
- Intimidation by groups of young people hanging about and perception that they need things to do.
- Domestic violence
- Speeding vehicles
- Increase perception and confidence that the Police and the Council are working together
- Work with the new crime commissioner – West Kent voice must be heard

2 Clean environment -89%

- Weekly refuse system – keep and communicate
- Fly-tipping and litter – harsher penalties
- Maintaining good standards
- Cycling – more cycling and safer cycling
- Education about litter
- Improving traffic flow and continue focus on air quality
- Recycling

3 Meeting the needs of an ageing population – 88.8%

- Private retirement accommodation
- Enable downsizing (including private options)
- Maintain independence in own home
- Keeping active
- Redefine ‘older’ – 50 too young and recognise life stages
- Access to health services and health appointments– to be closer to – or transport to
- Tackling rural isolation and its impact on health and wellbeing
- Local services and facilities are important
- Social activities are important
- Respite care facilities

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- Support for carers and families
- Planning services for increasing ageing population

4 Improving the lives of young people – 87%

- Vocational training and apprenticeships
- Challenging generational issues, e.g. worklessness
- Improving school transport and access to secondary schools
- Continue focus on NEETS
- Youth crime on youth/ bullying
- Continue to focus on transition from primary to secondary
- Focus on Youth provision
- Involving young people in decision making and giving a voice to more young people, including those traditionally disengaged
- Dealing with perception of young people and celebrating achievements

5. Thriving economy – 85.9%

- Regenerate New Ash Green & help for Swanley
- Support a “Pro-business culture”
- Support for businesses and help for smaller businesses, e.g. desk sharing
- Tourism and the tourist economy
- Skills and jobs - ensuring young people have work readiness skills
- Helping vulnerable people to access employment and training opportunities
- Apprenticeships
- Vocational training
- Keep high streets alive
- Encourage start ups and make better use of community buildings
- Look at what is going to keep businesses in Sevenoaks – Transport and Brownfield sites are important
- Focus in tourism and rural economy
- Provision of broadband – faster speeds and better coverage
- Mitigating the issue of parking (provision and charges)
- Access to appropriate financial support
- Planning and how we think about business
- Access to good infrastructure
- Good communication is important

6 Transport and road safety – 85.4%

- Sustainable transport
- Encouraging cycling and safe cycling
- Reduce speeding vehicles
- Improve access to key local services and facilities
- Better transport links
- Improve public transport to school
- More affordable public transport
- Lobby for better bus provision
- Community transport
- Encourage flexible working/home working to reduce need to travel
- Impact of developments outside the District e.g. Improvement at London Bridge
- Impact of HS1 to commuters
- Can we lobby to extend the range of travel cards?
- Better lighting and improved access for pedestrians, people with disability
- Improve maintenance on roads

7. A better start for our children – 82.6%

- Children’s Centre services and provision essential
- Help for “Troubled Families”
- Early intervention
- Healthy schools
- Dealing with health inequalities – “Mind the Gap”
- Better outcomes for children and young people
- Deal with child and family poverty
- Deal with aspirations – aspiration can affect a child’s whole life cycle
- Increase opportunities to take part in physical activities
- Outdoor space access for sport facilities for play important
- Dealing with distances children travel to school
- Bullying and making social networking safer
- Support voluntary sector involvement
- Support reading and literacy
- Ante natal and post natal support

8 Strong, active communities – 83.2%

- Support and encourage volunteering
- Encourage children and young people to volunteer
- Building local capacity
- Involving communities and businesses in developing Neighbourhood Plans

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- People need to feel engaged
- Change perceptions of Councils'
- Maximise benefit from Olympic and Paralympic legacy
- Consider how we can better use University of the 3rd Age
- Need for good local community facilities
- Citizenship is about responsibility not just rights
- Involve people in decision making and design of local services

9 Health and wellbeing – 82.5%

- Tackle health inequalities – “Mind the Gap”
- Improve preventative services and health and wellbeing programmes
- Active lifestyles
- Olympic and Paralympic legacy
- Importance of leisure facilities
- Access to hospitals and health appointments, especially for vulnerable groups
- Bringing facilities to communities e.g. mobile services, sharing community facilities
- Continue to focus on health and wellbeing of young people and focusing on children right from the start
- Mental health support
- Education on drinking e.g. binge drinking/adult drinking
- Continue to focus on teenage pregnancy
- Early detection of dementia
- Better support for people with learning disability

10 Development and the environment – 80%

- Continue to protect the green belt and AONBs
- Protect the character of the District
- Conservation and heritage
- Sustainable and energy efficient buildings
- Use of brownfield sites – make them more attractive to developers
- Involve community in new developments/redevelopments or regeneration opportunities
- Home extensions policy

11 Housing – 69.4%

- More affordable housing – it has an impact on the economy
- Smaller more affordable private housing - first time buyers can't afford deposits on homes in the District
- Housing that can adapt to changing needs
- Mix of housing is important

- Variety of tenure/shared ownership
- Housing related support, particularly for vulnerable groups
- Impact of Universal credit and benefit capping
- Making best use of existing housing
- Need for rural housing schemes including affordable housing
- Housing needs of vulnerable groups considered, e.g. accessible homes for people with learning disabilities.
- Deal with empty homes and under occupation
- Continue to access the private rental sector

12 Energy, resources and climate change – 59%

- More sustainable forms of transport, e.g. walking, cycling
- Encouraging use of public transport
- Sustaining our resources
- Mitigating the impact of climate change and adapting to change
- Focus on fuel poverty and better information about grants etc.

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