



DISTRICT COUNCIL

Despatched: 03.04.13

CABINET

11 April 2013 at 7.00 pm

Conference Room, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks






AGENDA

Membership:


Chairman: Cllr. Fleming

Cllrs. Mrs. Bosley, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Davison, Hogarth, Mrs. Hunter and Ramsay

| | <u>Pages</u> | <u>Contact</u> |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Apologies for Absence | | |
| 1. Minutes Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 7 th March 2013. | (Pages 1 - 4) | |
| 2. Declarations of interest | | |
| 3. Questions from Members (maximum 15 minutes) | | |
| 4. Matters referred from Council <i>None</i> | | |
| 5. Matters referred from the Performance and Governance Committee and/or Select Committees (Paragraph 5.20 of Part 4 (Executive) of the Constitution) | | |
| (a) Renewal of Swanley Local Office Contract <i>(Services Select Committee – 4 April 2013)</i> | | |
| (b) Review of Pest Control Services <i>(Social Affairs Select Committee – 26 March 2013)</i> | | |
| (c) Declaration of Air Quality Management Areas <i>(Environment Select Committee – 19 March 2013)</i> | | |
| (d) Community Plan 2013-2016 and 15 Year Vision <i>(Social Affairs Select Committee – 26 March 2013)</i> | | |

- | | | | |
|----|---|---------------------|--|
| 6. | Renewal of Swanley Local Office Contract | (Pages 5 - 8) | Amy Wilton Tel: 01732 227280 |
| |  | | |
| 7. | Review of Pest Control Services | (Pages 9 - 18) | Richard Wilson Tel: 01732 227262 |
| |  | | |
| 8. | Declaration of Air Quality Management Areas | (Pages 19 - 56) | Richard Wilson Tel: 01732 227262 |
| |  | | |
| 9. | Community Plan 2013-2016 and 15 year vision | (Pages 57 - 154) | Lesley Bowles Tel: 01732 227335 |
| |   | | |

 Indicates a Key Decision

 indicates a matter to be referred to Council

To assist in the speedy and efficient despatch of business, Members wishing to obtain factual information on items included on the Agenda are asked to enquire of the appropriate Director or Contact Officer named on a report prior to the day of the meeting.

Should you require a copy of this agenda or any of the reports listed on it in another format please do not hesitate to contact the Democratic Services Team as set out below.

For any other queries concerning this agenda or the meeting please contact:

The Democratic Services Team (01732 227241)

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2013 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Fleming (Chairman)

Cllrs. Mrs. Bosley, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Davison, Hogarth, Mrs. Hunter and Ramsay

Cllrs. Ayres, Mrs. Ayres, Eyre, Fittock, Piper and Mrs. Sargeant were also present.

88. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2013 be agreed.

89. Declarations of interest

In respect of Minute 94 the following declarations were made:

Councillor Mrs Davison declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as Chairman of the Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Service. Councillor Mrs Davison left the room for the duration of this item.

Councillors Mrs Bosley, Mrs Clark, Mrs Hunter and Ramsay declared non pecuniary interests.

Councillor Hogarth declared a non pecuniary interest in respect of Minute 93 as a Member of Sevenoaks Town Council.

90. Questions from Members (maximum 15 minutes)

No questions were received.

91. Matters referred from Council

No matters were referred from Council.

92. Matters referred from the Performance and Governance Committee and/or Select Committees (Paragraph 5.20 of Part 4 (Executive) of the Constitution)

There were no references from the Performance and Governance Committee or from Select Committees.

93. Contract to Operate Sevenoaks and Swanley Markets - Results of Tender

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Value for Money introduced a report outlining the results of the tendering process for the Sevenoaks and Swanley Markets. The contracts

to operate the markets were usually re-tendered every five years. The current contract commenced in April 2011 but due to uncertainty relating to the financial status of the current operator, the company having entered voluntary liquidation in July 2012, the contracts for all three markets had been re-tendered to commence 1st April 2013.

The tender procedure had been split into two parts as the Swanley Market contract required re-tendering to follow the EU tendering procedures whereas the two Sevenoaks markets income was below the EU threshold.

Eighteen sets of tender documents were sent out and the results of the tenders were detailed in the report.

Members noted that all market operators were required to provide copies of their equalities and equal opportunities policies as part of the pre-tender questionnaire process.

The Professional Services Manager reported that the scoring matrix for the Swanley market had been reviewed since the publication of the report and as a result of this the adjusted score of 100 for Gerauld Markets was 91, not 80 as stated in the report. This amendment had come about as a result of a review of credit scoring. This amendment had not altered the outcome of the scoring process or the recommendation to Cabinet.

A visiting Member representing the Swanley White Oak Ward addressed the Cabinet and reported that she fully supported the recommendations to award the Swanley Market contract to Ritagate. The Local Member expressed a hope that the new operator would be able to breathe new life into Swanley market.

The Town Clerk from Sevenoaks Town Council, the recommended operator for the Sevenoaks markets, addressed the Cabinet. The Town Clerk outlined what the Town Council would do to work with the market traders and promote both the Wednesday and the Saturday markets.

The Chairman noted that had other operators attended the meeting they would also have been given the opportunity to address the Cabinet.

As this was the last meeting of the Cabinet that the Professional Services Manager would attend before his retirement, the Leader and Cabinet thanked Mr Latheron for all the work he had done on behalf of the Council for the past 38 years. The Members present at the meeting wished Mr Latheron a happy retirement.

Resolved: That

- (a) The contract to operate the market at Swanley on Wednesdays be awarded to Ritagate Limited for a period of 5 years from 1st April 2013 and an initial rent of £260,000 p.a.
- (b) The contract to operate the markets at Sevenoaks on Wednesdays and Saturdays be awarded to Sevenoaks Town Council for a period of 5 years from 1st April 2013 at an initial rent of £32,000.

94. Community Grant Scheme Draft Allocations 2013/14

The Portfolio Holder for Community Wellbeing introduced a report setting out information about the Community Grant Scheme and summarising applications received by the Council from voluntary organisations for funding during 2013/14. The Council's Community Grant Scheme supported voluntary organisations that, through their work, contributed to the priorities set out in the Sustainable Community Action Plan 2010-13. Details of the appraisal process were outlined in the report.

Members noted that a full Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was summarised in the report.

The Head of Community Development reported that the grant scheme had been publicised widely across the District within the voluntary sector, through town and parish councils, libraries and in the press in September 2012. The closing date was 16th November 2012. The total budget available for distribution in 2013/14 was £153,331, including £98,540 for the Citizens' Advice Bureaux in the District, leaving £54,790 to be distributed between applicants. Funding for the Citizens' Advice Bureaux was subject to an existing three year Service Level Agreement (SLA), which ended in March 2015.

The Chairman noted that the reported demonstrated that the District Council supported a number of different organisations across the District. Grants to some outside organisations were given in order to support services that the District Council may otherwise have to provide, for example the Citizens Advice Bureaux and West Kent Mediation. The Chairman requested that in June 2013 a further report be brought to the Cabinet highlighting the work that voluntary organisations provide on behalf of the Council.

Resolved: That the Grants, set out in Appendix C of the report, be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (i) that performance indicators as set out in the application forms are adhered to and monitored;
- (ii) that appropriate recognition of this Council's funding contribution is made in all their publicity; and
- (iii) where services are provided over a wider area than the District boundaries, organisations will be required to hold grant aid from this Council in a restricted fund for the benefit of Sevenoaks District residents.

(Councillor Mrs Davison was not present for consideration of this item)

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 7.30 PM

CHAIRMAN

This page is intentionally left blank

LOCAL OFFICE CONTRACT RENEWAL - SWANLEY

Cabinet – 11th April 2012

Report of the: Chief Executive Designate

Status: For Decision

Also considered by: Services Select Committee – 4th April 2013

Key Decision: Yes

Executive Summary: This report requests that the Council approve the renewal of the Local Office Contract for a further 3 years with Swanley Town Council and sets out the benefits in continuing to provide this service and highlights the risks in not doing so.

This report supports the Key Aim of Effective Management of Council Resources

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Fleming

Head of Service Head of Information and Customer Services – Jim Carrington-West

Recommendation to Service Select Committee:

That the Services Select Committee recommends to Cabinet that the Council renew the provision of a Local Office Contract for a further 3 years with Swanley Town Council based on the current contract terms and value.

Recommendation to Cabinet:

That Cabinet approves that the Council renew the provision of a Local Office Contract for a further 3 years with Swanley Town Council based on the current contract terms and value.

Reason for recommendation: A partnership agreement has existed for ten years between the Council and Swanley Town Council for the operation of services through a Local Office in Swanley. The current agreement expires on 31st March 2013 and Members approval is sought for the Council to seek to continue this arrangement and to renew the current contract to end in 31 March 2016.

Background & Introduction

- 1 The Swanley Contact and Information Centre provides information and services on tourism and Council services. The office is a joint partnership operated by the Town Council under the direction of this Council.

Agenda Item 6

- 2 Approximately 2,000 customers use the Local Office each month to access services including Benefits, Revenues, Refuse, Planning and Housing.
- 3 In addition the Local Office provides a cash payment facility (handi-till machine) and Local Office staff are trained on the Council Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system in order to directly assist with a variety of service requests.

Service Performance and Operation

- 4 Local residents value this service, as is evident from the consistently high rating and positive comments provided at monthly exit surveys. Regular Benefits surgeries run by the SDC Benefits team (using facilities provided as part of this contract) have proven to be very popular and have become essential in recent years during difficult financial times.
- 5 During 2012/13 key performance information includes:
 - Approximately 27,000 customers seen in the last 12 months
 - 80% of customers rating services as excellent or good
 - Approximately 10,000 payments received through the Handi-till machine totalling £1.1M
- 6 Working together with Swanley Town Council, the Council has developed a high quality solution to providing cost effective local access to Council services. Regular operational meetings are held with the Town Council which continue to ensure that the quality of the service provided meets the expectations of our customers.

Current Position

- 7 Feedback from customers indicates that the provision of a Local Office in Swanley is a valued service and customer satisfaction with the level of service provided remains high. Initial discussions with the Town Council indicate that they wish to continue to provide a Local Office and are willing to negotiate a new contract with the District Council.
- 8 The allocated budget from the District Council to cover the annual contract fee for provision of the service is £50,846 for 2013/14. It is therefore proposed that the Council, with the approval of Members, seek to negotiate a new contract for the estimated contract value of £155k for a period of 3 years from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2016. During initial discussions with Swanley Town Council, officers have made it clear that in light of the financial challenges the District Council is faced with, it is highly unlikely the current contract price can be increased. The approval of a contract to this value is the responsibility of Cabinet and officers will require Cabinet approval prior to the contract being signed.
- 9 For Members information, the Town Council have indicated they may explore partnership working with the County Council in the future with a view to providing a Gateway service in Swanley. It is therefore proposed that the Council include a clause in any new contract to allow the re-negotiation of the Local Office service in the event that Swanley Town Council takes up the option to operate as a Gateway.

Key Implications

Financial

- 10 It is anticipated that the renewal of the Local Office contract with Swanley Town Council would commit the Council to a contract value estimated at £155k for the next 3 years. This is in line with the current annual spend on the Local Office service of £50,846 per year.

Community Impact and Outcomes

- 11 The provision of a Local Office in Swanley provides valuable local access to Council services for residents in the north of the District. Performance data shows that the service is valued by customers with satisfaction ratings of 80%.

Legal, Human Rights etc.

- 12 An updated Partnership Agreement will need to be executed between the Town Council and the District Council subject to the recommendation of the amount of the annual fee.

Resource (non-financial)

- 13 The Council has no additional human resources available in order to operate a similar service independently to Swanley.

Equality Impacts

| Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty: | | |
|---|--------|--|
| Question | Answer | Explanation / Evidence |
| a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community? | Yes | The Swanley office provides access to Council services on a face to face basis for residents in the north of the district. Facilities are available to make secure cash payments for Council Tax & to connect customers to officers at Argyle Road, via telephone or access to Council IT systems through a trained member of staff. In addition a self service PC is available for customers to access the Council website and online applications. |
| b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity? | Yes | |
| c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above? | | |

Agenda Item 6

Conclusions

- 14 The provision of a Local Office in Swanley to enable residents in the north of the District to access Council services is valued by residents and provides a cost effective service delivery model for the Council.
- 15 It is recommended that Members approve the renewal of its contractual agreement with Swanley Town Council in line with the current agreement and value.

Risk Assessment Statement

- Failure to continue to provide District Council services via a face to face approach at Swanley may result in:
- Poor customer perception of the District Councils service provision
- Negative publicity
- An increase in District Council complaints
- Reduced use and awareness of key District Council services (e.g. Recycling, refuse collection)
- Reduced revenue streams (Handi-till cash payments)

Contact Officer(s):

Amy Wilton, Customer Services Manager
Ext. 7280

Jim Carrington-West,
Head of Information & Customer Services
Ext. 7286

Dr. Pav Ramewal
Chief Executive Designate

REVIEW OF PEST CONTROL SERVICE

Cabinet – 11 April 2013

Report of the: Chief Executive Designate

Status: For Decision

Also considered by: Social Affairs Select Committee – 26th March 2013

Executive Summary:

This report provides details on a full review of the pest control service currently provided by the Council and proposals, for consideration, for future service delivery, with effect from April 2014.

This report supports the Key Aim of Safer and Caring Communities and Greener and Healthy Environment

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Mrs Hunter

Head of Service Head of Environmental and Operational Services, Richard Wilson

Recommendation: that Cabinet consider the options for future service delivery, as outlined in the report, and determine a preferred option.

Introduction

1 Background:

Prior to 2004/5 the Pest Control Service was managed by the Environmental Health Team and in 2003/4 had a net cost (after charges) to the General Fund of £55,535.

Following a review during 2003, the service was transferred to Direct Services with effect from April 2004, with the only cost to the General Fund being £13,906, which represented a subsidy to the charges for treatment, for residents receiving means tested benefits.

The balance of the costs of the service were recovered as charges for pest control treatments.

The subsidy budget in the General Fund was gradually reduced, and by 2010/11 was only £5,903, and in 2011/12 was removed from the General Fund budget altogether, as part of budget savings.

The Service is now financially managed as a “trading account” within the Direct Services trading account budgets and is now budgeted to “break even” each year, with income from charges budgeted to cover the full expenditure. A subsidy of £20 per treatment is

Agenda Item 7

still offered to residents on means tested budgets, but this is accounted for in the trading account.

Pest control officers give free telephone advice to residents (on average two/day). They will also identify insect pests that residents send or bring in, again free of charge.

2 Past and Current Performance

2a Financial

Since the service was transferred to Direct Services in 2004/5 the annual expenditure averaged at £82,384 with annual income averaging at £69,838. Therefore, the average annual deficit on the trading account has been £12,545, in the period 2004/05 – 2011/12.

The current year (2012/13) has been a unique year in the low number of wasp nest treatments undertaken and income for wasp nest treatments is £40,758 below budget and £40,536 less than 2011/12.

At the end of February 2013 the Pest Control trading account is showing a deficit of £27,352.

A full financial breakdown for the period 2004/05 – 2012/13 is provided at Appendix “A”.

2b Number of Treatments

In the period 2004/05 – 2011/12 the number of treatments per year has averaged as follows:

| | | | Number of treatments at end of Feb 2013 as a comparison |
|------------|------------|-----|--|
| Rats | full price | 110 | 87 |
| Rats | subsidised | 49 | 8 |
| Mice | full price | 89 | 120 |
| Mice | subsidised | 42 | 7 |
| Wasp nests | full price | 661 | 157 |
| Wasp nests | subsidised | 104 | 12 |
| Other | full price | 84 | 18 |
| Other | subsidised | 12 | 3 |

A full breakdown of pest treatments for the period 2004/05 – 2012/13 is provided in Appendix “A”.

2c Charges

Charges are reviewed annually. The current charge for rats is £90; the current charge for mice is £115 and the current charge for wasp nests is £52. The subsidy currently offered

Agenda Item 7

for residents on means tested benefits is £20 per treatment. Previously, treatments for those on means tested benefits were provided free, and in 2008/09 this was reduced to a 50% discount only. In 2011/12 the £20 maximum discount was introduced as an incentive to retain this income for residents who may choose not to have a treatment at all, if they had to pay the full charge, creating potential pest control issues for themselves and neighbours.

A full breakdown of Pest Control charges for the period 2004/05 – 2012/13 is provided in appendix 'A'.

Comparison of SDC charges with neighbouring authorities:

| | <u>Rats (£)</u> | <u>Mice (£)</u> | <u>Wasps (£)</u> |
|--------------|---|---|---------------------|
| SDC | 90 | 115 | 52 |
| Dartford BC | Free | 55 | 55 |
| T&MBC | 84 | 84 | 41 |
| Gravesham BC | 43 | 43 | No service provided |
| TWBC | Free service, but only to residents on means tested benefits. | Free service, but only to residents on means tested benefits. | No service provided |

It can be seen from the above that neighbouring authorities provide a greater level of subsidy, in general, than this Council.

Comparison of SDC charges with private companies operating in the District:

| | <u>Rats (£)</u> | <u>Mice (£)</u> | <u>Wasps (£)</u> |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| SDC | 90 | 115 | 52 |
| Company 1 | By quote | by quote | 105 |
| Company 2 | from £25 per visit | from £25 per visit | from £35 per visit |
| Company 3 | 108 | 108 | 45 |
| Company 4 | 198 | 198 | seasonal price |
| Company 5 | 80 | 80 | 45 |

3 Reason for Review

In 2010/11 the Pest Control trading account made a deficit of £16,409. It was, therefore, considered necessary to review the financial risk attached to delivering the service in the future, but based on a 3 year cycle (2011/12 – 2013/14). A commitment was given to the two directly employed pest control officers to continue providing the service until at least March 2014, with a view to seeing if the service could financially “break even” over a three year period.

In 2011/12 the deficit was minimal (£1,874) but with the very low number of wasp nest treatments in 2012 it is likely that the account will be in a deficit of approx. £30,000 by the end of 2012/13 (at end of February it is in deficit of £27,352).

Agenda Item 7

The number of wasp nest treatments in 2012 was 169 compared with 819 in 2011 and an average number for the period 2004/05 – 2011/12 of 765.

Although the commitment to the two staff members to continue the service until at least March 2014 stands, it will not be possible for the service to show a break-even position for the three years, 2011/12 – 2013/14 (due to the forecasted deficit in 2012/13).

Although the Council offers a pest control service at the present time, and has done for many years, it is not a statutory duty to provide and residents can choose to use private contractors as an alternative provider.

It is, therefore, considered appropriate to consider options for this service for the period after March 2014.

Options for Future Service Delivery

- 1 To continue the service as existing, maximising income by charges and additional commercial sector work, whilst remaining competitive, but accepting that the service will produce a net deficit on the trading accounts of an average of £12,000 per annum.
- 2 Expose the service to competitive tender with a view to accepting the most advantageous tender to the Council. The Direct Services Pest Control operation would be eligible to submit a tender. Charges would be set by the successful contractor and they would retain all income. The Council's successful contractor would be passed all enquiries made to the Council regarding pest control treatments.

If this option was chosen there would be no requirement to accept any tender if the lowest price was considered too high, and one of the other options could be considered. If this option was chosen, it would be possible to have a contract in place by April 2014, but the tender process would have to start this summer.

- 3 To discontinue the service as existing, but if one or both of the existing operatives indicated they wished to provide a pest control service to the Council support could be provided to help them establish as a mutual and to operate as a private company.

The Council would then be required to carry out a procurement process which would be open to all pest control service providers, including the newly formed employee mutual, to establish a list of "preferred suppliers". As the Council would no longer provide its own pest control service any residents that required such a service would be referred to the Council's list of "preferred suppliers" from which residents would be able to approach to provide them with the service they require.

It would be for the mutual to set their own charges for pest control treatments and to offer a competitive service to residents to become a preferred supplier and to secure business from residents. Any decision to offer subsidies to residents on means tested benefits would also rest with the new company, although such a

requirement could be included in the procurement specification to become a preferred supplier.

It is considered, however, that if a procurement process was the “preferred” option, option 2 would be the preferred procurement option, allowing the Direct Service operation to be market tested against private contractors.

- 4 Cease delivery of pest control services altogether. Enquiries to the Council regarding pest control services would be referred to the private sector alone (yellow pages, web sites, etc) without suggesting a preferred contractor.

Shared working with other Local Authorities has been explored, but there doesn't appear to be any opportunities at the present time.

Consultation

The two pest control officers and their Manager at Direct Services have been fully consulted on the reasons for the review and the options being proposed for the future of the service.

Since April 2012 the two operatives have agreed to work a 4 day week to reduce expenditure. However, their working hours are annualised to ensure full time working will be undertaken if required in the busy summer months. The staff have been highly co-operative in seeking ways to reduce expenditure and increase income by seeking private commercial pest control contracts.

The main cost of the service is salaries, transport costs and pesticides, etc.

Key Implications

Financial

The average annual deficit on the pest control trading account has been £12,000 in the period 2004/05 – 2011/12. The estimated deficit in 2012/13 is approx. £30,000.

Despite this forecasted deficit on the Pest Control account in 2012/13, it is being absorbed within the overall Direct Services trading accounts which are forecast to produce a surplus slightly higher than budget.

If it was determined to cease delivering the service in-house, as existing, the redundancy costs at March 2014 would be approx. £27,800. Any redundancy costs would be taken from the earmarked reorganisation reserve.

Agenda Item 7

Community Impact and Outcomes

If it was determined to cease providing the service in-house, as existing, it is unlikely that free advice would be available to residents on pest issues. Equally, it is not certain that discounts for pest control treatments for residents on means tested benefits would be available. This may mean many pest control issues would go untreated, creating pest control issues for residents and neighbours.

The Pest Control service currently has very high satisfaction rates from customer surveys. On the last survey this was a 98% satisfaction rate.

Legal, Human Rights etc.

The Council has no statutory duty to provide a pest control service. The Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 places a duty on every local authority to take such steps as may be necessary to secure as far as practicable that their district is kept free from rats and mice and in particular :-

- (a) carry out such inspections as may be necessary for this purpose;
- (b) to destroy rats and mice on land of which they are the occupier and so far as practicable keep it free rats and mice;
- (c) to enforce the duties of owners and occupiers of landand carry such operations as are authorised by those provisions.

This duty would be fulfilled by Environmental Health staff.

If the service was “contracted out”, the Transfer of Undertakings, Protection of Employment, TUPE legislation would apply, and the existing in-house staff would be eligible to transfer employment to the new “undertaker”.

Equality Impacts

Ceasing delivery of the service in-house, as existing, may have a detrimental effect on residents receiving means tested benefits, as discounts for pest control treatments may not be available. This may lead to infestation by pests remaining untreated for families on low income. Many treatments are undertaken for elderly residents, though not financially dependant on benefits, who value the council’s service as trustworthy and offering value for money.

Conclusions

There is no statutory duty to provide a pest control treatment service, although the Council does have duties under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.

Over the past eight years, despite the best efforts of the staff to reduce expenditure and increase income, the trading account, on average, has an annual deficit of £12,000.

Income is seasonal, and very much dependant on the wasp nest season.

This is a service that in 2003/04 had a net expenditure of £55,000 on the General Fund, which is now reduced to an annual average deficit of £12,000, on the trading accounts.

The current in-house service provides free advice on pest control issues, which may not be continued if the existing in-house service delivery ceases.

Unless the Service is ceased completely, it is clear that whether the service is delivered in-house or by a contractor, an element of Council subsidy will remain.

Risk Assessment Statement

The current financial risk associated with the existing in-house service delivery is approx. £12,000 per annum, which can increase in individual years depending on the seasonal demand for pest treatments. Of course, this amount could decrease.

Ceasing the existing in-house service, may result in a reduced pest control service being available to residents.

Appendices: Appendix A – Financial, Treatment and Charges Schedule
2004/05 – 2012/13.

Background Papers: Pest Control Trading Accounts, 2004/05 - 2012/13
Pest Control Performance Information, 2004/05 – 2012/13

Contact Officer(s): Richard Wilson
01959 567351 / ext 7262

Dr Pav Ramewal – Chief Executive Designate

This page is intentionally left blank

FINANCIAL

| | £ Expenditure | Income | | | | £ nett cost |
|---------------------|------------------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|-------------|
| | | Rodents | Wasps | Subsidy | Contracts | |
| 2004/05 | 78,029 | 13,493 | 41,594 | 13,906 | 2,106 | -6,930 |
| 2005/06 | 77,169 | 23,111 | 12,985 | 11,615 | 3,498 | -25,960 |
| 2006/07 | 76,763 | 24,558 | 19,993 | 13,680 | 5,963 | -12,569 |
| 2007/08 | 84,710 | 27,676 | 39,322 | 18,917 | 6,892 | +8,097 |
| 2008/09 | 90,207 | 18,439 | 30,835 | 7,684 | 7,600 | -25,649 |
| 2009/10 | 85,079 | 15,963 | 37,582 | 5,876 | 6,588 | -19,070 |
| 2010/11 | 86,968 | 17,207 | 40,159 | 5,903 | 7,290 | -16,409 |
| 2011/12 | 80,144 | 18,142 | 51,108 | 0 | 9,020 | -1,874 |
| 2012/13 (Feb) | 69,741 | 22,662 | 10,572 | 0 | 9,155 | -27,352 |
| 2013/14 (Budget) | 80,267 | 20,000 | 49,367 | 0 | 10,900 | 0 |

(An "-" indicates a deficit)

TREATMENTS

| | Rats | | Mice | | Wasps | | Other | |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Full price | Subsidised | Full price | Subsidised | Full price | Subsidised | Full price | Subsidised |
| 2004/05 | 147 | 63 | 125 | 71 | 1052 | 212 | 101 | 18 |
| 2005/06 | 160 | 75 | 137 | 63 | 343 | 57 | 76 | 21 |
| 2006/07 | 89 | 65 | 81 | 54 | 688 | 98 | 101 | 13 |
| 2007/08 | 133 | 107 | 143 | 105 | 801 | 156 | 144 | 24 |
| 2008/09 | 86 | 30 | 47 | 18 | 438 | 66 | 58 | 6 |
| 2009/10 | 55 | 17 | 35 | 6 | 563 | 90 | 60 | 4 |
| 2010/11 | 104 | 19 | 68 | 17 | 643 | 90 | 79 | 6 |
| 2011/12 | 80 | 16 | 76 | 5 | 758 | 61 | 55 | 4 |
| 2012/13 (Feb) | 87 | 8 | 120 | 7 | 157 | 12 | 18 | 3 |

CHARGE SCHEDULE

| | £ Rats | £ Mice | £ Wasps |
|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| 2004/05 | 35 | 50 | 39 |
| 2005/06 | 60 | 75 | 45 |
| 2006/07 | 60 | 75 | 45 |
| 2007/08 | 70 | 88 | 49 |
| 2008/09 | 74 | 94 | 52 |
| 2009/10 | 76 | 97 | 54 |
| 2010/11 | 76 | 97 | 50 |
| 2011/12 | 90 | 115 | 52 |
| 2012/13 | 90 | 115 | 52 |
| 2013/14 (proposed) | 100 | 120 | 55 |

This page is intentionally left blank

DECLARATION OF AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS

Cabinet – 11th April

Report of the: Chief Executive Designate

Status: For Decision

Also considered by: Environment Select Committee – 19th March 2013

Key Decision: Yes

Executive Summary: This report confirms the results of the detailed Air Quality Assessment report that was completed in 2012 and the outcome of the public consultation carried out in February 2013. It recommends that the existing Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) along the A25 are merged and replaced by one AQMA running the length of the A25 based on monitored exceedances of the nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) annual mean objective and that an additional AQMA is declared at the junction of Birchwood Road and London Road, Swanley.

This report supports the Key Aim of the Community Plan of a green and healthy environment.

Portfolio Holder Cllr Mrs A Hunter

Head of Service Head of Environmental and Operational Services – Mr Richard Wilson

Recommendation:

It be RESOLVED that orders be declared to extend the following Air Quality Management Areas to include the following

- a) The existing Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) along the A25 are merged and replaced by one AQMA running the length of the A25 based on monitored exceedances of the air quality nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) annual mean objective.
- b) An additional AQMA is declared at the junction of Birchwood Road and London Road, Swanley.

The geographical locations of these AQMAs are defined in Appendix A to this report.

Background

Agenda Item 8

1. Sevenoaks District Council Currently has eleven Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's). The first of these were declared in 2002 for fine particles (PM10) and Nitrogen dioxide [NO₂] along the routes of the M20, M25, M26, A20 (T), A21, and at the junction of the A25 and A224 at Riverhead.
2. Following a detailed assessment in 2006, five further AQMA's were declared as a result of traffic related NO₂ levels identified in excess of national air quality objectives. These are B2173 Swanley - London Road (East), High Street, Bartholomew Way and parts of Central town area; A25 Seal – High Street; A225 Sevenoaks – High Street ; A25 Westerham – High Street, Market Square, Vicarage Hill, London Road (A233) and A25 Sevenoaks – Bat & Ball junction with A225. During 2007 the boundaries of existing AQMA's in Sevenoaks, Riverhead, Dunton Green and Farningham were extended because of traffic related exceedance of NO₂.
3. Local authorities are required to carry out regular review and assessments of air quality in their areas. As part of this statutory requirement, the Environmental Health team undertook an Updating and Screening Assessment in 2012 which highlighted several roadside monitoring sites along the A25 as having levels of nitrogen dioxide in excess of objective levels and made recommendations for further AQMA's to be declared. Of these sites, two have been identified as being at levels where the objective is likely to be breached at the nearest residential dwelling. These locations are at the junction of Chart Lane and the High Street in Brasted and Amherst Hill in Riverhead where levels were recorded at 55 µg/m³ and 48 µg/m³ respectively. (Compared to the 40 µg/m³ annual average air quality objective). The proposed extended AQMA contains an additional 254 properties.
4. An Updating and Screening Assessment carried out by the District Council in 2009, identified an area at the junction of Birchwood Road and London Road in Swanley that was at risk of exceeding the annual mean nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) objective. As a result a Detailed Assessment of this junction was carried out in December 2011 to confirm whether or not the objective was exceeded and to estimate the extent of any area that does exceed the air quality objective. The Detailed Assessment estimated the levels of NO₂ to be 57 µg/m³ at the worst affected property and therefore confirmed the need to designate an AQMA at this junction. The proposed AQMA contains 22 residential properties.

Maps showing the location of the proposed AQMA are attached as an appendix to this report. A full list of current and proposed AQMA's is detailed in Appendix A.

Consultation

5. Public and statutory consultation has been carried out in accordance with statutory guidance. A summary of comments received is shown in Appendix B.

Proposed Air Quality Management Areas

6. It is proposed that the four existing AQMA's along the A25 at Seal, Bat & Ball, Riverhead and Westerham are revoked and merged into a single AQMA running the length of the District from the border with Tonbridge and Malling in the East to the border with Tandridge in the West. This new AQMA will incorporate the new areas of identified exceedance in Brasted and Riverhead.

7. It is also proposed that an additional AQMA is declared at the junction of Birchwood Road and London Road, Swanley.
8. An Action Plan for these extended areas will be incorporated into the current Air Quality Action Plan 2009 for the existing AQMAs and submitted to DEFRA within 12 – 18 months of the declaration, with annual progress reports thereafter.

Other Options Considered and/or Rejected

9. Where a local authority identifies that any part of its area is unlikely to meet a prescribed air quality objective, it has a mandatory duty to designate by Order Air Quality Management Areas. As a result of identifying breaches of air quality objectives at Riverhead and Brasted, the District Council is required to designate these areas as new AQMAs or amend existing AQMAs to incorporate these areas. It is felt that merging the existing A25 AQMAs into one would lead to benefits in terms of action planning and administration and would be more cost effective than keep declaring individual new areas along the road.
10. As a result of identifying breaches of air quality objectives at the junction of London Road and Birchwood Road Swanley, the District Council is required to designate this area as a new AQMA. This is a small area with localised traffic conditions and it is therefore felt that this should be designated as a separate AQMA from the existing AQMA in Swanley.

Key Implications

Financial

11. The monitoring required and preparation of action plans relating to the further extended AQMAs can be met from within existing budgeted resources.

Community Impact and Outcomes

12. NO₂ has been identified as having various adverse health effects particularly on the respiratory system and in both asthmatics and non-asthmatics. Short term exposure to this pollutant can increase the likelihood of reaction to allergens such as pollen and has been known to increase asthma in some people. Children exposed to this pollutant may have increased risk of respiratory infections.
13. These levels are regularly monitored by the Environmental Protection Team, the main cause being pollution from vehicle emissions. Councils have a duty to produce a plan that outlines the action that they are able to take on a local level.

Legal, Human Rights etc.

14. The Environment Act 1995 places a statutory duty on Local Authorities to review air quality within their Districts. If it appears that air quality objectives prescribed in the Regulations and the National Air Quality Strategy are not likely to be achieved, then the Local Authority must designate the affected areas as Air Quality Management Areas.

Equality Impacts

Agenda Item 8

15. The decision being made or recommended through this paper does not have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community. The declaration of AQMA's is based on incidental pollution levels and increased levels may cause a minor effect on persons suffering from respiratory difficulties.
16. The decision being made through this paper does not have the potential to promote equality of opportunity. It is a legislative requirement that a local authority declares an AQMA when a national objective level has been exceeded.
17. By declaring Air Quality Management Areas, and delivering an associated action plan, the local authority is effectively taking all possible steps within in their power to manage pollution levels in their district.

Sustainability Checklist

18. A sustainability checklist has been undertaken.

Conclusions

It is a statutory duty to review air quality in the District and where it appears that any national air quality objective is not likely to be achieved, the Local Authority must designate the affected areas as AQMAs.

Risk Assessment Statement

Failure to comply with legislation as outlined above, may lead to action against the Council by the Secretary of State under the powers contained in the Environment Act 1995, or may result in a judicial review on complaint to the courts.

Appendices

Appendix A – AQMA Maps – original areas and proposed areas.

Appendix B – Consultation Documentation

Background Papers:

Updating and Screening Assessment 2009
Sevenoaks District Council.

Detailed Assessment 2011 Kings College
Environmental Research Group.

Updating and Screening Assessment 2012
Sevenoaks District Council.

Contact Officer(s):

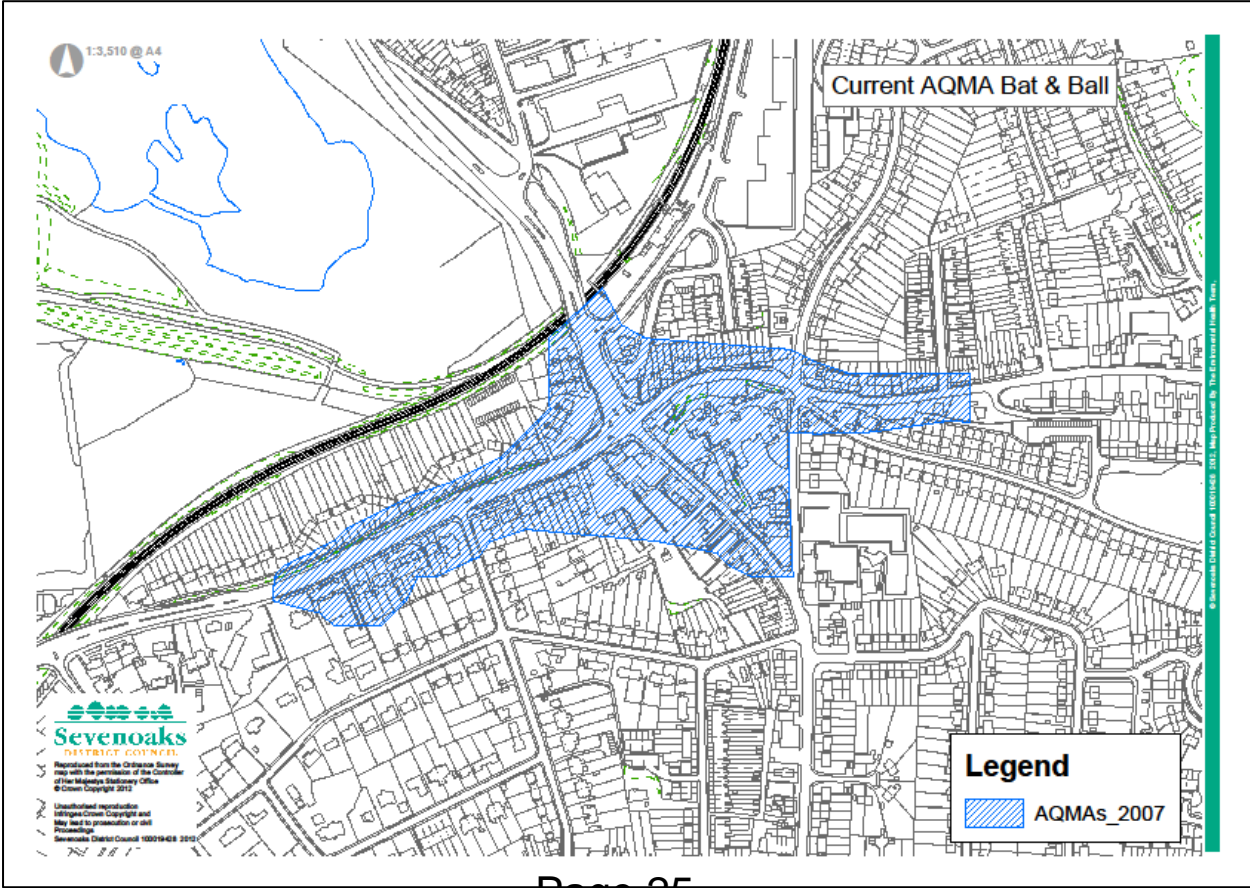
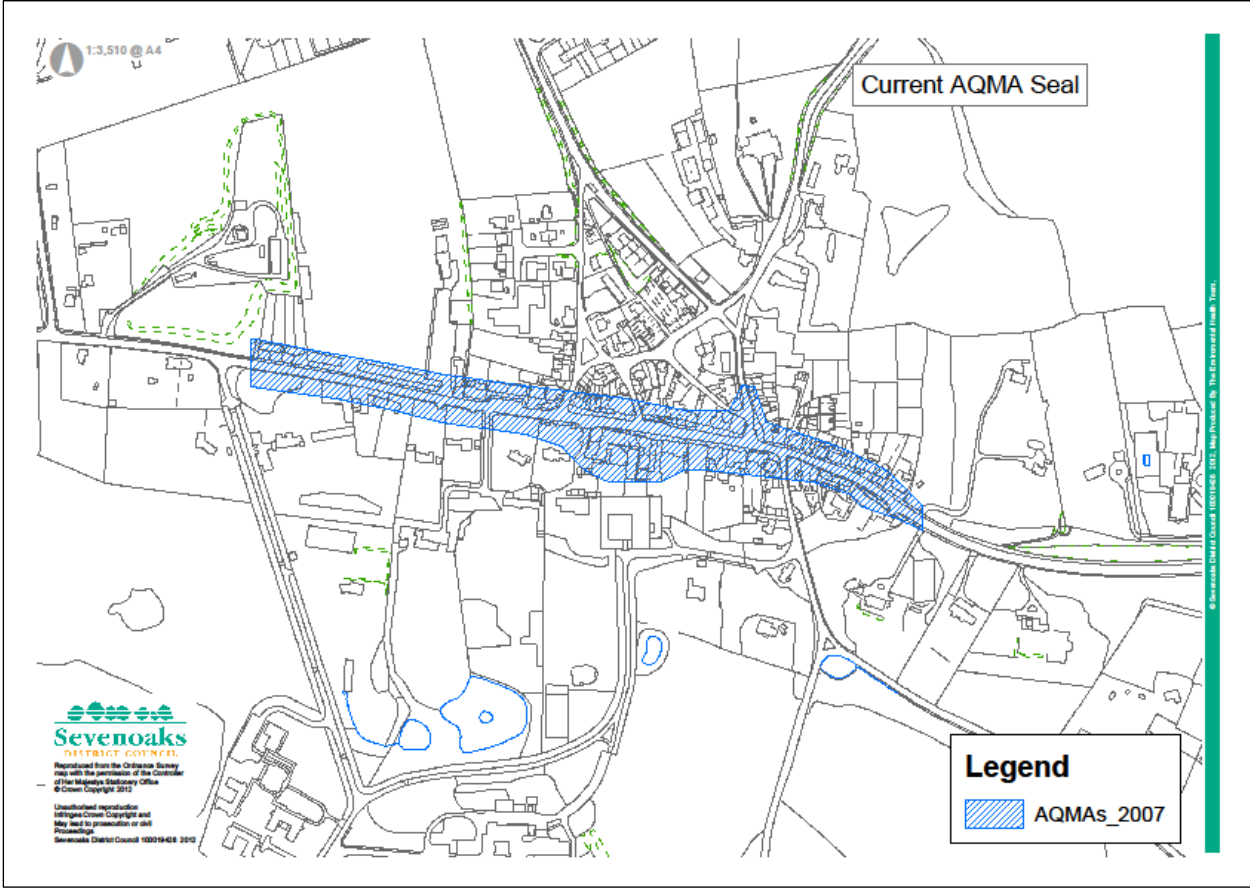
Annie Sargent Ext 3085

Alex Dawson Ext 3129

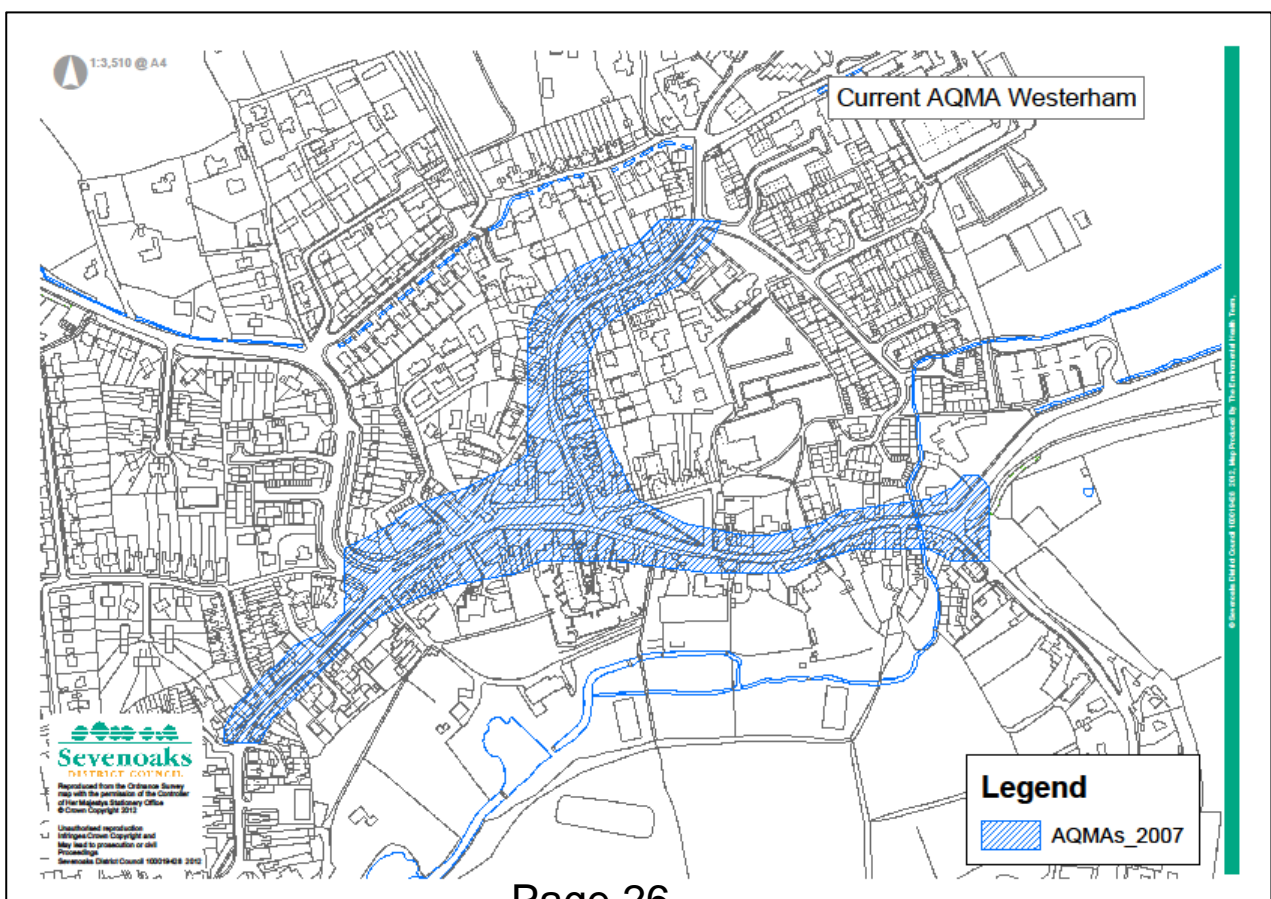
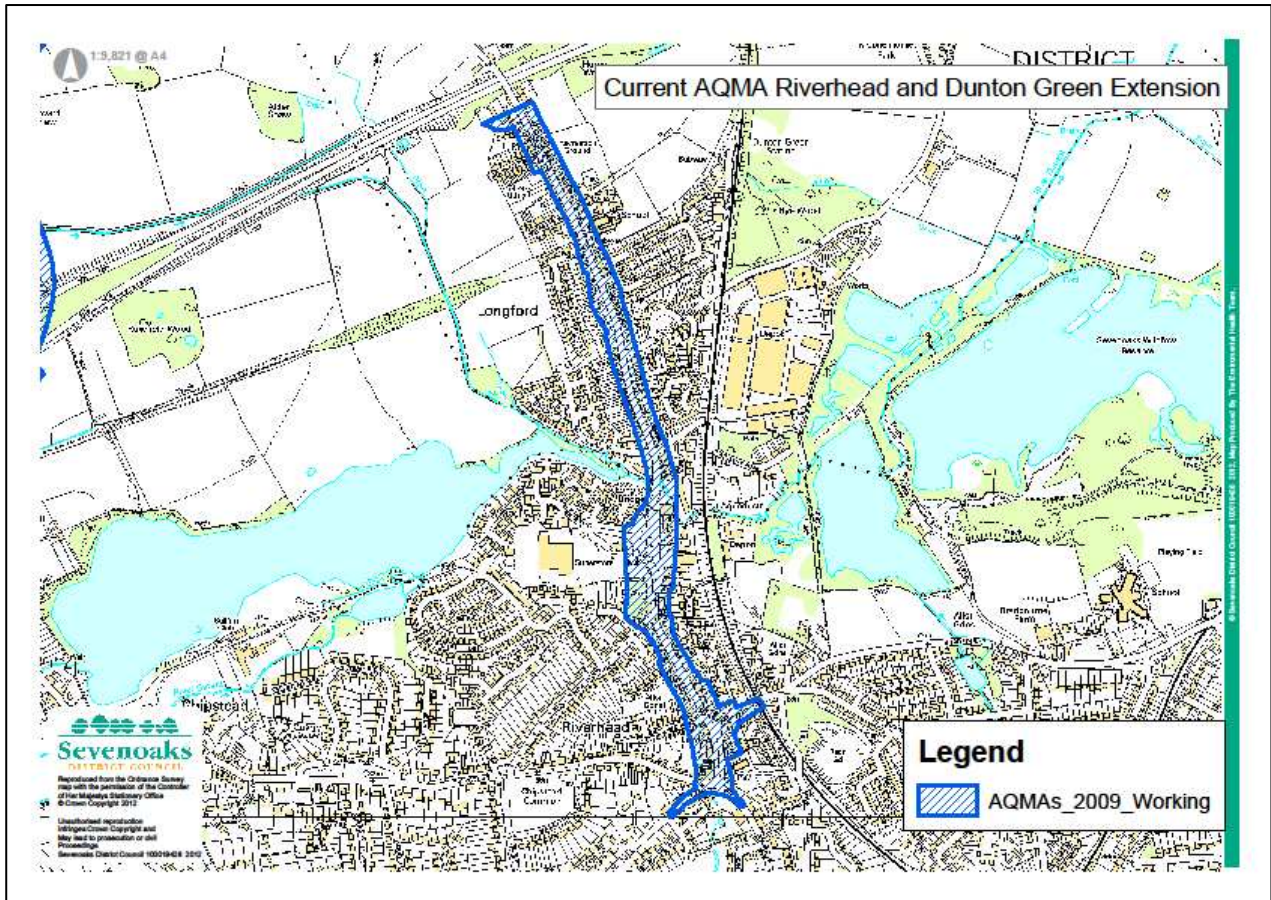
James Fox Ext 3250

Dr Pav Ramewal
Chief Executive Designate

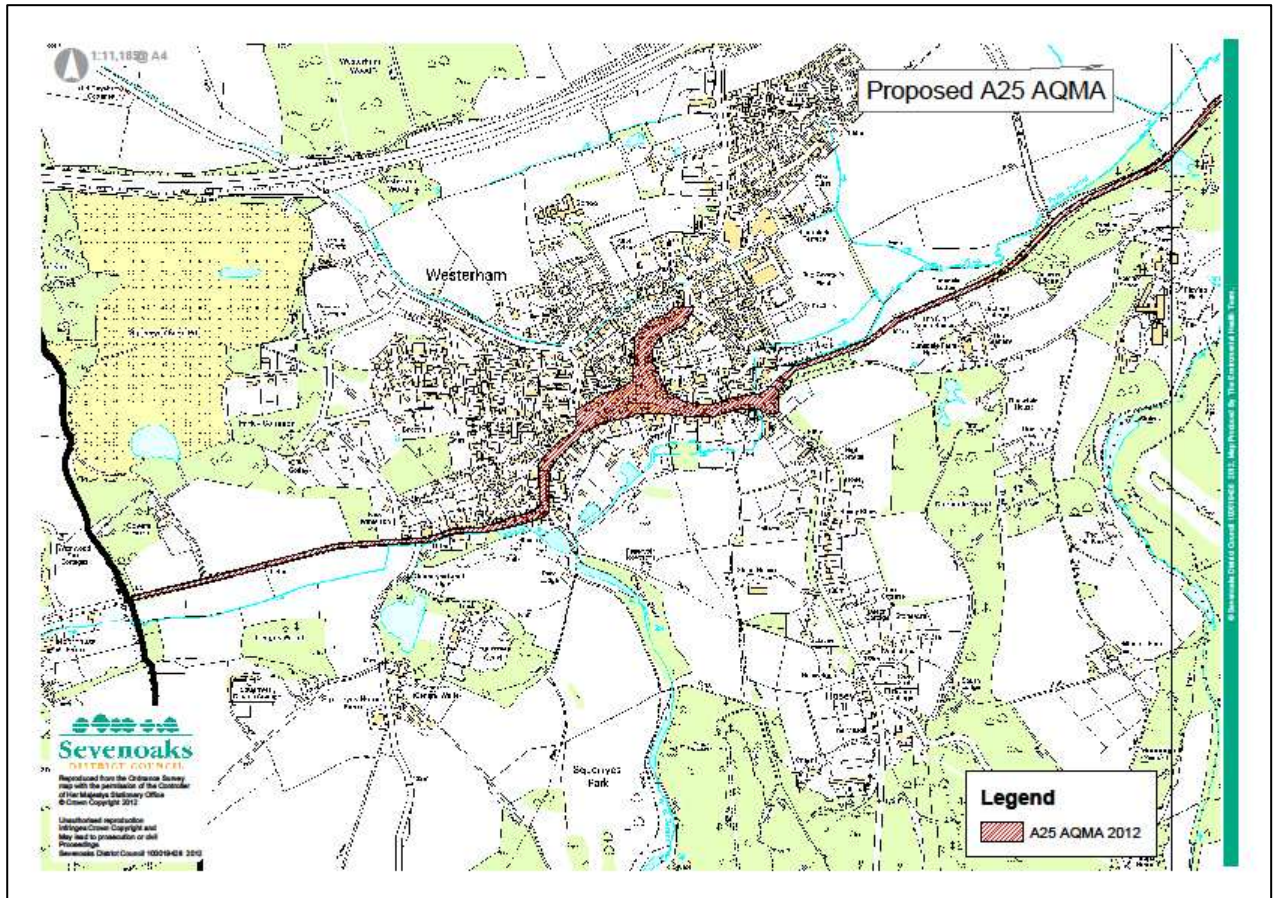
This page is intentionally left blank



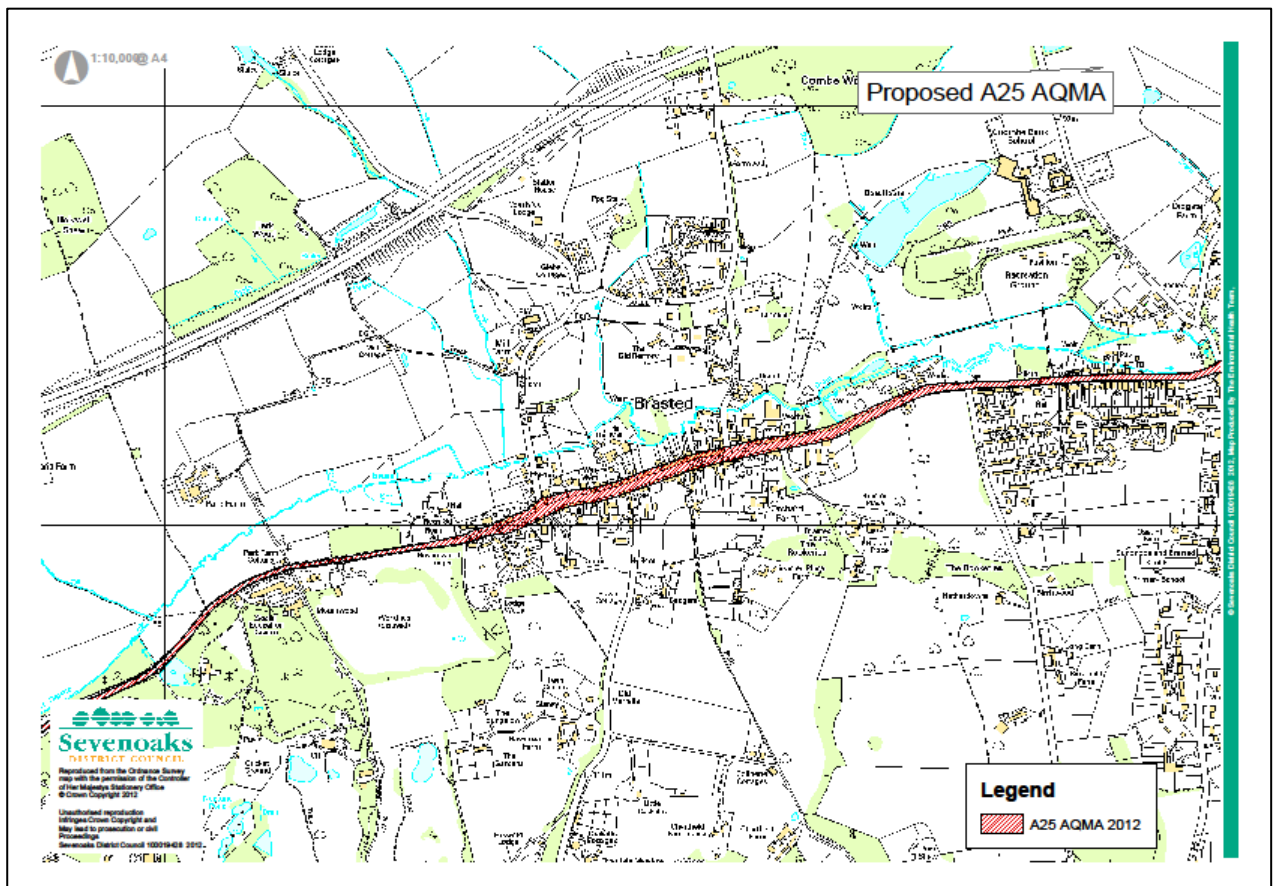
Agenda Item 8
Appendix A Current A25 AQMAs



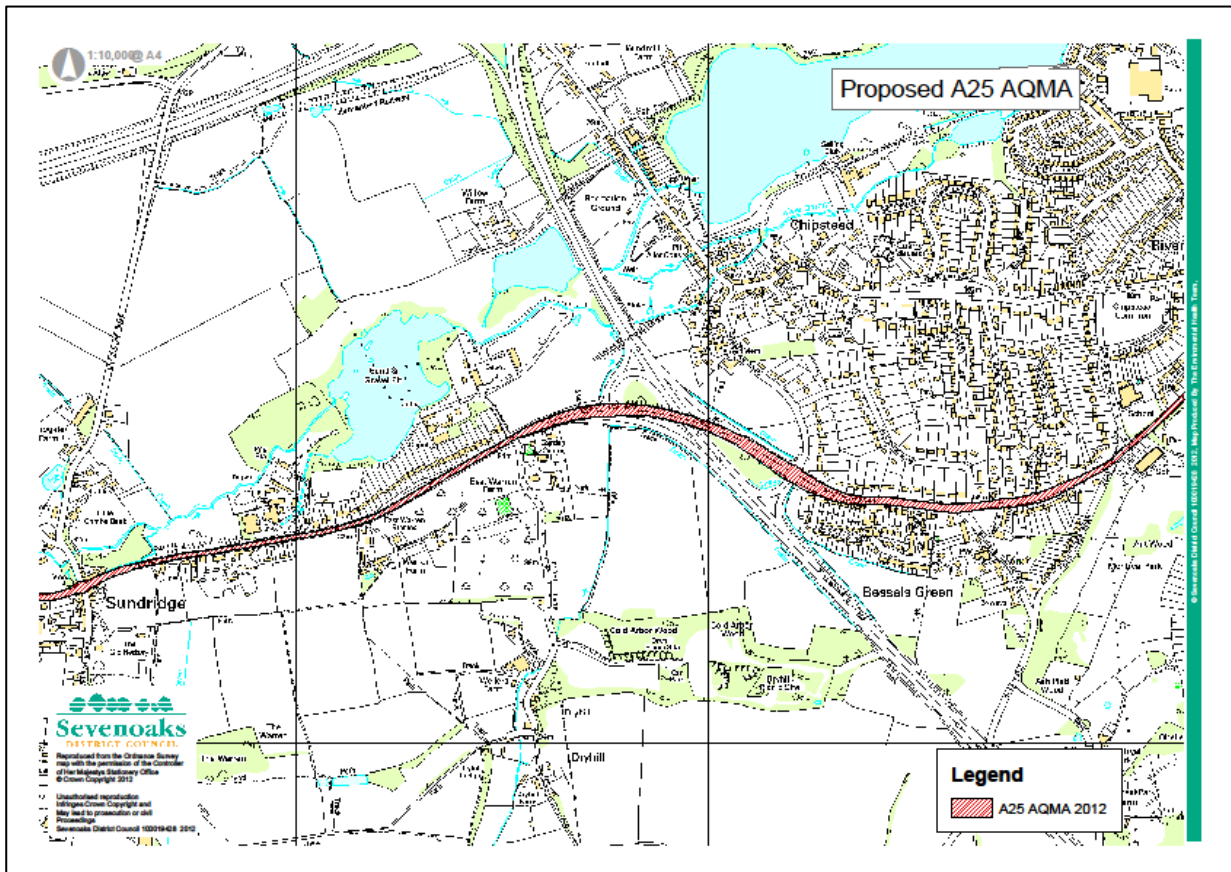
Map 1



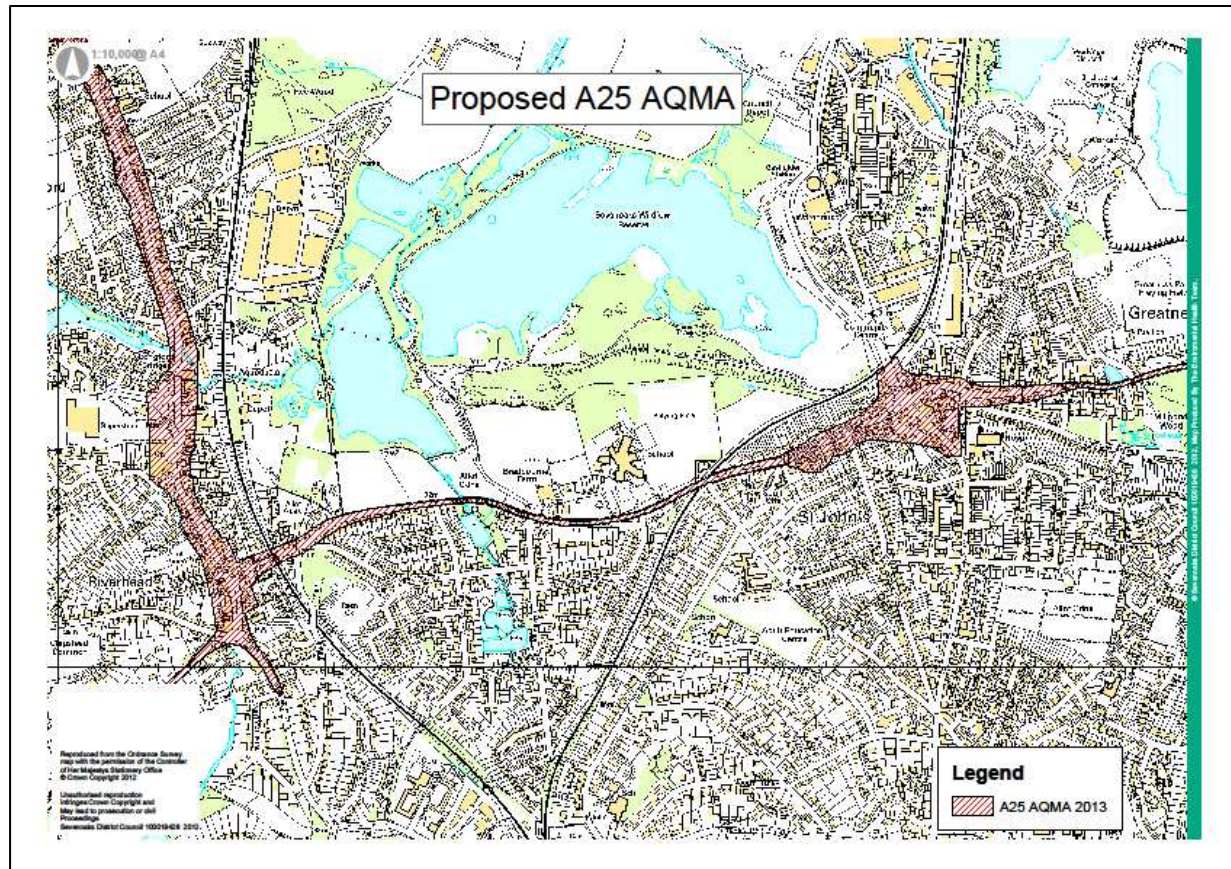
Map 2



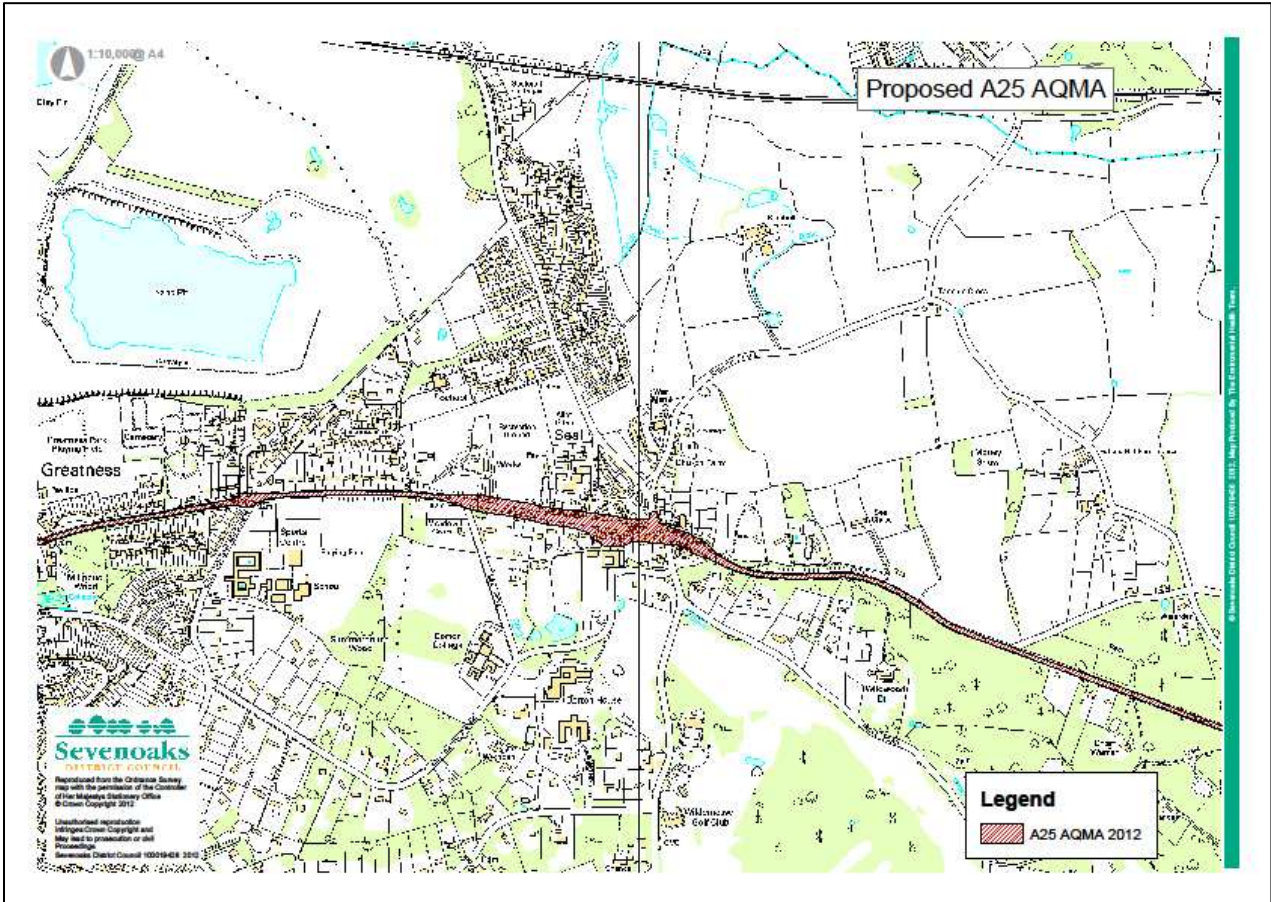
Map 3



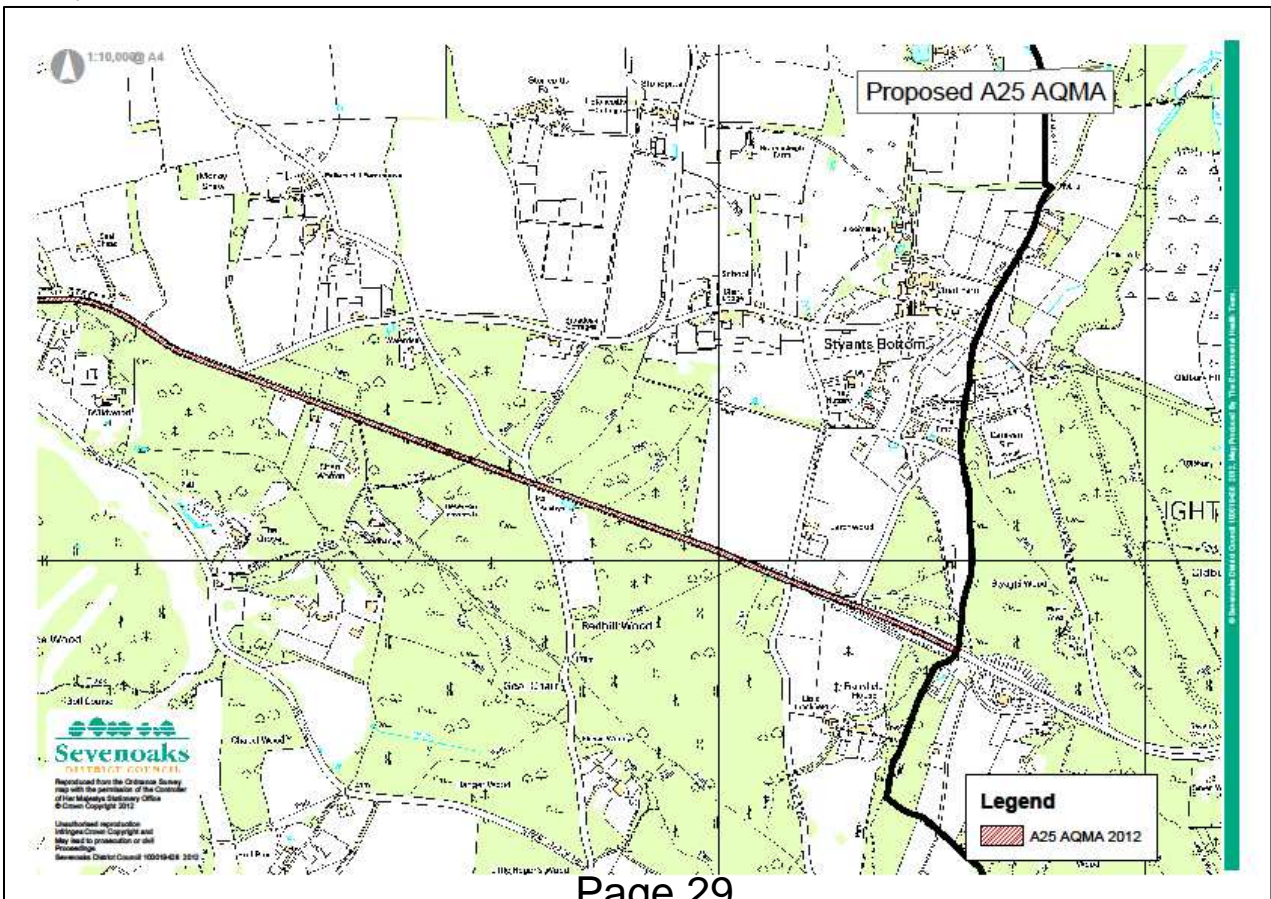
Map 4



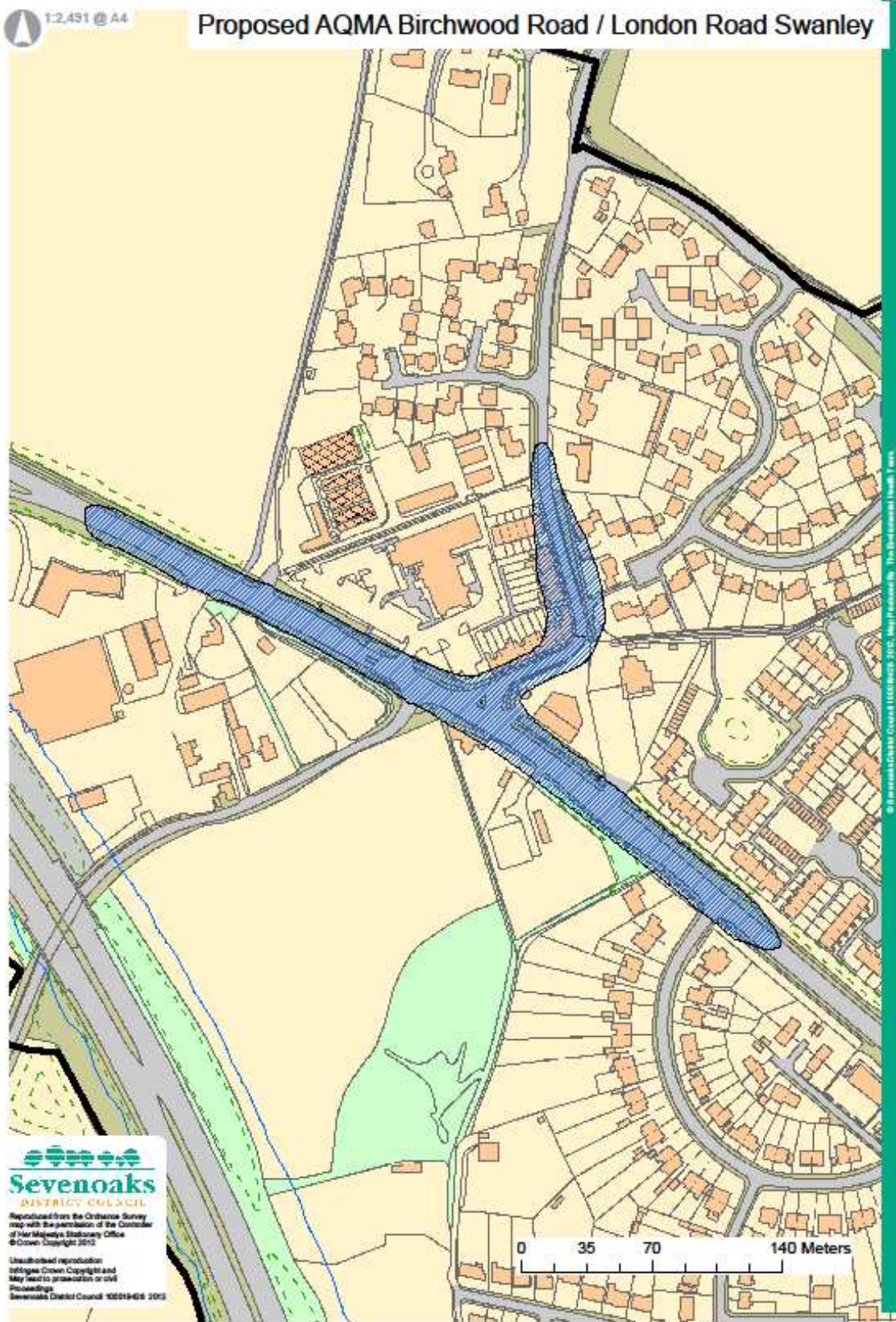
Map 5



Map 6



This page is intentionally left blank



This page is intentionally left blank

List of Existing and Proposed AQMAs

| Existing Air Quality Management Areas | Proposed Air Quality Management Areas |
|---|---|
| AQMA 1 M20 - from Junction 3 of the M25 to the district boundary with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council (6.9 miles). | Remain the same |
| AQMA 2 M25 - County border with Surrey to district border with Dartford, including Junctions 3, 4 and 5 and the extension of Junction 5 to connect with the A25 at Bessel's Green (13.5 miles). | Remain the same |
| AQMA 3 M26 - from junction 5 of the M25 to the district boundary with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council (5.6 miles). | Remain the same |
| AQMA 4 A20 (T) Swanley Bypass - from junction 3 of the M25 to the district boundary with the London Borough of Bromley (2.7miles). | Remain the same |
| AQMA 5 A25 Riverhead - between its northern and southern junctions with the A224 (155m). | Revoked and merged into new AQMA |
| AQMA 6 M25 - Junction 5 to Kent / Surrey border | Remain the same |
| AQMA 8 B2173 Swanley – London Road (East); High Street; Bartholomew Way and parts of Central town area for NO2 | Remain the same |
| AQMA 9 A25 Seal – High Street for NO2 | Revoked and merged into new AQMA |
| AQMA 10 A225 Sevenoaks – High Street for NO2 | Remain the same |
| AQMA 11 A25 Westerham – High Street; Market Square; Vicarage Hill; London Road (A233) for NO2 | Revoked and merged into new AQMA |
| AQMA 12 A25 Sevenoaks – Bat & Ball junction with A225 for NO2 | Revoked and merged into new AQMA |
| | AQMA 13 A25 from district boundary with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council to district boundary with Tandridge District Council. For NO2 |
| | AQMA 14 Junction of London Road and Birchwood Road Swanley for NO2 |
| | |
| Total = 11 | Total = 9 |

This page is intentionally left blank

Consultation Comments Summary

239 consultation letters were sent out to residents and local businesses in the proposed A25 AQMA 1 response were received.

23 letters were sent out to residents and local businesses within the proposed Swanley AQMA 1 response was received.

Consultation Letters were also sent out to the statutory consultees, Town and Parish Councils

Comments are summarised below:

| Consultee | Comments |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Resident, Swanley | I have long asked that HGVs be banned from using this section of road. This would reduce the air pollution hugely, particularly at peak times, when they often have to wait a considerable time for a gap in the oncoming traffic, in order to get round the bend . |
| Councillor Fittock, Swanley | I fully support the proposals for the new zone. I would suggest that an introduction of a 30 mile speed limit along London Road from Birchwood Corner to the Town Centre might help to prevent the bunching of traffic at the Birchwood traffic lights. This would also give weight to the call for speed limits on that section of road following a recent fatality. It would also conform with the 30MPH limit that is already in place in London Road to the East of the town centre. This would be a comparatively affordable win and would have local support though might be a challenge to enforce without other traffic calming measures. |
| Sundridge and Ide Hill Parish Council | We are concerned regarding the air quality and would support pollution studies which will prove the case. We would welcome any further information to aid in this matter. |
| Resident, Riverhead | Air quality deteriorates on the A25 Bradbourne Vale Road outside our property when the traffic is congested and backs up from the Riverhead roundabout. You asked for any comments or suggestions regarding the consultation and we would like to make the following:- |

| | |
|--|---|
| | <p>1. Additional signage discouraging HGVs from using the A25</p> <p>2. Designating the A25 a Low Emission Zone</p> |
| Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council | <p>Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council (TMBC) share many strategic busy roads with Sevenoaks District Council (SDC); most notably the A25, M20, M26 and A20. It follows that the traffic related air quality problem along these roads are interlinked between the two Authorities. As a result we would like to take this opportunity to set up closer joint working relationship between air quality officers of TMBC and those of SDC. This is in accordance with actions from our Air Quality Action Plan to ensure close working relationships with our neighbouring local authorities. In light of TMBC's own recent consultation on declaration of a proposed AQMA in Borough Green, the need for joint working in terms of traffic on the A25 is of the utmost important.</p> |
| Westerham Town Council | <p>Westerham Town Council discussed the AQMA consultation letter at the Planning and Development Committee meeting today, they had no comments to make on this consultation.</p> |
| Natural England | <p>Natural England does not have any comment to make on the aforementioned consultation.</p> |
| Friends of the Earth Sevenoaks Local Group | <p>As coordinator of the Friends of the Earth Sevenoaks Local Group we would welcome the suggestion that the A 25 be declared an Air Quality Management Area. However we wondered how this would be monitored. Given the cost of fixed monitoring points would it be possible to organise mobile monitoring? I understand that this is used in London.</p> <p>We note the intended efforts of the District Council to encourage energy-saving and decrease car use. We would be interested to know which practical actions are underway to implement these.</p> |

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| | |
| Kent County Council | Kent Highways and our Kent Transport Policy Team are satisfied with the proposal for the designation. |

This page is intentionally left blank

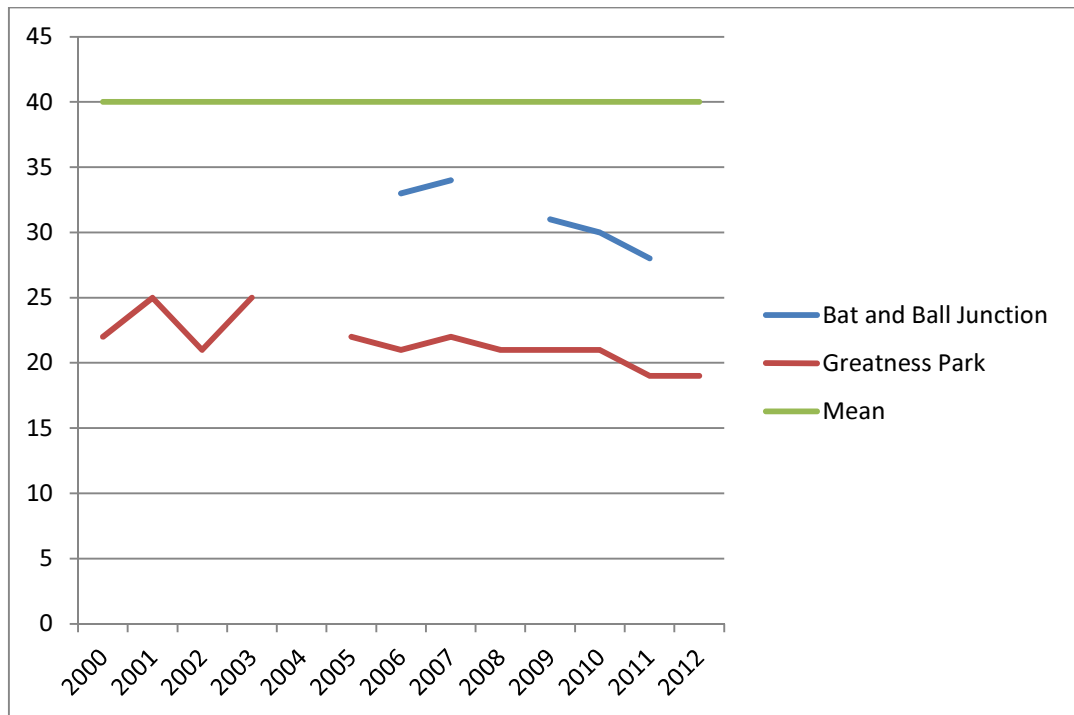
Sevenoaks District Council Air Quality Monitoring Data 2012

Nitrogen Dioxide

Results of Automatic Monitoring for Nitrogen Dioxide: Comparison with Annual Mean Objective

| Location | Annual mean concentrations ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| Bat and Ball Junction | | | | | | | 33 | 34 | - | 31 | 30 | 28 | - |
| Greatness Park | 22 | 25 | 21 | 25 | | 22 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 19 | 19 |

Trends in Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide Concentration Measured at Automatic Monitoring Sites.



Agenda Item 8
Appendix F

Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Sevenoaks)

| Site Number | Site Location | All results in ug/m-3 | | NO2 annual objective 40ug/m-3 | | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| 3 | Garvock Drive. Sev | | | | | 15.8 | 13.7 | 15.3 |
| 2 | High Street. South 1 | 59.6 | 61.1 | 60.2 | 62.8 | 63.7 | 64.1 | 66.1 |
| 27 | High Street. South 2 School Sev | 47 | 46.3 | 44 | 44.3 | 46.7 | 46.2 | 46 |
| 28 | High Street North 2 | 48.6 | 48.7 | 48.3 | 49.6 | 50.4 | 48.2 | 52.9 |
| 29 | High Street North 3 Seal Hollow Jcn | 37.1 | 35.9 | 36.2 | 33.2 | 31.6 | 31.2 | 34.3 |
| 48 (16) | London Road 48 | 40.5 | 37.2 | 32.5 | 35.1 | 35.5 | 37.6 | 36.6 |
| 49 | London Road 49 | | 37.9 | 34.6 | 37.6 | 36.5 | 36.4 | 34 |
| 51 | London Road 51 | | 51.4 | 46.5 | 42 | 43.9 | 42.8 | 44.3 |
| 89 | London Road 89 | | | | | 35.8 | 36.9 | 37 |
| 52 | London Road 52 | | 41.7 | 41.1 | 43.5 | 41.3 | 42.2 | 42.3 |
| 77 | London Road / Montreal | | | 47.8 | 47.8 | 47.3 | 48.1 | 45.8 |
| 87 | Bradbourne Vale Road South | | | | | 53.7 | 58 | 57.9 |
| 88 | Bradbourne Vale Road North | | | | | 41.5 | 40.1 | 40.7 |
| 90 | 4A St Johns Hill | | | | | 40.8 | 41.4 | 42 |
| 91 | St johns Egdean Walk | | | | | 22.2 | 23.6 | 23.4 |

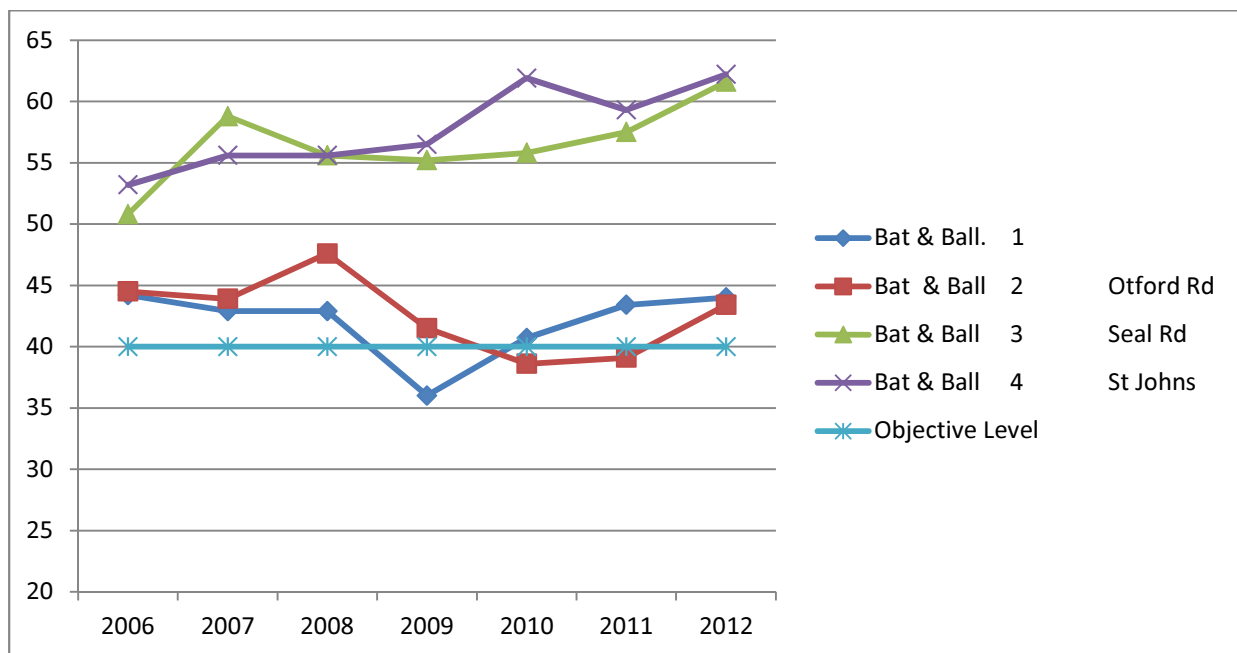
Trends of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Sevenoaks)



Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Bat and Ball)

| Site Number | Site Location | All results in ug/m-3 NO2 annual objective 40ug/m-3 | | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| 23 | Bat & Ball. 1 | 44.2 | 42.9 | 42.9 | 36 | 40.7 | 43.4 | 44 |
| 30 | Bat & Ball 2 Otford Rd | 44.5 | 43.9 | 47.6 | 41.5 | 38.6 | 39.1 | 43.4 |
| 31B | Bat & Ball 3 Seal Rd | 50.8 | 58.8 | 55.6 | 55.2 | 55.8 | 57.5 | 61.6 |
| 32 | Bat & Ball 4 St Johns | 53.2 | 55.6 | 55.6 | 56.5 | 61.9 | 59.3 | 62.2 |

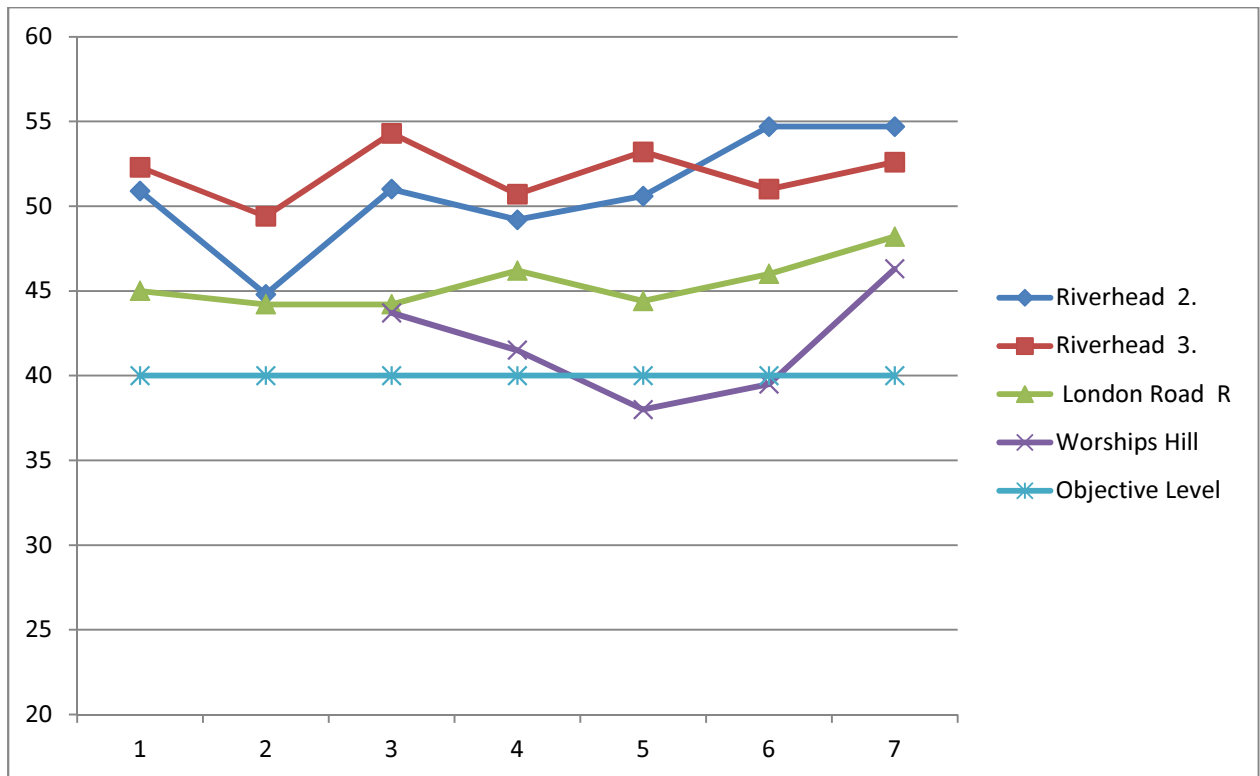
Trends of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Bat and Ball)



Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Riverhead)

| Site Number | Site Location | All results in ug/m-3 NO2 annual objective 40ug/m-3 | | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| 5 | Riverhead 2. | 50.9 | 44.8 | 51 | 49.2 | 50.6 | 54.7 | 54.7 |
| 6 | Riverhead 3. | 52.3 | 49.4 | 54.3 | 50.7 | 53.2 | 51 | 52.6 |
| 42 | London Road R | 45 | 44.2 | 44.2 | 46.2 | 44.4 | 46 | 48.2 |
| 76 | Worships Hill | | | 43.7 | 41.5 | 38 | 39.5 | 46.3 |

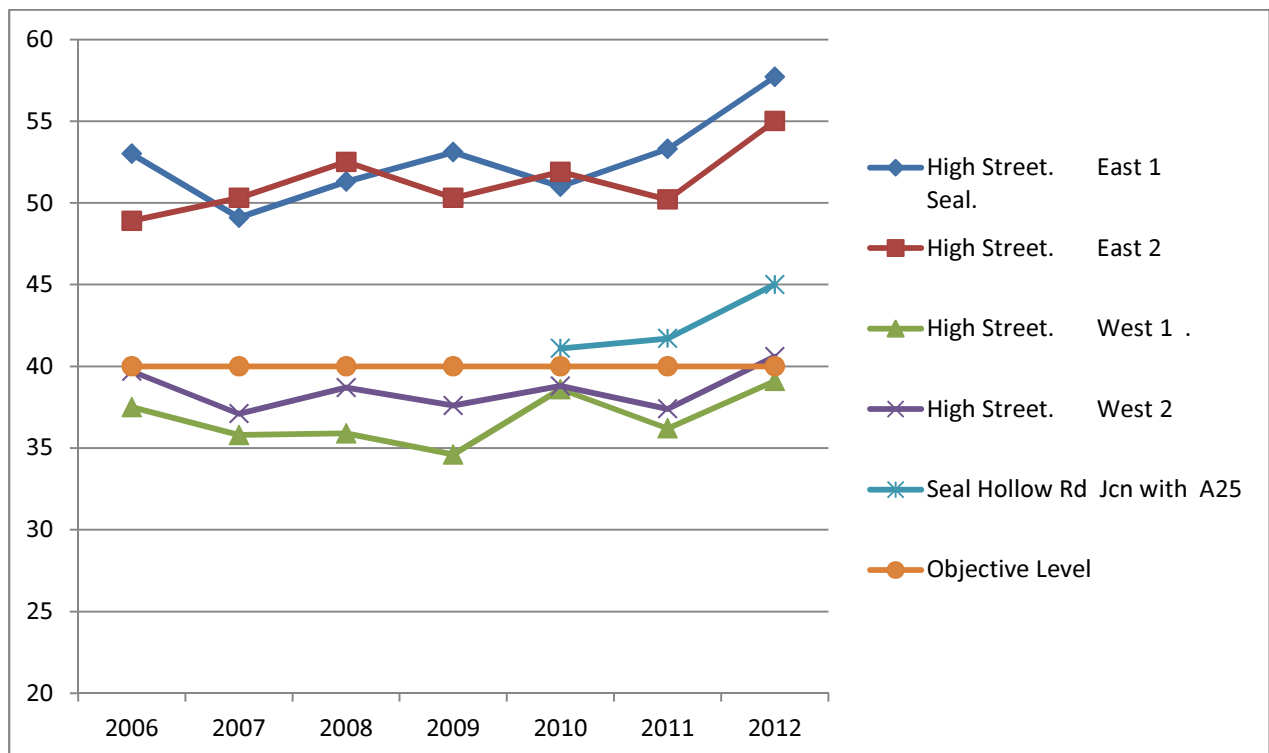
Trends of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Riverhead)



Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Seal)

| Site Number | Site Location | All results in ug/m-3 NO2 annual objective 40ug/m-3 | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| | | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | |
| 7 | High Street. East 1 Seal. | 53 | 49.1 | 51.3 | 53.1 | 51 | 53.3 | 57.7 | |
| 33 | High Street. East 2 | 48.9 | 50.3 | 52.5 | 50.3 | 51.9 | 50.2 | 55 | |
| 8 | High Street. West 1 . | 37.5 | 35.8 | 35.9 | 34.6 | 38.6 | 36.2 | 39.1 | |
| 34 | High Street. West 2 | 39.7 | 37.1 | 38.7 | 37.6 | 38.8 | 37.4 | 40.6 | |
| 35 | Seal Hollow Rd Jcn with A25 | | | | | 41.1 | 41.7 | 45 | |

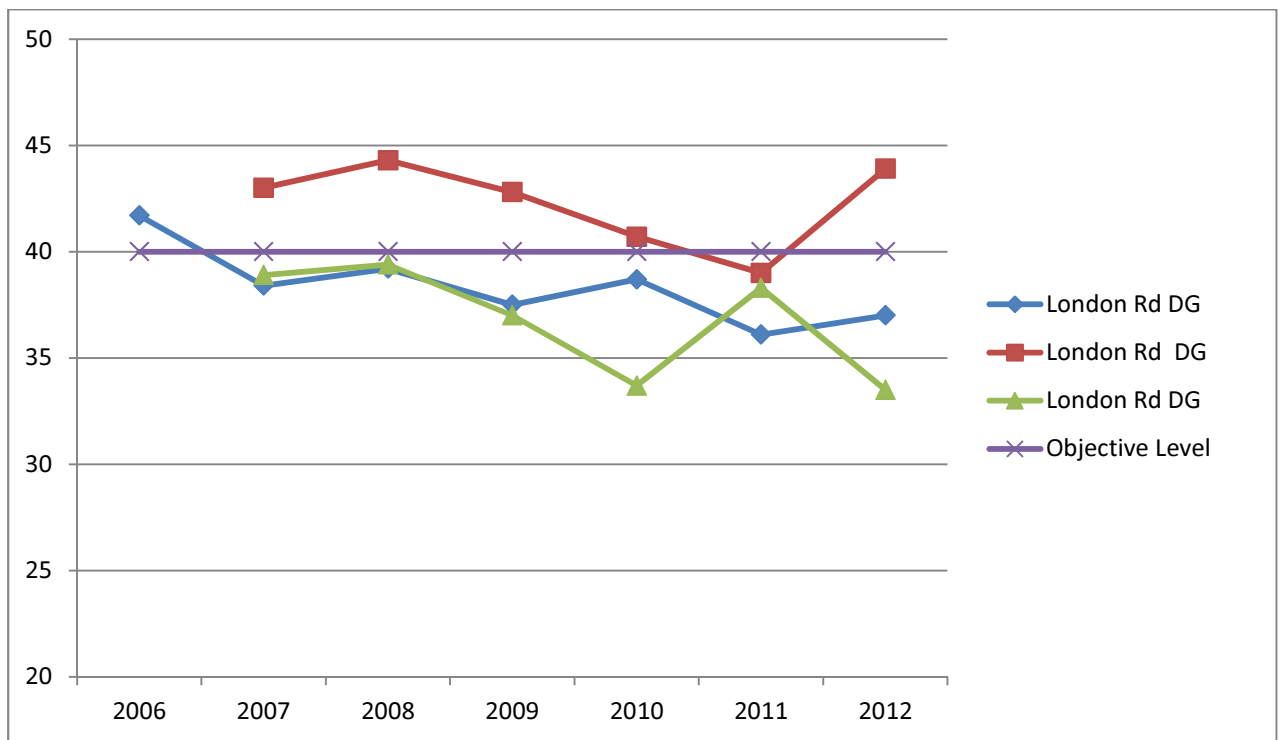
Trends of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Seal)



Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Dunton Green)

| Site Number | Site Location | All results in ug/m-3 NO2 annual objective 40ug/m-3 | | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| 43 | London Rd DG | 41.7 | 38.4 | 39.2 | 37.5 | 38.7 | 36.1 | 37 |
| 54 | London Rd DG | | 43 | 44.3 | 42.8 | 40.7 | 39 | 43.9 |
| 57 | London Rd DG | | 38.9 | 39.4 | 37 | 33.7 | 38.3 | 33.5 |

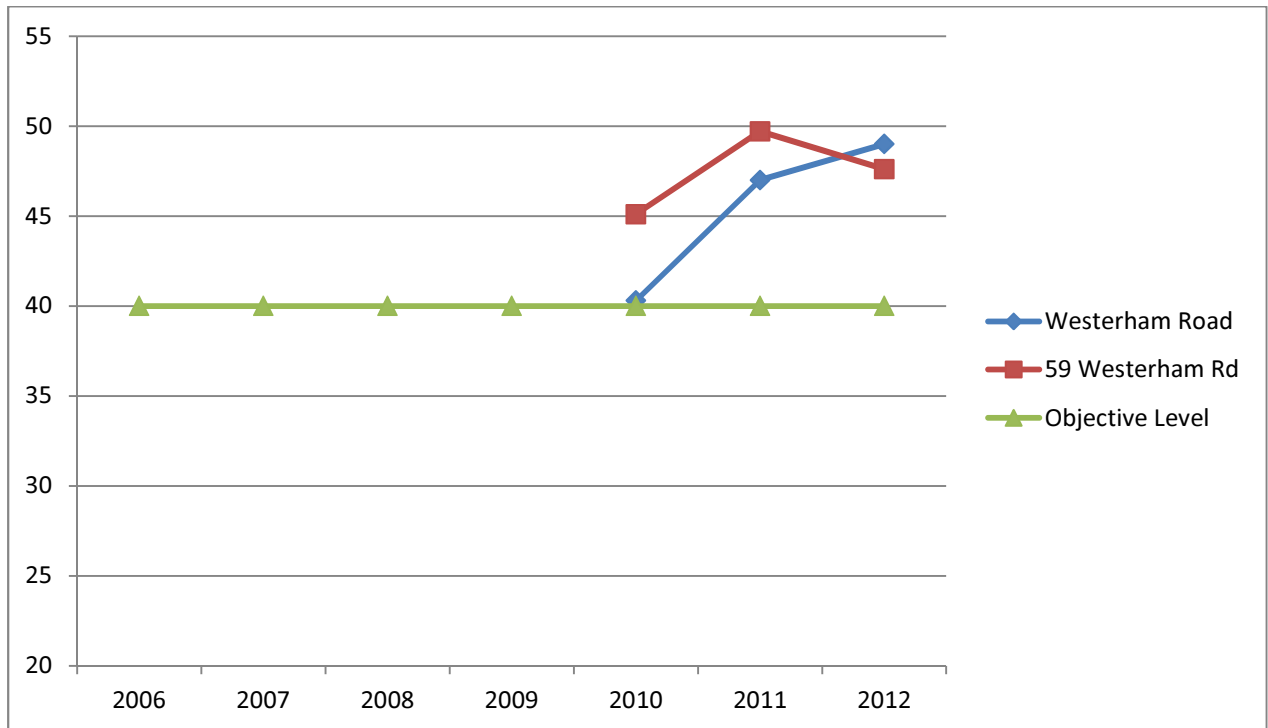
Trends of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tube (Dunton Green)



Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Bessels Green)

| Site Number | Site Location | All results in ug/m-3 NO2 annual objective 40ug/m-3 | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| 74 | Westerham Road | | | | | 40.3 | 47 | 49 |
| 86 | 59 Westerham Rd | | | | | 45.1 | 49.7 | 47.6 |

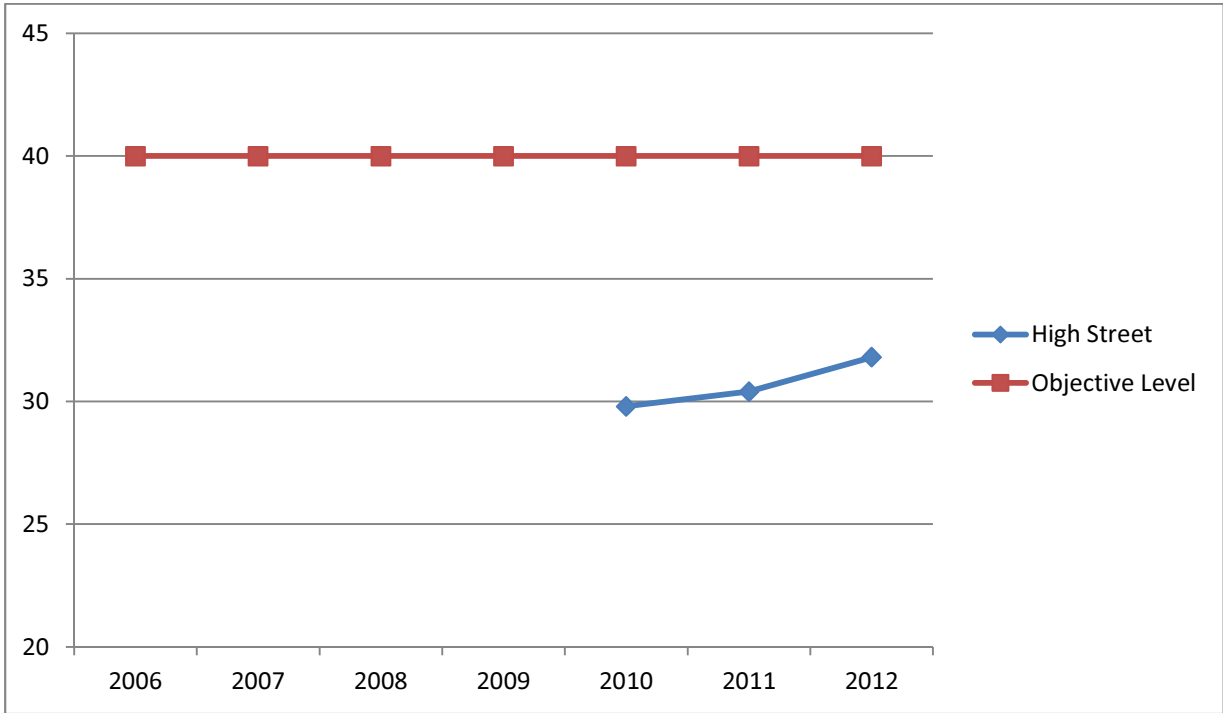
Trends of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Bessels Green)



Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Eynsford)

| Site Number | Site Location | All results in ug/m-3 NO2 annual objective 40ug/m-3 | | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| 96 | High Street | | | | | 29.8 | 30.4 | 31.8 |

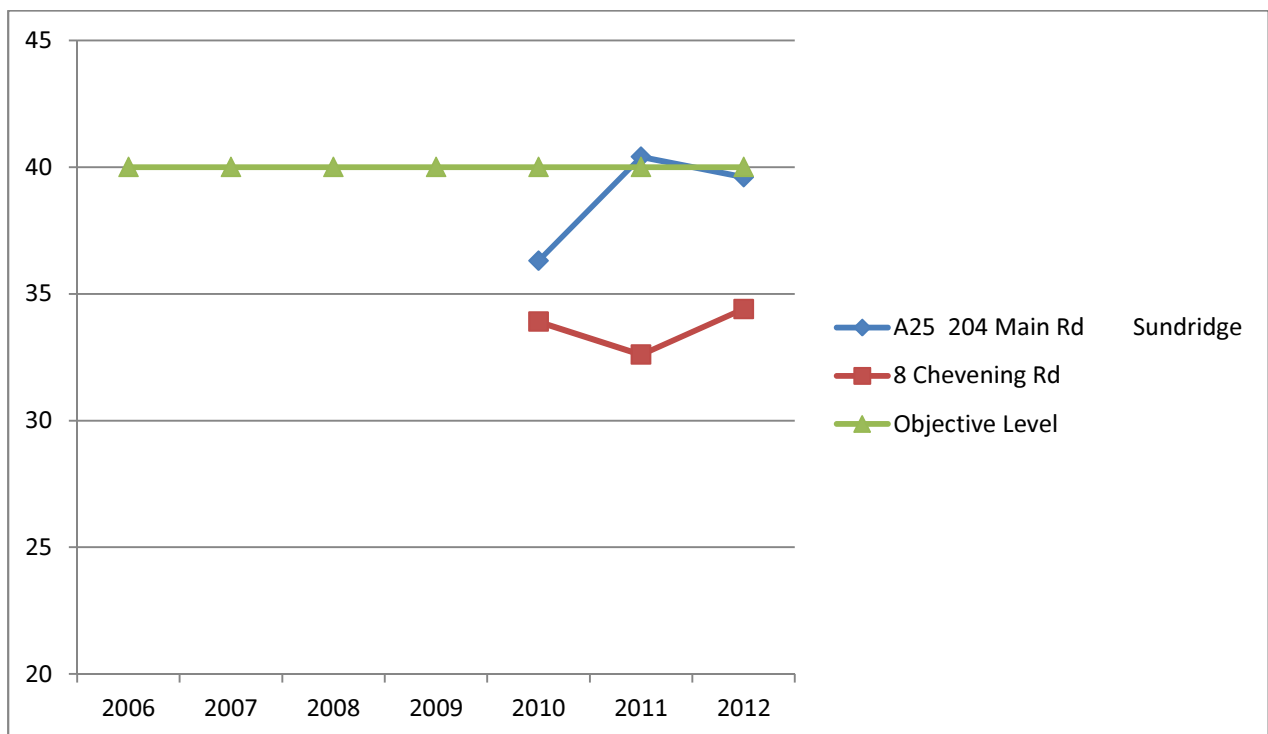
Trends of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Eynsford)



Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Sundridge)

| Site Number | Site Location | All results in ug/m-3 NO2 annual objective 40ug/m-3 | | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| 71 | A25 204 Main Rd Sundridge | | | | | 36.3 | 40.4 | 39.6 |
| 92 | 8 Chevening Rd | | | | | 33.9 | 32.6 | 34.4 |

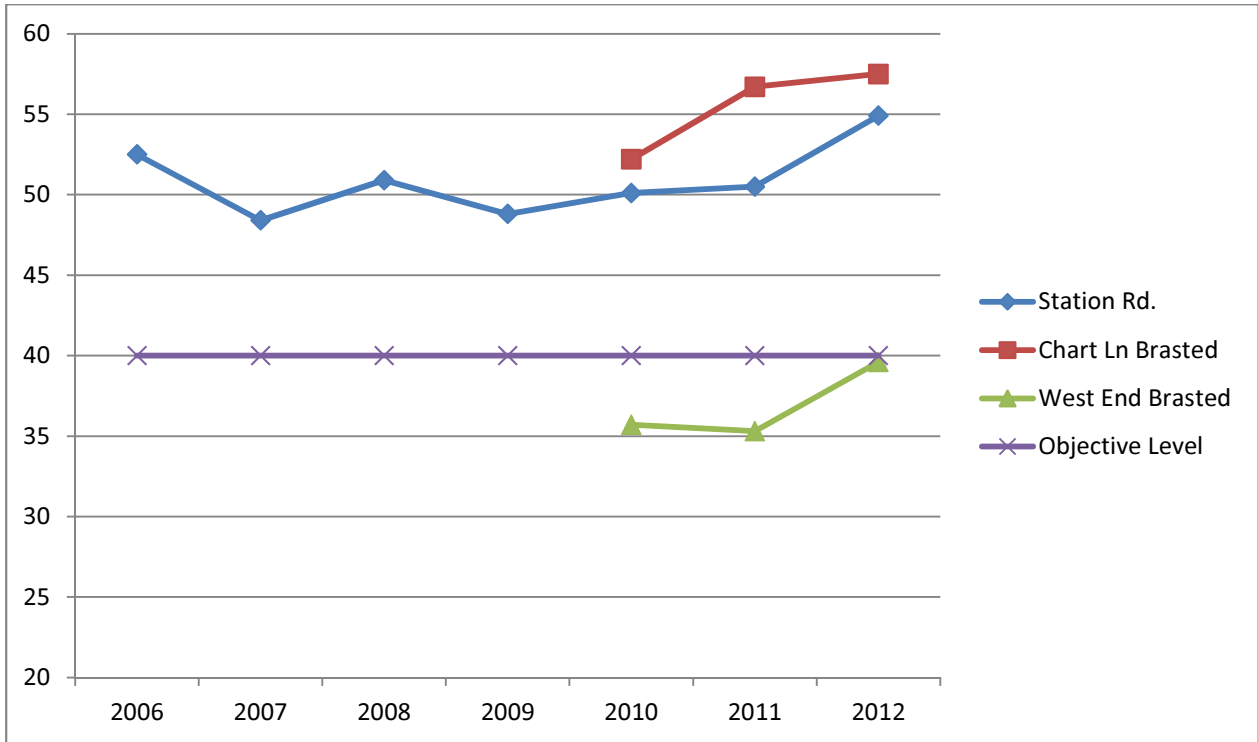
Trends of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Sundridge)



Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Brasted)

| Site Number | Site Location | All results in ug/m-3 NO2 annual objective 40ug/m-3 | | | | | | |
|-------------|------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| 12 | Station Rd. | 52.5 | 48.4 | 50.9 | 48.8 | 50.1 | 50.5 | 54.9 |
| 85 | Chart Ln Brasted | | | | | 52.2 | 56.7 | 57.5 |
| 84 | West End Brasted | | | | | 35.7 | 35.3 | 39.6 |

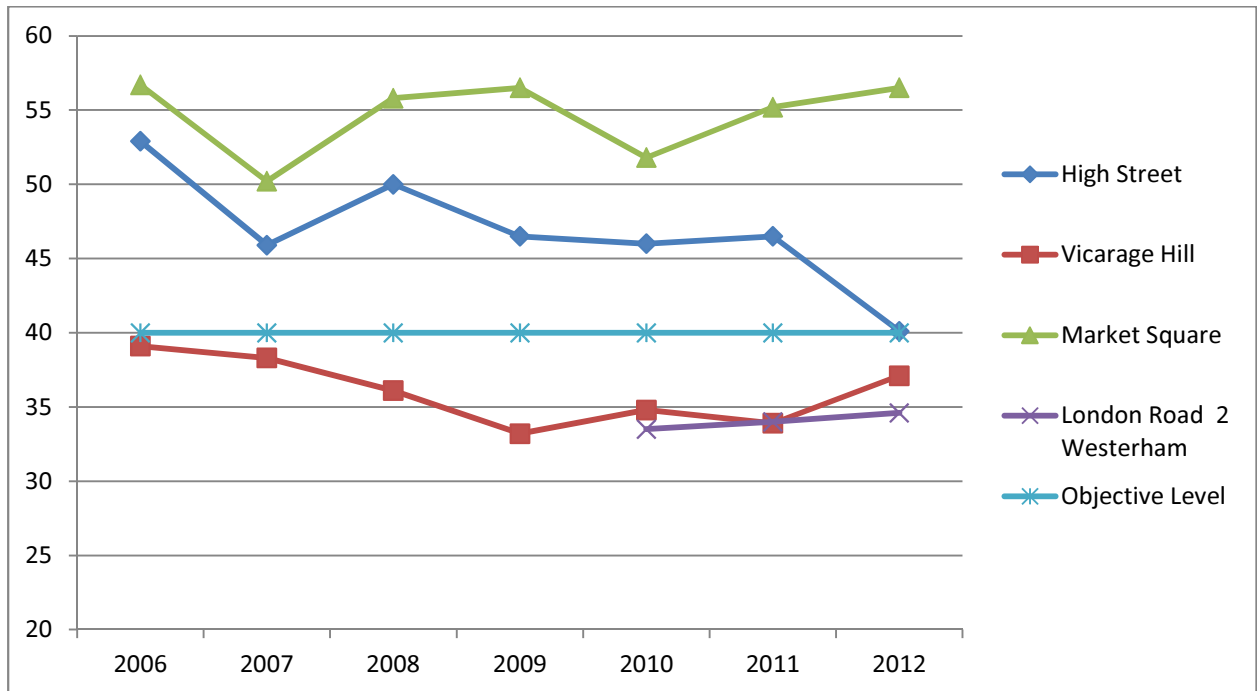
Trends of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Brasted)



Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Westerham)

| Site Number | Site Location | All results in ug/m-3 NO2 annual objective 40ug/m-3 | | | | | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| 24 | High Street | 52.9 | 45.9 | 50 | 46.5 | 46 | 46.5 | 40.1 |
| 25 | Vicarage Hill | 39.1 | 38.3 | 36.1 | 33.2 | 34.8 | 33.9 | 37.1 |
| 36 | Market Square | 56.7 | 50.2 | 55.8 | 56.5 | 51.8 | 55.2 | 56.5 |
| 75 | London Road 2 Westerham | | | | | 33.5 | 34 | 34.6 |

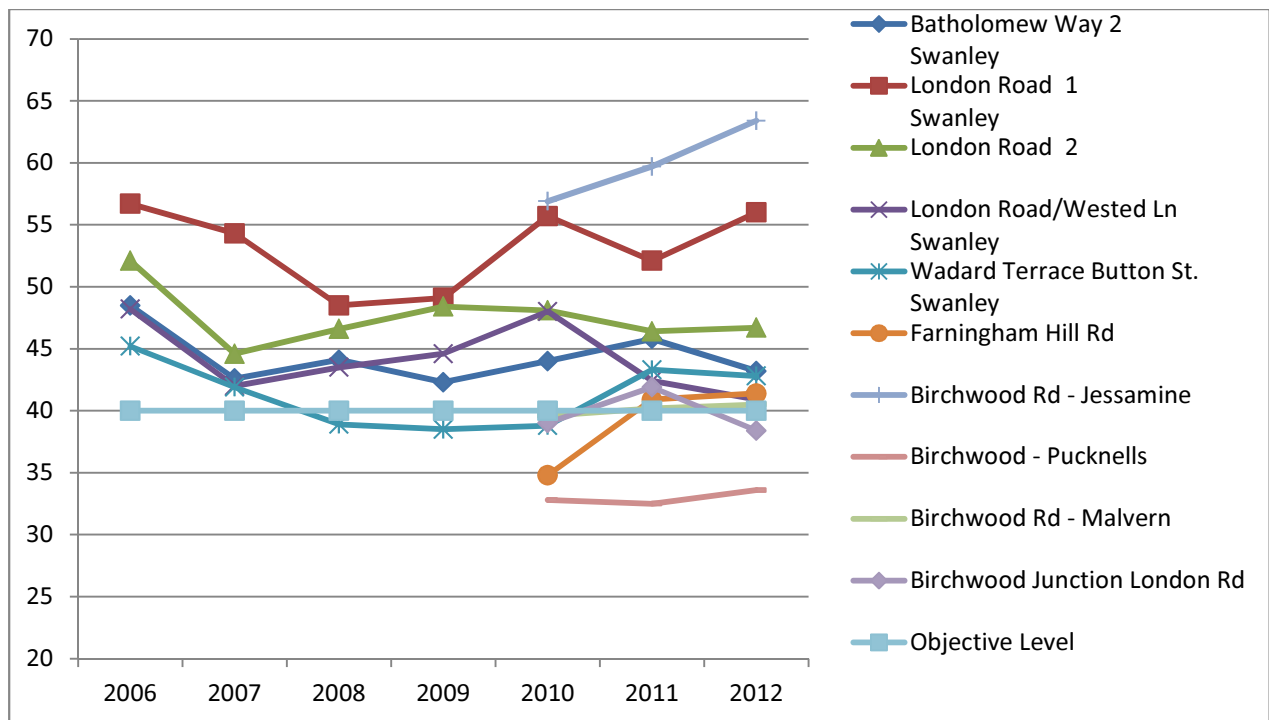
Trends of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Westerham)



Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Swanley)

| Site Number | Site Location | All results in ug/m-3 NO2 annual objective 40ug/m-3 | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| 39 | Batholomew Way 2 Swanley | 48.5 | 42.6 | 44.1 | 42.3 | 44 | 45.8 | 43.2 |
| 40 | London Road 1 Swanley | 56.7 | 54.3 | 48.5 | 49.1 | 55.7 | 52.1 | 56 |
| 41 | London Road 2 | 52.1 | 44.6 | 46.6 | 48.4 | 48.1 | 46.4 | 46.7 |
| 13 | London Road/Wested Ln Swanley | 48.2 | 42 | 43.5 | 44.6 | 48 | 42.4 | 40.9 |
| 14 | Wadard Terrace Button St. Swanley | 45.2 | 41.9 | 38.9 | 38.5 | 38.8 | 43.3 | 42.8 |
| 81 | Farningham Hill Rd | | | | | 34.8 | 40.9 | 41.4 |
| 83 | Birchwood Rd - Jessamine | | | | | 56.9 | 59.7 | 63.4 |
| 93 | Birchwood - Pucknells | | | | | 32.8 | 32.5 | 33.6 |
| 95 | Birchwood Rd - Malvern | | | | | 39.6 | 40.2 | 40.5 |
| 94 | Birchwood Junction London Rd | | | | | 39 | 41.9 | 38.4 |

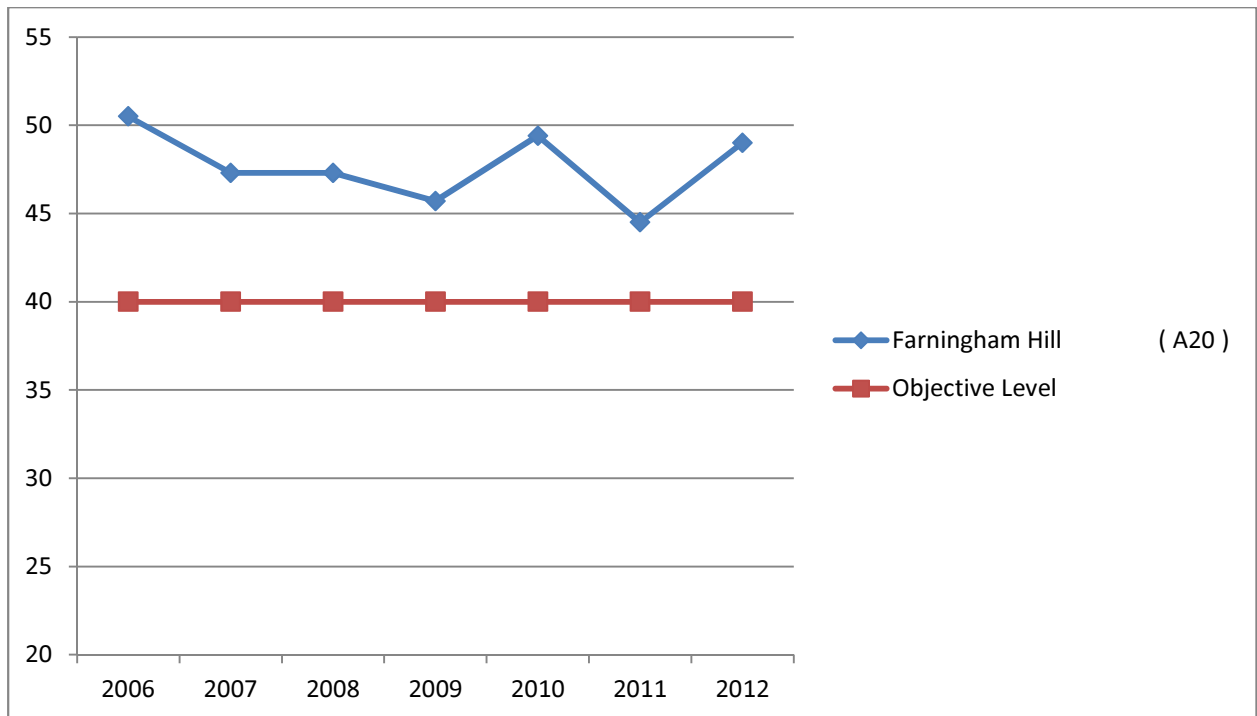
Trends of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Swanley)



Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Farningham)

| Site Number | Site Location | All results in ug/m-3 NO2 annual objective 40ug/m-3 | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| 26 | Farningham Hill (A20) | 50.5 | 47.3 | 47.3 | 45.7 | 49.4 | 44.5 | 49 |

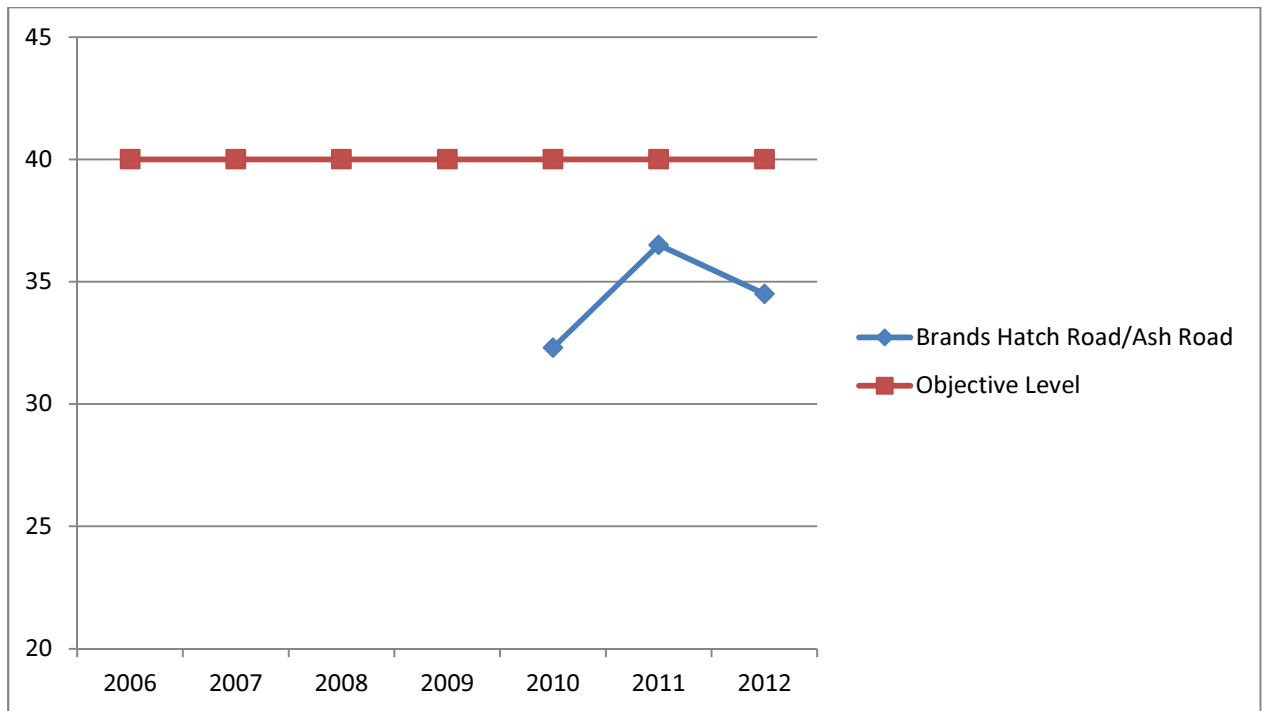
Trends of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (Farningham)



Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (West Kingsdown)

| Site Number | Site Location | All results in ug/m-3 NO2 annual objective 40ug/m-3 | | | | | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| 67 | Brands Hatch Road/Ash Road | | | | | 32.3 | 36.5 | 34.5 |

Trends of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (West Kingsdown)



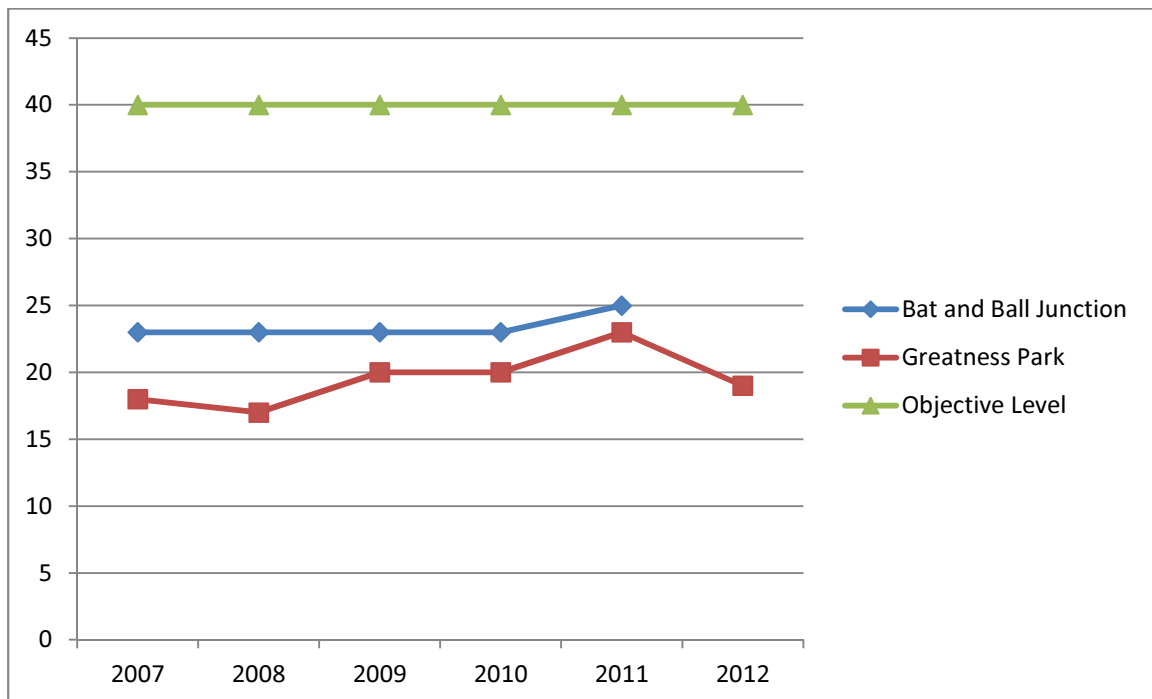
Agenda Item 8
Appendix F

Fine Particles (PM₁₀)

Results of Automatic Monitoring for PM₁₀:

| Location | Annual mean concentrations (µg/m ³) | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| Bat and Ball Junction | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 25 | |
| Greatness Park | 18 | 17 | 20 | 20 | 23 | 19 |

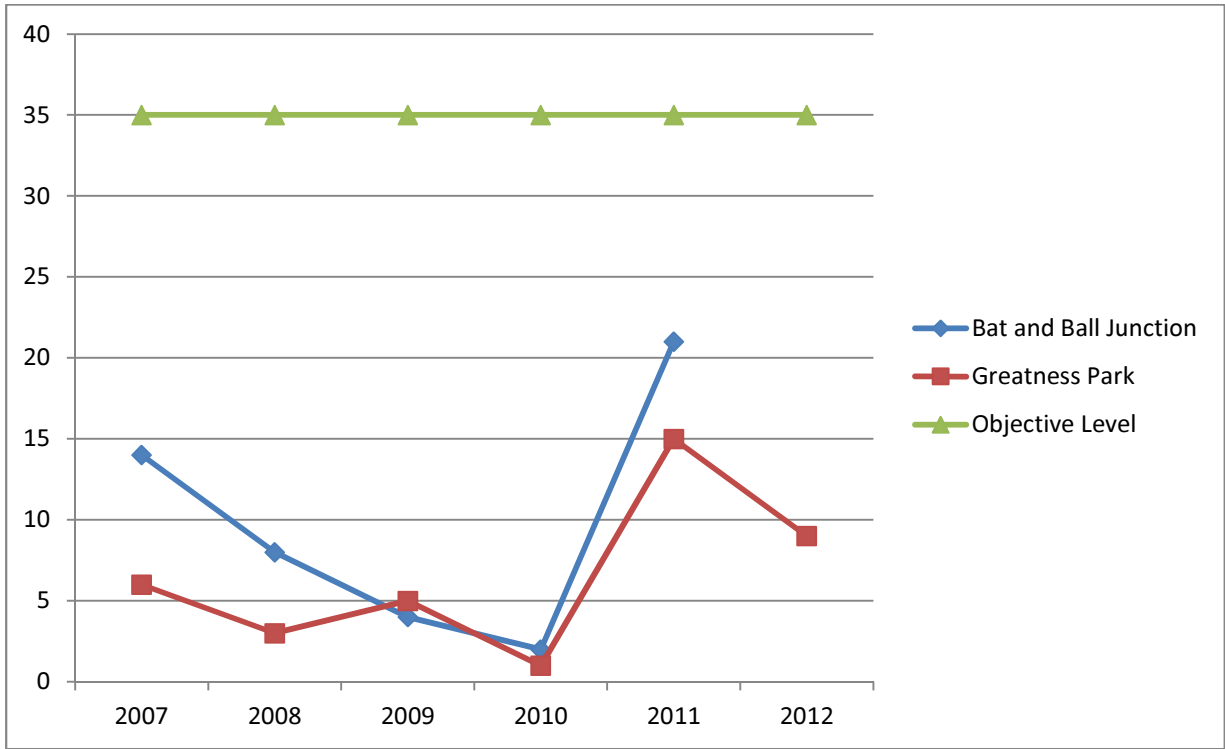
Trends in Annual Mean PM₁₀ Concentration Measured at Automatic Monitoring Sites



Results of PM10 Automatic Monitoring: Comparison with 24-hour Mean Objective

| Location | Number of Exceedences of daily mean objective (50 µg/m ³) | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| Bat and Ball Junction | 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 21 | |
| Greatness Park | 6 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 9 |

Trends PM10 Automatic Monitoring: Comparison with 24-hour Mean Objective



This page is intentionally left blank

COMMUNITY PLAN 2013-2016 AND 15 YEAR VISION

Social Affairs Committee – 26th March 2013

Report of the: Chief Executive –Robin Hales

Status: For Consideration

Also considered by: Sevenoaks District Kent Locality Board – 6 March 2013

Social Affairs Committee – 26th March

Full Council – 23 April 2013

Key Decision: Yes

Executive Summary:

Attached to this report is the final draft of the three year Community Plan and fifteen year vision. The document and its supporting Action Plan have been developed following comprehensive consultation with Members, residents, a wide range of voluntary and community organisations and partner agencies.

The results of the public consultation are appended and have been taken into consideration in the final draft. The Action Plan and the associated performance monitoring are the result of discussion with partner agencies about realistic delivery of the aspirations in the Community Plan.

Head of Service Head of Community Development, Lesley Bowles

Recommendation to Cabinet

Members are asked to approve the final Community Plan and its supporting Action Plan before partner agencies are invited to sign off the document

Reason for recommendation: Comments made by Social Affairs Select Committee have been used to make amendments to the final draft Community Plan before it has been submitted for approval to Cabinet. Final changes noted by Cabinet will be incorporated before the document is submitted to Full Council for approval.

Introduction

- 1) The current three year Community Plan and fifteen year vision expire in March 2013. Whilst the District Council is responsible for co-ordinating this work, the

Agenda Item 9

Community Plan is a multi-agency strategy, delivered in partnership with many agencies and therefore covers a wide range of issues and services.

- 2) A thorough consultation programme took place during the second half of 2012 which helped to identify local priorities. The consultation together with examination of local data informed the public consultation document, which was published at the beginning of January 2013.
- 3) Comments received as a result of the public consultation document are summarised at Appendix A.
- 4) A draft fifteen year Community Plan vision and three year action plan has been compiled and is attached at Appendix B.
- 5) The public consultation stage was used to produce a strategic level action plan setting out how priorities in the plan will be delivered. The action plan and the associated performance monitoring are the result of discussion with partner agencies and Heads of Service within the Council about realistic delivery of the aspirations in the Community Plan

Key Implications

Financial

- 6) Delivery of the Community Plan is through each agency's own resources. In some cases, work will be dependent upon external funding sources and appropriate funding bids will be made.

Community Impact and Outcomes

- 7) The Community Plan is based upon the results of consultation with the community, including its harder to reach groups, partner agencies and other stakeholders. It also reflects community needs identified through local data.

Legal, Human Rights etc.

- 8) Part I of the Local Government Act 2000 places a duty on local authorities to prepare a community strategy for promoting and improving the economic, social and environmental well-being of their area and contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in the UK.

Value For Money and Asset Management

- 9) Use of the website and electronic mail will considerably reduce the cost of the production of the Community Plan. Agencies working together can produce better value for money than single agencies working alone.

Equality Impacts

- 10) An equality impact assessment has been completed and is attached at Appendix C.

Sustainability Checklist

11) A sustainability checklist has been completed and is attached at Appendix D.

RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

| Risk | Mitigation |
|---|---|
| <p>The Community Plan is an aspirational document which reflects the needs and desires of the community. Whilst every effort has been made to identify realistic targets, outcomes rely on the continued input of a range of agencies working together, along with the goodwill of communities and voluntary organisations.</p> | <p>Regular quarterly monitoring of the Community Plan will identify at an early stage outcomes that may not be delivered so that alternative strategies or revised targets can be agreed.</p> |

Appendices

Appendix A – Consultation summary

Appendix A1 – Response from the Sevenoaks District Seniors Action Forum

Appendix B – draft Community Plan

Appendix C – Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix D - Sustainability checklist

Appendix D1 – Summary of Community Plan consultations

Contact Officer(s):

Lesley Bowles, ext 7335, Alan Whiting, ext 7446

ROBIN HALES

Chief Executive

This page is intentionally left blank

Appendix A - Summary of responses to public consultation draft of the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2013-2028

| Name of Respondent | Organisation | Summary of response | Response |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Liz Jarvis, Chair of Trustees | Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services | <p>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.</p> | <p>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</p> |
| Alison de Jager, Parish Clerk | Ash Cum Ridley Parish Council | <p>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</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| Cllr Christine Rogowska | Brasted Parish Council | <p>Support PCSO, rural broadband, mobile and telephone signals, clean play areas for children and access point to M25 and NHS Dentists</p> | <p>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.</p> |

Page 61

Agenda Item 9

Appendix A - Summary of responses to public consultation draft of the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2013-2028

| Name of Respondent | Organisation | Summary of response | Response |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| 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 |
| 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. |

Agenda Item 9

Page 62

Appendix A - Summary of responses to public consultation draft of the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2013-2028

| Name of Respondent | Organisation | Summary of response | Response |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 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. |

Page 63

Agenda Item 9

Appendix A - Summary of responses to public consultation draft of the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2013-2028

| Name of Respondent | Organisation | Summary of response | Response |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| 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. |

| Name of Respondent | Organisation | Summary of response | Response |
|--|---|---|--|
| <p style="text-align: center;">Page 65</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> |

| Name of Respondent | Organisation | Summary of response | Response |
|--|--|---|---|
| <p style="text-align: center;">Page 66</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> |

Agenda Item 9

Appendix A - Summary of responses to public consultation draft of the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2013-2028

| Name of Respondent | Organisation | Summary of response | Response |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 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. |

Page 67

Agenda Item 9

Appendix A - Summary of responses to public consultation draft of the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2013-2028

| Name of Respondent | Organisation | Summary of response | Response |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 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 Carter | 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. |

Agenda Item 9

Page 68

Appendix A - Summary of responses to public consultation draft of the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2013-2028

| Name of Respondent | Organisation | Summary of response | Response |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 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. |

This page is intentionally left blank

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"

Agenda Item 9

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

Agenda Item 9

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

Agenda Item 9

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

This page is intentionally left blank

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



Final Draft February 2012

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.

The current Community Plan will come to an end in April 2013.

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

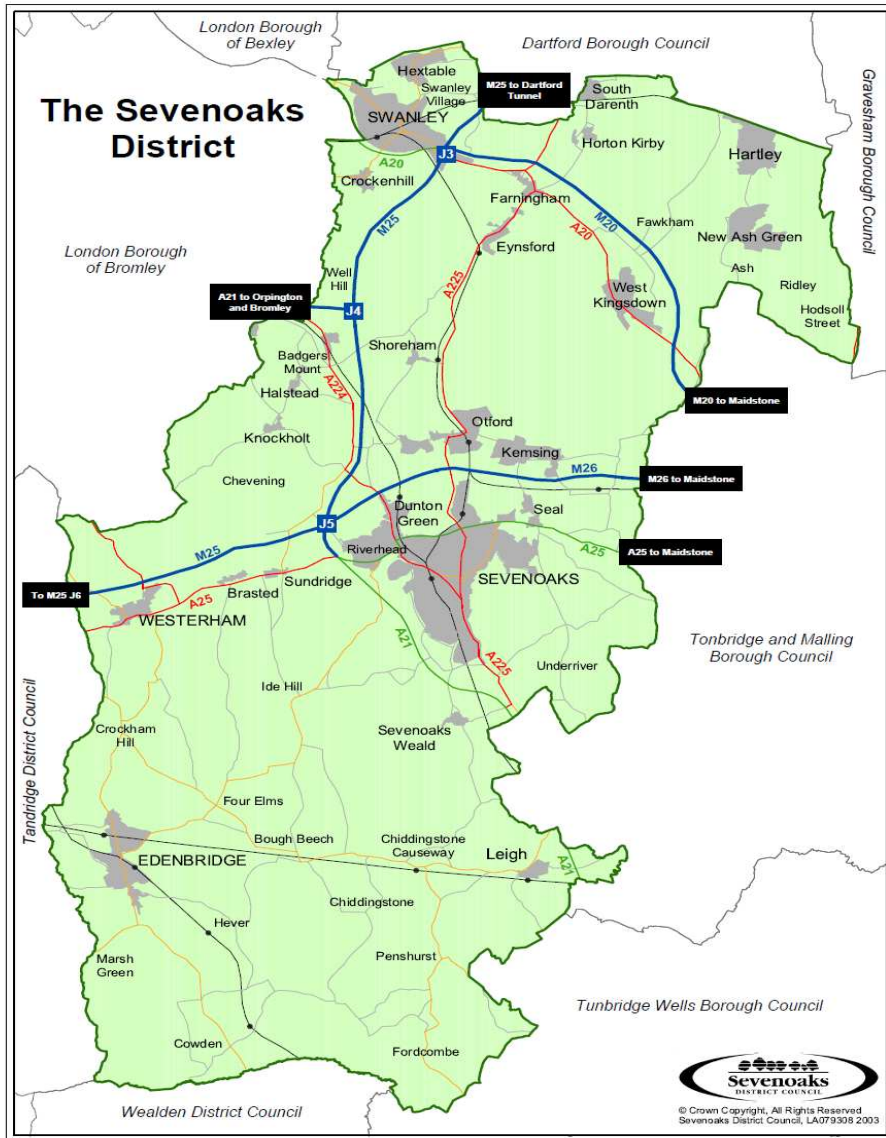


Kent Fire &
Rescue Service



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.

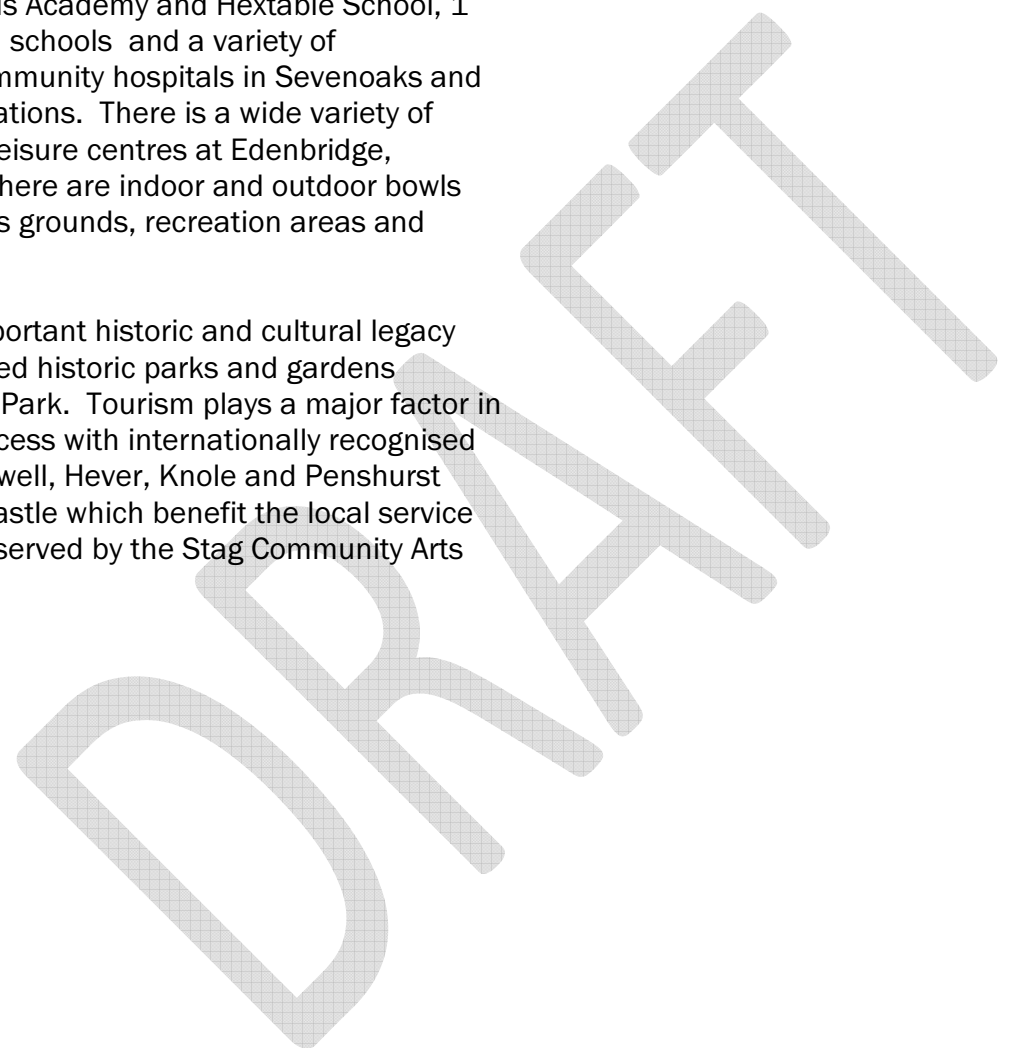
The age profile of the District's population is slightly older than the South East average and the trend towards an ageing population is set to continue in the future.

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.

Index

| | | |
|----------------------------|---|-------------|
| Safe Communities | A safer place to live, work and travel | Pages 11-12 |
| Caring Communities | Children have the best start and people are supported to lead independent and fulfilling lives | Pages 13-14 |
| Green Environment | People can enjoy clean and high quality urban and rural environments | Pages 15-16 |
| Healthy Environment | People have healthy lifestyles, access to quality healthcare and health inequalities are reduced. | Pages 17-18 |
| Dynamic Economy | A thriving local economy where businesses flourish and people have skills for employment | Pages 19-20 |
| Sustainable Economy | People can live, work and travel more easily and are empowered to shape their communities | Pages 21-22 |

This page is left intentionally blank

DRAFT

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 pervious 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 be well-placed to ensure that health and social care work well 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 by starting well and developing well. 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 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 like 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.

Pictures to go here

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 and 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 Marmott 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 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, 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 lifestyles 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.

Pictures to go here

We want Sevenoaks District to be a place where people have healthy lifestyles and where health inequalities are reduced.

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”

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.

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 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:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Safe Communities | Pages 24-27 |
| Caring Communities | Pages 28-30 |
| Green Environment | Pages 31-34 |
| Healthy Environment | Pages 35-37 |
| Dynamic Economy | Pages 38-41 |
| Sustainable Economy | Pages 42-45 |

Sevenoaks Locality Board
making it happen
- together



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:

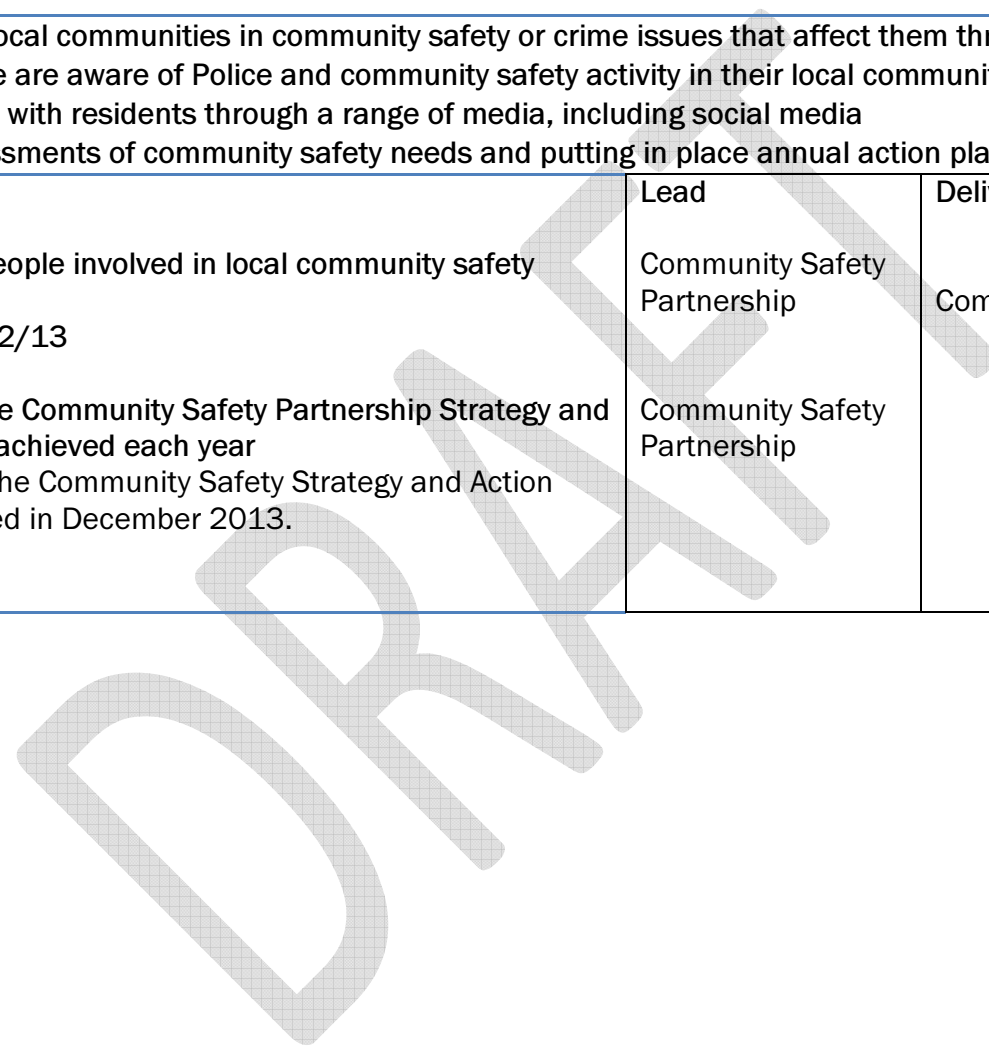
- Consulting and involving local communities in community safety or crime issues that affect them through PACT panels
- Ensuring that more people are aware of Police and community safety activity in their local communities
- Improving communication with residents through a range of media, including social 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 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 2.3 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

Sevenoaks
Troubled Families
Project Board

Delivery supported by

Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan



Sevenoaks District Troubled Families Project
Board




Page 103

Agenda Item 9

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>  |
|--|---|---|

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>Lead</p> <p>Sevenoaks District Domestic Abuse Working Group</p> | <p>Delivery supported by</p> <p>Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan</p>  |
|---|---|--|

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, and child weight and 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

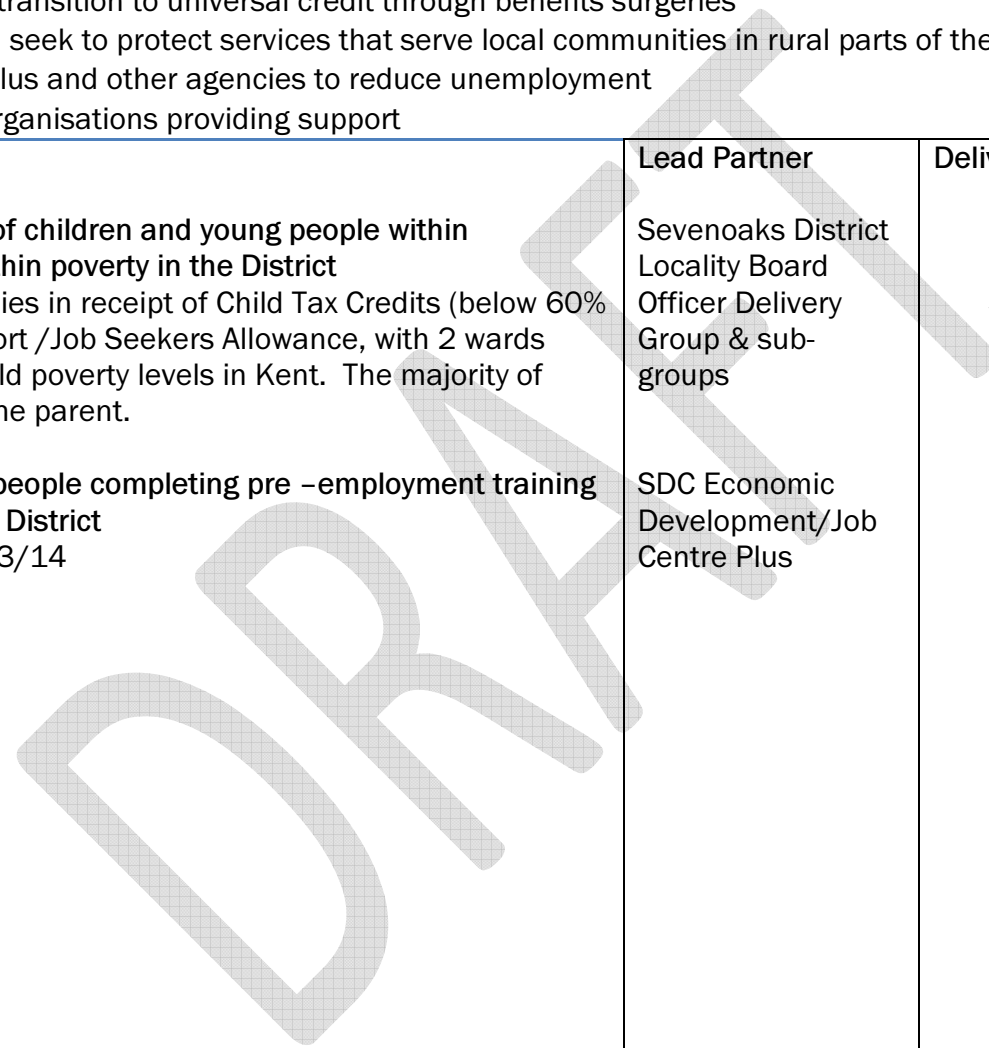
SDC Economic
Development/Job
Centre Plus

Delivery supported by

Sevenoaks Local Children’s Trust Board



Sevenoaks District Health Action Team



Green 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:

- 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.
- During the Monitoring Period 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 2.1 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

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>Lead</p> <p>SDC Planning Policy</p> | <p>Delivery supported by</p> <p>Local Development Framework Core Strategy</p>  <p>Kent Downs and High Weald AONB Management Action Plans</p> <p>Kent Environment Strategy</p>  <p>Kent Downs AONB</p> <p>Countryside Access Improvement Plan 2007-2017</p> |
|---|---|

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 2.2 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



DRAFT

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

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <p>Lead</p> | <p>Targets supported by</p> |
| <p>SDC Housing</p> | <p>Local Development Framework Core Strategy</p>  <p>Sevenoaks District Health Team (Health Inequalities Action Plan)</p>  <p>Kent Environment Strategy</p> |
| <p>SDC Environmental Health</p> |  <p>Sevenoaks District Air Quality Management Action Plan</p> <p>“</p> |

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 to:

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, 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 Paralympics to promote healthy lifestyles, disabled sport and volunteering.

Our targets are:

| | Lead | Delivery supported by |
|---|--|--|
| <p>Healthy 1.1 Sevenoaks District ‘Mind the Gap’ Action Plan agreed and at least 5% 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.</p> | <p>Sevenoaks District Health Action Team</p> | <p>Sevenoaks District Health Action Team (Sevenoaks District Mind the Gap)</p>  |
| <p>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</p> | <p>Sevenoaks District Health Action Team</p> | <p>Sevenoaks Local Children’s Trust Board</p>  |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>CCGs</p> | |

Page 113

Agenda Item 9

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 Centre’s
- 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:

| Our targets are: | Lead | Delivery supported by |
|---|--|---|
| <p>Healthy 2.1 Increased number of health checks provided in community settings</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> |



DRAFT

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)




Sevenoaks Local Children’s Trust Board



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

Dynamic 1 – Maintaining a supply of employment land and premises

| | | |
|---|---------------------|--|
| We will do this by: | | |
| <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 | | |
| Our target is to: | Lead | Target supported by |
| <p>Dynamic 1.1 Maintain the overall stock of employment land across the District every year.</p> <p>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> | SDC Planning Policy | <p>Local Development Core Strategy</p>  |

Agenda Item 9

Page 116

DRAFT

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 through the allocations 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 business assisted each year to improve energy efficiency within their businesses</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

Kent Highways

SDC Planning Policy

KCC Highways

Delivery supported by

Local Development Framework



Growth Without Gridlock



Sevenoaks District Strategy for Transport 2010-2026



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 Station were delivered during 2012/13</p> | <p>KCC Highways</p> | |
|--|---------------------|--|

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 : | Lead | Delivery supported by |
|--|---|---|
| <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>Locality Board Housing Sub-Group</p> | <p>Sevenoaks District Housing Strategy</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>SDC Housing</p> | <p>Local Development Framework </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</p> | <p>SDC Housing</p> | <p>SDC Vision for Balanced Communities </p> |

| | | |
|---|----------------------------|--|
| <p>surplus of 370 over the requirement of 990 units and an average of 227 units per year.</p> <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> | |
|---|----------------------------|--|

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</p> | <p>Sevenoaks District Locality Board Officer Delivery Group</p> | <p>Local Development Framework</p>  |

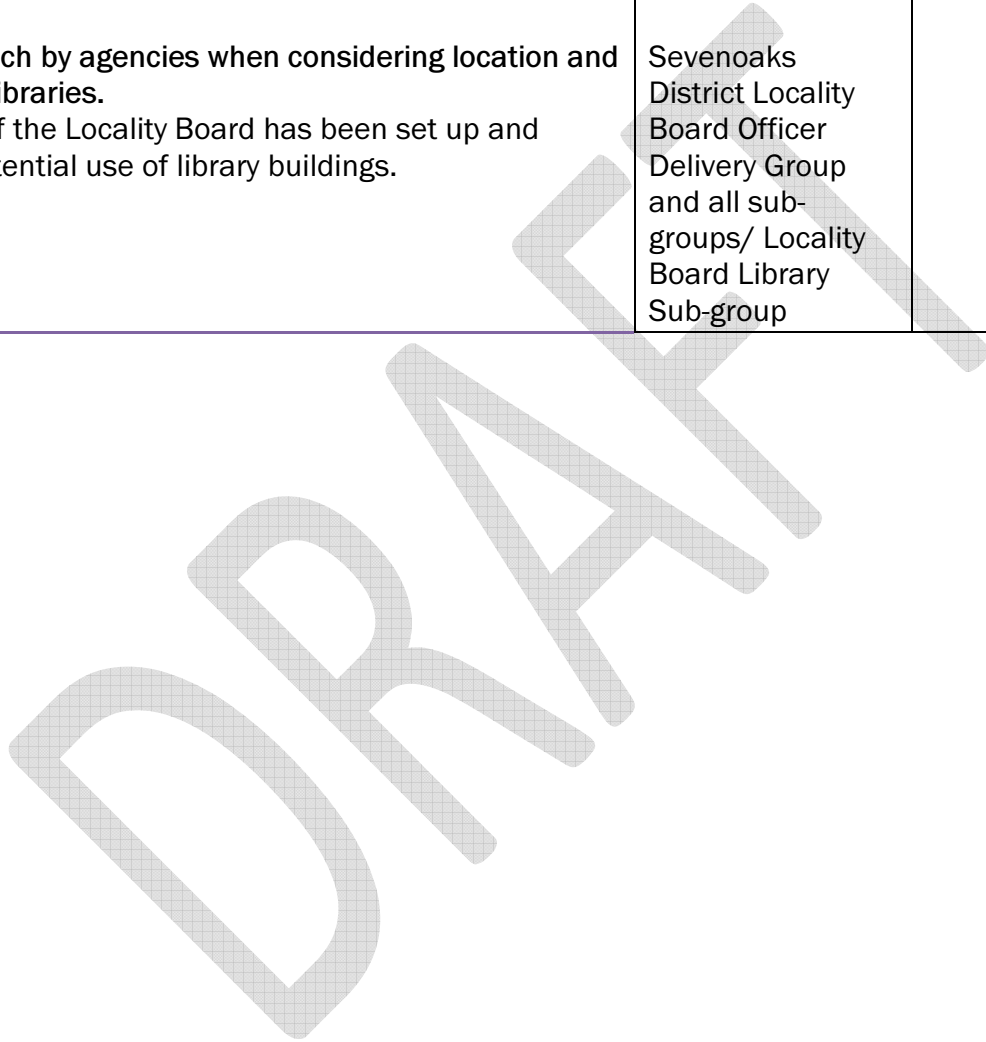
public consultation in June 2012 and will be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document. Sevenoaks District Council also consulted on three proposed Neighbourhood Plan Areas in June 2012 covering the Parishes of Ash-cum-Ridley, Edenbridge and Shoreham.

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.

and all sub-groups

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



Glossary

Anti-Social Behaviour (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

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

CCGs

Clinical Commissioning Groups – (Refers to the two CCGs covering the Sevenoaks District – West Kent CCG and DGS CCG)

CIL

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allows local authorities to secure funding for infrastructure to support development by requiring developers to pay a standard charge per sq m of qualifying new development.

DECC

Department of Energy and Climate Change

GVA

GVA is the value of goods and services produced in the Districts economy and used to measure the overall economic wellbeing of an area.

HS1

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>

KCC

Kent County Council. For more information please visit www.kent.gov.uk

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

LCTB

Sevenoaks District Local Children’s Trust Board
http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/kct/lctb_sevenoaks.cfm

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

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:

Community Planning and Projects Officer
Sevenoaks District Council
P O Box 182, Argyle Road
Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1GP

Telephone: 01732 227000

Fax: 01732 742339

Minicom: 01732 227496

Email: community.plan@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Website www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/communityplan

This publication is available in large print. For a copy call 01732 227414

If you need help communicating with us or understanding the document, we can arrange for an interpreter to help you. Please contact us on 01732 227000 stating your language and telephone number.

This page is intentionally left blank

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

Appendix C - Equality Impact Assessment Corporate Service Improvement Tool

| | 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> |

Appendix C - Equality Impact Assessment Corporate Service Improvement Tool

| | 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 | | |

Appendix C - Equality Impact Assessment Corporate Service Improvement Tool

| 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. | |

Appendix C - Equality Impact Assessment Corporate Service Improvement Tool

| | 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 |

Appendix C - Equality Impact Assessment Corporate Service Improvement Tool

| 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 |

Appendix C - Equality Impact Assessment Corporate Service Improvement Tool

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 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 |
|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|

| 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> <p>.</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 | | | | | | | | | | |

Agenda Item 9

| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |

Agenda Item 9

| 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. |

Agenda Item 9

| 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 |

Agenda Item 9

| 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 |

Agenda Item 9

| 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 |

Agenda Item 9

| 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. |

Agenda Item 9

| 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 |

Agenda Item 9

| Categories | +ve | | | | -ve | | | ? | N/A | Action to minimise or eliminate negative impacts or enhance benefits |
|--|-----|---|---|---|-----|---|---|---|-----|--|
| | + | + | + | 0 | - | - | - | | | |
| 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”. |

Agenda Item 9

| 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 |

Agenda Item 9

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

Agenda Item 9

- 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

Agenda Item 9

- 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.

This page is intentionally left blank