

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

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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

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
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.	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.

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

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