

## SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY PLAN 2016-19

Cabinet - 21 April 2016

Report of Chief Officer Communities & Business

Status: For recommendation

Also considered by: Full Council - 10 May 2016

Key Decision: No

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### Executive Summary:

This report seeks approval of the final draft of Community Plan for the period 2016-19. The document and its supporting Action Plan has been developed following comprehensive consultation with Members, residents, town and parish councils, a wide range of voluntary and community organisations and partner agencies.

The results of the public consultation are appended and have been taken into considerations in the final draft. The action plan and associated success measures are the result of discussion with partner agencies about realistic delivery of the aspirations in the Community Plan.

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**This report supports the Key Aim of Safe and Caring Communities, Green and Healthy Environment and a Dynamic and Sustainable Economy**

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### Reason for recommendation:

The public consultation draft has been reviewed by Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee and Cabinet. Final changes noted by Cabinet will be incorporated before the document is submitted to Full Council for approval.

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## Introduction and Background

- 1 The long-term Community Plan vision remains in place until 2028. However, the three year action plan will expire in March 2016. 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 2015 which helped to identify local priorities for action:
  - Over 350 people responded to the survey;
  - 200 people were offered the opportunity to answer Community Plan related questions in the Council's 2015 Residents Panel Survey;
  - Over 650 people were seen at 30 events, forums and partnership meetings
- 3 This included two workshops for Members on 25 August and 4 September together with further opportunities Portfolio Holders and their Deputies to comment at Portfolio Holder meetings. The consultation together with examination of local data has informed the public consultation document which sets out how we will deliver the priorities in the plan.
- 4 Comments received during the public consultation period are summarised at Appendix A.
- 5 The final draft of the Community Plan which takes into account comments received has been compiled and is attached at Appendix B.
- 6 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 and Chief Officers within the Council about realistic delivery of the aspirations in the Community Plan. The key success measures for the plan are attached as Appendix C

## Key Implications

### Financial

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.

### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

There are no legal implications associated with this report. The Community Plan forms part of the Leader's Vision and is closely linked with the Local Plan. The Community Plan enables the District Council to work with partners in a structured and co-ordinated way. By improving coordinated action on shared priorities, the

Council is able to improve its efficiency, share resources, enhance its reputation and most importantly secure additional resources and commitments from partners that are based on the delivery of local community aspirations.

Whilst every effort has been made to identify realistic actions, 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 actions can be agreed.

### Equality Assessment

Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups, and (iii) foster good relations between people from different groups. The decisions recommended through this paper directly impact on end users. The impact has been analysed and does not vary between groups of people. The results of this analysis are set out immediately below.

The Community Plan has been assessed as not having an adverse impact and is attached as Appendix D. It includes an Equalities and Inclusion statement which partners are expected to consider in all decision making and service delivery.

### Community Impact and Outcomes

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.

### Sustainability Checklist

A sustainability checklist has been prepared at Appendix E and demonstrates a positive impact

### **Conclusions**

Members are asked to approve the final draft of the Community for publication.

### **Appendices**

Appendix A - Summary of consultation results

Appendix A1 - Letter from John Morrison to Dr Pav Ramewal and copy of response from Dr Ramewal

Appendix B - Community Plan 2016-19 Public

Consultation Draft

Appendix C - Community Plan key success measures

Appendix D - Equality Impact Assessment (online only)

Appendix E - Sustainability Checklist (online only)

Background Papers:

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

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