

COMMUNITY PLAN 2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT

Cabinet - 7 November 2019

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| Report of | Chief Officer People & Places |
| Status | For information |
| Also considered by | People and Places Advisory Committee - 1 October 2019 |
| Key Decision | No |

Executive Summary: The Annual Report for the third and final year (2018/19) of the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2016-19 has been completed and progress against agreed key success measures for each priority within the plan is reported.

This report supports the Key Aim of the Community Plan

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Recommendation to People and Places Advisory Committee: That Members note the contents of the report.

Recommendation to Cabinet: That Members note the Community Plan 2018/19 Annual Report.

Reason for recommendation: The report sets out progress against key success measures for the third year of monitoring (2018/19) for the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2016-2019.

Introduction and Background

- 1 The Community Plan creates a long-term vision (2013-2028) for the Sevenoaks District and sets out the community's priorities for action.
- 2 Council approved the Community Plan and strategic level action plan accompanied by key success measures on 10 May 2016.
- 3 The Sevenoaks District Local Strategic Partnership delivers the Community Plan. This is made up of public sector organisations, together with voluntary and community sector representatives. It is co-ordinated by Sevenoaks District Council.

Community Plan Annual Report for the period 1st April 2018 - 31st March 2019

- 4 The Annual report is attached at Appendix A.
- 5 It sets out some of the key outcomes achieved this year by theme of the Community Plan. Each theme also includes some of the key partnership challenges for the year ahead.

97% of key performance indicators are currently on target, against a target of 85%. A flavour of the work is given below. The Annual Report sets out further information.

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| <p>Safe Communities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 96% of the 2018/19 Community Safety Partnership Action Plan achieved. • Coordinated partnership action on the former Convent of Mercy site, resulting in one of the first Closure Orders in the county being used successfully. • 11.8% reduction in anti-social behaviour, and the second lowest level in the county. • 4% reduction in the number of people killed and seriously injured on local roads in the Sevenoaks district. |
| <p>Caring Communities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new modern scheme for older people completed in Swanley at White Oak Court Woodlands Court*. This provides 31 one and two bedroom self-contained apartments with a range of on-site facilities. • Two new care homes opened during 2018/19 with a range of on-site facilities, including Lavender Fields, Seal and Emerson Park, Hextable. • £25,000 in grants was awarded by the Sevenoaks Local Children’s Partnership to support attendance at school, supporting families to make healthy lifestyles choices and emotional resilience. • The Council’s HERO service reduced customers’ debts by nearly £48,000. |

(*Amended at People & Places Advisory Committee 1/10/19)

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| <p>Green Environment</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and outline planning applications granted by Sevenoaks District Council, created plans for around 2.6 hectares of public open space as a result of planning permission for 300 dwellings on Land North of the Railway line and West of St John's Edenbridge. • The Council maintained a weekly refuse and recycling collection service. Sevenoaks District Council is unique in being the only Council within Kent to maintain a weekly service. • Sevenoaks District Council completed consultations on its emerging Local Plan. • West Kent Communities sold over 107,000 tonnes of reused goods that would otherwise have gone to landfill. • 98% of the District's waste was recycled or reused. |
| <p>Healthy Environment</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 40 closed cases analysed of the partnership One You Your Home Project between Sevenoaks District Council and Age Concern Sevenoaks and Tonbridge, data showed that the project was successful in reducing visits to GPs by 42% and to just over £7,000 of a savings to the NHS. • The Better Care fund, helped some exciting and innovative social prescribing projects, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One You Your Home partnership project with Sevenoaks District Council, Age UK, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge receiving over 318 referrals and secured over £11,800 on safe and secure grants to support residents to remain in their own homes. ○ The West Kent Hospital Discharge Programme assisted over 201 patients with discharge from hospital with 27% of these from the Sevenoaks district. This equates to a saving of around |

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| | <p>£24,000 of savings to the NHS for a one night impatient stay saved for each of the clients supported who live in the Sevenoaks district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ West Kent MIND successfully supported 25 people through a 12 week hoarding project. Over three quarters of the group said that their wellbeing had improved as a result of the project. ● The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Unit worked with partners to open a new mental health crisis café in Swanley. |
| Dynamic Economy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 250 people attended a West Kent jobs fair with 16 people starting work following the event. ● Sixteen businesses in the District benefitted from LEADER funding, creating a wide range of projects from converting a redundant building into a community farm shop at Mark Beech, improvements for education visits and visually impaired visitors at Chiddingstone Castle, conversion of the carriage lodge at Bore Place into two high-quality self-catering apartments and refurbishment of a milking parlour in an organic dairy farm. ● Across the County, Sevenoaks District had the lowest level of young people who were not in employment, education or training. ● 510 apprenticeships were started in the District for under 19s and 19-24 year olds. ● SupaJam Education Media and Music are also the first post 16 Special Education Provider in the country to receive a “good” Ofsted rating. An incredible 98% of learners at SupaJam went on to get a full diploma or qualification. ● The visitor economy, or tourism measured by the Cambridge Model 2017 (published 2018) showed that it represents £243 million |

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| | per year, and supports 5,287 jobs. |
| Sustainable Economy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sevenoaks District Council’s Community Infrastructure Levy Board funded by CIL liable developments in the District, approved over £2 million of projects in the District, including projects in Edenbridge, Swanley, Sevenoaks Town, Fordcombe and Otford. The largest CIL contributions included £1.2 million for the Bat and Ball Community Centre (Sevenoaks Town Council) and £600,000 for Edenbridge Integrated Health and Wellbeing Centre (Kent Community Health Foundation Trust) • 71 units of affordable housing were created in the District by registered social landlords and developers. • Significant consultation of local people was undertaken relating to the Local Plan, housing, health services and local projects. |

Key Implications

Financial

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

There are no legal or human rights issues relating to this report.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Resource (non-financial)

Work connected with the Community Plan and the administration of the Local Strategic Partnership is undertaken through existing resources.

Conclusion

- 6 The percentage of key success measures that are completed or on target to in the 2017/18 Community Plan Annual Report, stands at 97%.

Appendices

Appendix A - Community Plan Annual Report 1
April 2018 to 31 March 2019

Background Papers:

Sevenoaks District Community Plan Priorities
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