

APPENDIX C

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE - 19 MAY 2009

Title:

**WAVERLEY'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY – WAVERLEY
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP ACTION PLANS**

[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Richard Gates]

[Wards Affected: All]

Summary and purpose:

Waverley Strategic Partnership – though its sub-groups - has prepared Waverley-focused action plans to deliver the Surrey Sustainable Community Strategy priorities, Local Area Agreement indicators and other local partnership priorities within Waverley. The Executive is requested to endorse these action plans.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

Many of the priorities in the SCS align to Waverley's Corporate Plan 2008-11, and these links were highlighted when the Executive approved the response to the draft Surrey SCS consultation in February 2009.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

The SCS and WaSP action plans includes actions that should have a positive impact on equality and diversity issues in Waverley, in particular actions that focus on reducing inequalities between communities and supporting vulnerable children and adults.

Resource/Value for Money implications:

There are no specific resource implications in this report. However, working together with partners and other agencies in Waverley should achieve increased value for money for residents and businesses.

Legal Implications:

Waverley Borough Council has a statutory duty to agree a Waverley Sustainable Community Strategy under the Local Government Act 2000 and the Sustainable Communities Act 2007.

Introduction

1. Under the Local Government Act 2000 and the Sustainable Communities Act 2007, all Local Authorities must prepare a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for their areas, in consultation with partners. In most areas this is agreed through the Local Strategic Partnership.

2. In April 2008, both the Executive and the Waverley Local Strategic Partnership (now the Waverley Strategic Partnership or 'WaSP') identified that the themes of the initial draft Surrey Sustainable Community Strategy accurately reflected the key issues in the Waverley area and agreed to adopt the Surrey Strategy rather than rewriting Waverley's own. At its meeting in February 2009, the Executive endorsed the revised draft Surrey Sustainable Community Strategy, which was out for consultation, and agreed a response to the consultation.
3. In July 2009 the Surrey SCS will be finally published and this final version will be brought to full Council, via the Executive, for formal adoption as the Waverley Sustainable Community Strategy - a key element within Waverley Borough Council's corporate policy framework.

Waverley Strategic Partnership Action Plans

4. In September 2008, the Waverley Local Strategic Partnership and the Safer Waverley Partnership merged to form the Waverley Strategic Partnership (WaSP) and agreed a new structure and Terms of Reference. The new structure includes three sub-groups:
 - The Safer Waverley Partnership Community Safety Strategy Group
 - The Communities, Health and Social Inclusion Group
 - The LAA Monitoring and Delivery / Future Plans & Ambitions Group (originally set up as two groups, but currently meeting as one)
5. The Waverley Strategic Partnership plays an important role in ensuring the various public bodies and key community organisations work together to deliver outcomes for Waverley's residents. WaSP – though its sub-groups - has prepared Waverley-focused action plans to deliver the Surrey Sustainable Community Strategy priorities, Local Area Agreement indicators and other local partnership priorities within Waverley. These action plans, which the Executive is requested to endorse, work towards achieving the objectives set out in the SCS and are attached to this report at [Annexe 1](#).
6. The action plans have different formats to meet the needs of the different topics and structures of the sub-groups, and there is some overlap between the actions and targets in the separate plans due to the cross-cutting nature of some of the issues considered by the different sub-groups. These have been considered and approved at the WaSP meeting on 30 April 2009 and they will be taken forward, developed and have progress against them monitored by the Sub-Groups and the main WaSP board. They are also published on the Council's website and comments on them encouraged from the public and/or partners.
7. Surrey-wide delivery plans for the LAA indicators have been prepared by lead officers from the Surrey Strategic Partnership and have recently been published on the Surrey County Council website. For many indicators data is still only available and reported on a Surrey-wide basis. However, a 'two-tier performance management' workshop was held on Thursday, 23 April and the focus was how to performance-manage the LAA across the 12 Surrey LSPs. A schedule of the LAA indicators is attached at [Annexe 2](#).

8. As part of the current Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) process, the Audit Commission will focus on the effectiveness of partnership working in delivering agreed priorities for the area. All Members and members of the Waverley Strategic Partnership have been invited to attend a briefing from the Audit Commission Surrey CAA lead on Wednesday, 20 May 2009.

Conclusion

9. WaSP – though its sub-groups - has prepared Waverley-focused action plans to deliver the Surrey Sustainable Community Strategy priorities, Local Area Agreement indicators and other local partnership priorities within Waverley. The Executive is requested to endorse these action plans.

Recommendation

The Executive is requested to endorse the Waverley Strategic Partnership action plans attached at Annexe 1.

Background Papers (DCEX)

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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