



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL
COMMITTEE IN
EPSOM & EWELL
SELF RELIANCE
27th FEBRUARY 2006**

KEY ISSUE

The Action Plan for Court & Ruxley is now completed and finalised. The aim of this report and the oral presentation that will accompany the report is to inform Members of the content of the finalised Action Plan and progress being made towards implementing the Action Plan.

SUMMARY

This report brings to the Committee's attention recent advances in the arrangements for delivering a self-reliance programme in Court and Ruxley wards.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes this report and receives further progress reports at regular intervals.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The County Council has adopted the self-reliance programme to address deprivation in the County. The self-reliance philosophy is to devise sustainable programmes to produce a lasting improvement in the quality of life and chances of people maximising their potential. These outcomes are being achieved by working in partnership with the other main statutory agencies within the Borough such as the Borough Council, Rosebery Housing Association, the Primary Care Trust, Central Surrey Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) and the Police. The sustainability is ensured by services agreeing to mainstream the approaches proposed by self reliance programmes for as long as the area requires them.
- 1.2 Recent reports to the Committee have highlighted the work of the Community Planning Team in progressing the Communities that Care Project as well as several other partnership projects that were being planned and implemented. Moreover, the report highlighted the work being done to rationalise and build the capacity of local partnership groups in the two target wards. This report will focus on the completed Communities that Care Action Plan and the progress that has been made towards implementation of this plan.

2. CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 The Communities that Care Action Plan has been completed. Prior to finalising the plan both the Ruxley and Court Community Partnerships were consulted as was the Community Planning Team and the Self Reliance Steering Group (representatives from the County Council, Borough Council, Rosebery Housing Association, the Police, the Primary Care Trust and the CVS sit on the steering group). The self reliance steering group is now in the process of discussing the next steps for and the deliverability of the plan.
- 2.2 The Action plan contain 16 recommendations, which are:

In the **Family** Domain

- 1) Establish Health Drop In Shops once a week in each ward
- 2) Peri-natal care programme: Parent Infant Education and Support PIPPIN
- 3) Improve Accessibility of Teenage Advice Clinic
- 4) Implement Learning Language and Loving It in early years education settings
- 5) Support Children's Centre Development
- 6) Develop new post of Family Support Worker

In the **School** Domain

- 1) Set up Reading Recovery in Riverview and Epsom Primary Schools
- 2) Introduce Peers Early Education Programme (PEEP) into Children's Centre provision
- 3) Introduce Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS) to Epsom Primary and Riverview Schools

In the **Youth** Domain

- 1) Develop post of Neighbourhood Playwork Coordinator
- 2) Implement a broad and varied programme of Neighbourhood Youth Work
- 3) Develop usage and re-brand Steven Woods Centre
- 4) Develop a partnership based Youth Tracker System

In the **Community** Domain

- 1) Produce a Community Newsletter 3 times a year
- 2) Develop Court and Ruxley Community Partnerships
- 3) Support and develop Neighbourhood Reassurance Policing

- 2.3 The aim is now to deliver and secure mainstream funding for as many of these projects as is possible. Good progress is being made on many projects although others may take longer and prove more problematic due to, among other issues, financial difficulties in both Surrey County Council and EEAMS Primary Care Trust.

3. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The self-reliance programme is developing rapidly and, therefore, regular progress reports will continue to be submitted to and considered by the Committee so that it is fully informed of developments.

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Background Papers:

Communities that Care Action Plan – Court & Ruxley
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