



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE
(GUILDFORD)**

Update on the Local Strategic Partnerships

30th September 2009

Key Issue/Decision

To update the Committee on progress on the priorities and delivery of the Local Strategic Partnerships (LSP) at Surrey and Guildford levels.

Summary

The Local Strategic Partnerships in Surrey & Guildford have refreshed their approaches, priorities and delivery structures. It is anticipated that this will give a more explicit and transparent emphasis on being effective and outcome focussed.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked:

- a. note and comment on this report
- b. identify ways in which Member representation is required on the delivery groups of the Guildford LSP
- c. comment on improved ways in which the work of the Surrey Strategic Partnership and the Guildford LSP can be shared and challenged

1. Background

1.1 The work of Surrey County Council (SCC) and partners is reported annually to the Committee and when this was done at the March 2009 meeting, Members asked for a further report that provided a fuller understanding of the partnerships arrangements at borough & county levels; how Members might contribute to the achievement of Local Area Agreement targets and meeting local LSP priorities.

2. Surrey Strategic Partnership

2.2 The Surrey Strategic Partnership (SSP) is a multi-agency body responsible for delivering the Surrey Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement. It is also responsible for preparing for & responding to the Comprehensive Area Assessment of Surrey by the Audit Commission. The SSP is composed of two key elements, the Leadership Group (comprising Members and senior representatives of the partners agencies) and the Delivery Management Group (comprising the chief officers of the agencies).

2.3 Since the previous Committee discussion in March, Dr Andrew Povey, the new Leader of SCC, has proposed a number of changes to both the structure and direction of the SSP. Firstly the SCC Member representation has been reduced to the Leader and the Deputy Leader to enable a sharper more strategic focus from the County Council, while saying that the Leadership Group should be no bigger than 12 people; this is currently being worked through.

2.4 Secondly, Dr Povey has asked that the 5 Themed Partnerships (as reported in the report to the March Committee) should be re-titled as the Surrey Delivery Groups, but more significantly he has advocated that about from their work in their specialist areas, there were additional challenges for the SSP to address in a more cross-cutting way. These are Supporting the Local Economy and Jobs and the 2012 Olympics.

2.5 The Delivery Management Group (DMG) had previously identified 5 Priority Places in the county where the Surrey Delivery Groups were to coordinate activities and potentially resources. One of the 5 Priority Places is Westborough in Guildford and it should be noted that there is a proposal going to the DMG that Stoke should also be added to the list as its needs and aspirations are similar to the other 5 locations.

3. Local Area Agreement (LAA)

3.1 The Place Survey is undertaken every two years. The results are used to set a number of the LAA targets. Annex 1 sets out the results of the 2008 Place Survey, comparing Guildford Borough with the Surrey and England averages. Broadly speaking, respondents from Guildford Borough report similar views to those of the rest of Surrey and higher levels of satisfaction than the England average. This means that Surrey residents report better health, are more likely to volunteer, feel that anti-social behaviour is less of an issue and are more satisfied with their local area as a place to live.

3.2 When asked what makes an area a good place to live, respondents from Guildford Borough replied that low levels of crime and good health services are the most important factors. When asked what most needs improving in Guildford, road and pavement repairs, followed by the level of traffic congestion, were the two most common responses.

3.3 We have undertaken an initial analysis of the Place Survey at ward level, comparing the results of the most and least deprived wards in the Borough. According to the Index of Multiple Deprivation (2007), the most deprived

wards are Stoke, Westborough and Ash Wharf. The least deprived wards are Burpham, Onslow, Christchurch and Clandon & Horsley.

3.4 The analysis has found that respondents to the survey living in the most deprived wards are less satisfied with their area, are less likely to get involved in decision-making and feel less able to influence decisions affecting their local area.

3.5 However, respondents from the most deprived wards do feel more able to influence decisions affecting their local area than the Guildford average. This may be because of the joint work undertaken by the public agencies in these areas, for example Community Development work in North Guildford, resulting in higher levels of engagement.

3.6 National Indicator 4, % who agree they can influence decisions affecting their local area, and National Indicator 5, % who are satisfied with their local area as a place to live, are two of the most difficult indicators to influence. Analysis of the Place Survey suggests a strong correlation between respondents who are a member of a decision-making group and their satisfaction with their local area. A countywide plan to respond to these two LAA targets is currently being produced.

3.7 The Committee are asked to consider the results of the Place Survey and how this could be used by officers to inform priorities and actions in the future.

3.8 Annex 2 sets out the LAA targets and highlights some of the actions being put in place to meet the targets in Guildford. It should be noted that a number of these targets are measured at countywide level, rather than being directly delivered at borough level.

4. The Guildford Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)

4.1 The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Board signed-off the Guildford Borough Sustainable Community Strategy 2009 – 2026 at its meeting on 30 July 2009. A full copy of the Sustainable Community Strategy is available on the website here:

www.guildford.gov.uk/GuildfordWeb/Community/Localstrategicpartnership/

4.2 The final strategy takes account of the views expressed by the voluntary and community sector, partner organisations and residents during the public consultation period.

4.3 The LSP Board also approved the establishment / designation of a number of thematic groups to deliver relevant objectives in the sustainable community strategy.

4.4 In order to focus on efficiently delivering the outcomes of the community strategy, it has been agreed that three existing groups will be responsible for delivering many of the objectives. These are:

- Safer Guildford Partnership
- Transport for Guildford
- Guildford Business Forum.

4.5 In order to deliver the remaining objectives two new groups are being established. These are:

- Healthy Guildford
- Sustainable Guildford.

4.6 Membership of the two new groups is currently being confirmed. It is planned that they will first meet in November.

4.7 Annex 3 sets out the objectives that each of the thematic groups will be responsible for delivering. Delivery plans are being developed for each objective, setting out targets and key actions that will be used to meet the targets. Members are asked to comment on both the detail of these groups and how best Members should be represented on them.

4.8 Further, Members are asked to comment on how best they should be updated on progress at SSP and LSP levels. For instance, there is a commitment by the Local Partnerships Team to report to the Committee at least annually, but Members might welcome a more in-depth seminar on this area of activity that highlighted both the challenges and opportunities to add value.

4.9 The LSP Management Group is currently assessing how best to promote the new Sustainable Community Strategy and this will emerge in time to inform and seek support from the LSP Board at its meeting on 15th October 2009.

5. Priority Places

5.1 As mentioned in paragraph 2.5, a re-newed emphasis is being given to focus delivery on the Priority Places in Surrey. Currently this means Westborough ward and possibly will include Stoke ward in the near future. This is opportune as it could give proper, sustained attention to the known areas of disadvantage.

5.2 However there are a number of key factors that will need to be in place for this to bring lasting benefits:

- Real engagement with local people to enable their voice, perspectives and aspirations to be heard, with their direct representation on planning and delivery groups. Involvement of elected Members is an important part of this.
- Comprehensive understanding of both the needs and strengths of these areas.
- Coordination of effort, resources and monitoring across the Surrey Delivery Groups (Children & Young People; Safer & Stronger Communities; Health & Well-being; Economic Development; Housing Infrastructure & Environment). It is proposed that this coordination is best delivered by the Guildford LSP, rather than once removed by SSP.
- Evaluating effectiveness and identifying lessons learned.

5.3 Officers have worked hard to ensure that these factors are being understood, especially as the Children & Young People's Delivery Group is commissioning its first project for the Priority Places in Westborough, the Westborough Prevention Project. It is pleasing to note that a number of focus groups were held at an early stage with local parents, children and agencies to gain their views. Also, Fiona White as both a County and Borough Member is involved in the Steering Group.

5.4 More work is needed to ensure the appropriate and coherent join up of actions across the Surrey Delivery Groups within the Priority Places, not least in the targeted and efficient use of discrete resources to meet locally agreed priorities.

6. Financial and value for money implications

6.1 The Guildford Local Strategic Partnership itself has no budget although it receives officer support and time from SCC, GBC, Surrey PCT and Surrey Police. The Partnership has yet to fully release the resources of the partner agencies in a sustained way and this is a particular challenge for the LSP Board as it agrees its new delivery plans (as in Annexe 3).

7. Equalities and diversity implications

7.1 Both the Surrey Strategic Partnership and the Guildford Local Strategic Partnership make specific reference to the groups in Surrey's communities who experience the most disadvantage and this is now being enshrined in the Priority Places activities in Westborough.

8. Crime and disorder implications

8.1 Both the Surrey Strategic Partnership and the Guildford Local Strategic Partnership make specific reference to crime and disorder through the Safer & Stronger Communities delivery group and the Safer Guildford Partnership respectively.

9. Conclusion and reasons for recommendation

9.1 The report summarises the progress being made over the last 6 months while noting the transition & challenges currently being addressed. There have been some changes to the Member representation, which has involved a reduction in the member representation on the SSP while enabling a sharper focus on strategic direction at that level. Members' views are sought on how best to enable representation on the Guildford LSP delivery groups.

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Annex 1

2008 Place Survey – Summary of final results for Surrey County Council

Question	2008 Guildford	2008 SCC result	South East mean	England mean
(1) National Indicators				
% who agree that their local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together (NI 1)	79.3	80.2	78.9	76.4
% who feel they belong to their immediate neighbourhood (NI 2)	54.6	57.9	58.3	58.7
% who have been involved in decisions that affect the local area in the past 12 months (NI 3)	15.3	14.5	14.2	14.0
% who agree that they can influence decisions in their local area (NI 4)	29.3	28.4	28.2	28.9
% who are satisfied with their local area as a place to live (NI 5)	84.4	84.2	82.8	79.7
% who have given unpaid help at least once per month over the last 12 months (NI 6)	26.8	24.4	24.8	23.2
% who think that anti-social behaviour is a problem in their local area (NI 17)	12.2	13.0	16.2	20.0
% who agree that the police and other local public services are successfully dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime in their local area (NI 21)	32	29.0	26.2	26.3
% who agree that in their local area parents take enough responsibility for the behaviour of their children (NI 22)	41.9	35.1	30.9	29.6
% who think there is a problem with people not treating each other with respect and consideration in their local area (NI 23)	25.2	25.2	28.1	31.2
% who agree that the police and other local public services seek people's views about anti-social behaviour and crime in their local area (NI 27)	25.5	25.3	23.7	24.8 2
% who feel informed about what to do in the event of a large-scale emergency (NI 37)	14.3	14.5	15.5	15.3
% who think that drunk and rowdy behaviour is a problem in their local area (NI 41)	25.6	23.3	26.6	29.0
% who think that drug use or drug dealing is a problem in their local area (NI 42)	16.2	18.7	24.4	30.5
% who say their health is good or very good (NI 119)	82.0	82.0	79.3	75.8
% people aged 65 and over who are satisfied with both home and neighbourhood (NI 138)	83.2	85.8	85.5	83.9

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% who think that older people in their local area get the help and support they need to continue to live at home for as long as they want to (NI 139)	29.2	26.0	28.4	30.0
% who would say that they have been treated with respect and consideration by their local public services in the last year (NI 140)	80.3	77.2	75.8	72.4

(2) Other questions				
% People very or fairly satisfied with...	2008 Guildford	2008 SCC result	South East mean	England mean
...local tips/household waste recycling centres	71.5	71.4	72.6	71.2
...local transport information	45.6	41.0	44.3	48.0
...libraries	63.6	69.2	70.2	69.0
% very or fairly satisfied with how council runs things	53.8	48.9	47.0	45.4
% strongly or tend to agree that local council provides value for money?	40.4	37.5	34.4	33.2
Generally speaking would you like to be more involved in the decisions that affect your local area %	28.6	27.1	26.7	26.6

Annex 2: Surrey Local Area Agreement Indicators

NI code and description	Lead Partner in Surrey	Actions / areas of work in Guildford by other partners
Safer and Stronger		
NI 4 % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality	Surrey CC	Surrey-wide workshop/conference held 3 July 2009.
NI 5 Overall/general satisfaction with local area	Surrey CC	Surrey-wide workshop/conference held 3 July 2009.
NI 7 Environment for a thriving third sector	Surrey Infrastructure Consortium	Surrey Community Action Voluntary Action South West Surrey Employee volunteering schemes – Surrey County Council
NI 21 Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police	Surrey Police	Joint Action Group (JAG) work on identified areas with high levels of anti-social behaviour.
NI 30 Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders	Surrey Probation Service	Safer Guildford has an action group that targets Prolific and Priority Offenders.
NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence	Surrey Probation Service	Domestic Abuse awareness week activities being delivered in Guildford.
NI 36 Protection against terrorist attack	Surrey Police	
NI 141 Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living	Surrey CC	
Health and Well-being		
NI 39 Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates	Surrey PCT	Surrey Big Drink Debate Results and Surrey Alcohol Strategy launched – see http://www.surreyhealth.nhs.uk/
NI 123 16+ current smoking rate prevalence	Surrey PCT	Publicity for Stop Smoking Service Telephone assistance now in place as well as groups to assist with smoking quits. Work with ‘Alliance’ partners e.g. Trading Standards and Surrey Police on Tobacco Control Strategy.
NI 125 Achieving independence for older people through rehabilitation/ intermediate care	Surrey CC	Day Centres throughout the Borough Third sector support throughout the Borough

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NI 130 Social Care clients receiving Self Directed Support (Direct Payments and Individual Budgets)	Surrey CC	
NI 135 Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information	Surrey CC	
NI 145 Adults with learning disabilities in settled accommodation	Surrey CC	
Children and Young People		
NI 56 Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6	Surrey PCT	New PCT Exercise lead Free swimming for over 60s at the Spectrum and Lido Provision of play areas Active communities work Healthy Schools programme
NI 65 Children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time	Surrey CC	Community Incident Action Group (CIAG) & Joint Action Group (JAG) work
NI 79 Achievement of a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19	Learning and Skills Council	
NI 111 First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10 – 17	Surrey CC	CIAG & JAG work
NI 112 Under 18 conception rate	Surrey PCT	Every Child Matters – Surrey County Council Connexions – condom distribution
NI 117 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET)	Surrey CC	
Housing, Infrastructure and Environment		

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NI 154 Net additional homes provided (New build complete, Demolitions, Change of use (net gain), Conversions (net gains))	District & Borough Councils & Surrey CC	
NI 155 Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	District & Borough Councils & Surrey CC	
NI 169 Non-principal roads where maintenance should be considered	Surrey CC	
NI 186 Per capita CO2 emissions in the LA area	District & Borough Councils & Surrey CC	
NI 192 Household waste recycled and composted	District & Borough Councils & Surrey CC	Education sessions held in local schools.
Economic Development		
NI 163 Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher	Learning and Skills Council	Adult education being provided in Guildford, including through Children's Centres.
NI 164 Working age population qualified to at least Level 3 or higher	Learning and Skills Council	
Economic Development - undesignated		
NI 152 Working age people on out of work benefits	Job Centre Plus	Citizens Advice Bureau offering information and advice.
Rates of business start ups	Business Link	The Surrey Economic Partnership and the Guildford Business Forum working together. 'Surrey in the Recession' pages on the SCC website, Offering individuals and businesses information and advice.
Business survival rates at 12 months	Business Link	
Business survival rates at 24 months	Business Link	
Number of business supported	Business Link	
GVA growth of businesses intensively assisted	Business Link	
GVA per capita	SEP and Business Link	

Annex 3: structure of the Guildford Local Strategic Partnership

