



COMMUNITY STRATEGY

Local Committee for Mole Valley 28 September 2005

KEY ISSUE:

The purpose of this report is to present a summary of the priority areas and recommendations that came from the community workshops and how these match up to other evidence collected i.e. from the survey in November 2004, other relevant consultations and statistical data such as Census records and Deprivation Indices.

SUMMARY:

Participants in the programme of workshops, which took place between March and May 2005, prioritised the following:

- **Transport and traffic congestion**
- **Affordable housing**
- **Waste and recycling**
- **Facilities for young people**

To the above list we have also added the following elements to strengthen community cohesion:

- **Community Safety** – this has been dealt with under a separate consultation, which was specifically aimed at informing the new community safety strategy.
- **Neighbourhood development projects** (N. Leatherhead, N. Holmwood) – in response to these areas continuing to figure on the Indices of Deprivation.
- **Community leadership in tackling emerging issues** – issues that don't fit within the above categories but come out in other community engagement processes, such as the 'hard-to-reach' consultation, Leatherhead Health Check and Parish planning.
- **Health facilities** – this issue may be tackled, depending on the permitted level of District involvement in the 'Better Healthcare Closer to Home' consultation.

A detailed examination of each priority area and a breakdown of the community's issues or recommendations within each area is shown in **Annexe A**. Related findings from the November 2004 questionnaire and other statistical data are also included. We are committed to taking a holistic approach to the development of the Community Strategy and to ensure that delivery is 'joined up' and cross cutting to achieve maximum benefits for the community.

The recommendations stated in this report DO NOT represent action plans or commitments to action by Mole Valley District Council, Surrey County Council, or any of their partner agencies. They will be assessed and amended and added to where appropriate, following discussions and consensus building with all officers and partners involved in delivery.

The next steps in developing the strategy are outlined at **Annexe B**.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members are asked:

- (i) to endorse the priorities as a broad reflection of community concerns
- (ii) to commit to the resourcing and delivery of action plans in these areas

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