



**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY**  
**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE**  
**(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

**29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2007**

**KEY ISSUE**

This report provides the Local Committee with an update on the development of a sustainable community plan for the Reigate and Banstead Borough.

**SUMMARY**

The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) in Reigate and Banstead was established in 2002.

The LSP is currently progressing the development of a new sustainable community plan for the period to 2020, as required by Government legislation.

This report outlines the progress to date, and the timetable for the development of the new plan.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee is asked to**

- (i) Note the progress to date in developing the sustainable community strategy, the draft themes, and the planned timetable for the next stages;
- (ii) Recommend any community groups that the Local Committee considers a priority for public consultation;
- (iii) Consider how the Local Committee would like to support the consultation process
- (iv) Agree that the Chairman of the Local Committee continue to act as the County Council's representative on the Local Strategic Partnership.

## 1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Section 4 of the Local Government Act 2000 placed a duty on local authorities to prepare a community strategy for promoting or improving the economic, social and environmental well being of their area. Guidance required that these strategies be produced in partnership with all local delivery agencies and their communities.
- 1.2 In Reigate and Banstead the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) takes the lead in developing the Borough Community Plan. The first Community Plan for Reigate and Banstead was approved in September 2003. This plan was relatively short term, with many of the actions now complete.
- 1.3 The LSP is, therefore, in the process of developing a new sustainable community plan for Reigate and Banstead.

## 2 VISION AND DRAFT THEMES FOR THE NEW SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 2.1 On 20<sup>th</sup> June 2006, the LSP agreed the Vision and themes for the emerging Community Plan. These are attached as Annex A.
- 2.2 An LSP Executive Task Group is supporting the development of the plan. This is made up of representatives from Surrey County Council, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, Primary Care Trust and Raven Housing Trust. The detailed timetable for the development of the Community Plan is set out below:

Activity	Timeline
Household Survey on Vision & key themes	September 2006
Finalise document	November 2006
Informal consultation within Executive Task Group organisations	December 2006
Review responses and amend Plan	January 2007
Agree Consultation Draft at Local Strategic Partnership	February 2007
Wide ranging Consultation on the Draft Plan	March – April 2007
LSP considers revisions to the Plan and commend for adoption by the partners	May 2007
Partners consider adoption of the Plan	June 2007 onwards
Task Group work initiated to develop Action Plans	June 2007 onwards

## 3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 A leaflet on the Vision and high-level themes has been sent to every household in the Borough as part of the electoral canvass. Approximately 10% of households have returned the form and 2,777 have been processed to date.

- 3.2 The following gives and analysis of the interim results:
- 77% agree with the vision for the borough
  - 90% agree with Healthy Themes
  - 82% agree with Neighbourhoods of the future
  - 87% agree with Vibrant Communities
  - 89% agree with the right services in the right place
  - 71% agreed that these themes covered the important issues for the borough over the next 10-15 years
  - 50% of respondents added additional comments. The work on analysing these is not yet complete.
- 3.3 As the timescale above shows, a wide ranging consultation is also planned for the new year, to get more detailed feedback on the draft sustainable community plan. This could take the form of:
- Letters to voluntary organisations and community groups
  - In-sector consultation through existing channels
  - Themed workshops
  - Publicity via press release, help shops, libraries, web sites etc for general public responses to the Plan

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The priorities that are agreed within a new Sustainable Community Strategy will have implications for the delivery of County Council services within Reigate and Banstead, along with certain funding implications.

#### **5 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The LSP reviews the progress of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership against the aims within the Reigate and Banstead Community safety Strategy. The priorities within a new community plan may have crime and disorder implications, either directly or indirectly.

#### **6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy will have equalities implications, either directly or indirectly, depending on the priorities.

#### **7 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 Government guidance places Local Strategic Partnerships as the 'partnership of partnerships' in a local area, providing strategic coordination and linking with plans and bodies established at the regional, sub-regional and local level.
- 7.2 The Sustainable Community Strategy, currently being developed, will set priorities and targets for all members of the partnership, and therefore, have implications for County Council services and resources.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** Local Government Act 2000  
Your Community – Your Future: a Community Plan for  
Reigate and Banstead

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## ANNEX A

**Our Vision for Reigate & Banstead**

Reigate and Banstead will be one of the most desirable and attractive areas in the region. It will be a place where:

- People who live, work and visit the Borough enjoy the benefits of a prosperous local economy
- Neighbourhoods are supported by effective services, infrastructure and transport options.
- The well being of communities is supported by accessible health, leisure, education and information services.
- People enjoy active, healthy and diverse lifestyles.

**Healthy Environment**

Maintaining a sustainable environment for future generations by:

- Managing the Green Belt, open spaces and countryside
- Safeguarding our local heritage and character
- Recycling and waste management
- Sustainable design and development
- Managing and mitigating the effects of climate change

**Neighbourhoods for the Future**

Designing sustainable neighbourhoods with effective transport routes and homes for all that are underpinned by a prosperous local economy with:

- Effective transport options (cycling, walking, public transport, car)
- Sustainable neighbourhoods with the right infrastructure
- A range of homes to meet community needs
- A growing economy attracting new business and enterprise

**Vibrant Communities**

Creating vibrant safe communities in which there is access to health and social care services, opportunities for leisure and lifestyle activities and everyone has a high quality of life by:

- Reducing the fear of crime, improving crime prevention and tackling anti-social behaviour
- Targeted health promotion and information
- Encouraging active lifestyles with leisure options for all
- Providing services for older people
- Providing health and lifestyle education and activities for young people

### **The Right Services in the Right Places**

Provide accessible services for everyone. A Borough in which residents, workers and visitors can easily access services and information and get involved in decisions about the Borough.

- Public services that respond to the needs of the community
- Accessible community based information on health, education and public services
- Influencing the development of vibrant communities and places through increased participation in the local democratic process