



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

REIGATE AND BANSTEAD'S COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP: AN UPDATE

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KEY ISSUE

This report provides an update on the Reigate and Banstead's Community Strategy focusing on the four priority areas of Your Environment, Neighbourhoods for the Future, Vibrant Communities and the Right Services in the Right Places.

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Reigate and Banstead Community Strategy focuses on key partner priorities for the borough for the next twelve years. The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) as the delivery group for this plan, has agreed a governance structure and operational arrangements to deliver the targets under these priorities and the four Thematic Groups are now finalising action plans for each priority. Members from both authorities are now linked with each thematic group in order to champion the issues in their organisations, support the partner approaches to deliver against targets and act as a communication link with these key themes.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to agree that:

- (i) County members are linked with each of the four Thematic Groups as follows – Your Environment (Councillor Lynne Hack), Neighbourhoods for the Future (Councillor Michael Gosling),

- (ii) Vibrant Communities (Councillor Kay Hammond) and The Right Services in the Right Places (Councillor Dorothy Ross-Tomlin).
Comments or suggestions be fed into the process through the appropriate county member as the action plans are finalised.

2 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The four key priorities in the Reigate and Banstead Community Strategy were agreed in a context of the Surrey strategic strands agreed through the Local Area Agreement. (LAA).

Your Environment, including use of green spaces and parks; recycling and managing waste; easy access when travelling round the borough and a sustainable lifestyle in an environment for the future.

Neighbourhoods for Future, including realisation of our potential in neighbourhoods such as Redhill, Preston, Merstham and Horley; the development of homes to suit changing needs; and services and facilities that respond to need.

Vibrant Communities, ensuring a safe and strong borough; promoting healthy, active lifestyles and learning opportunities for all.

Right Services in the Right Places, proofing of services for the future, informed by need and fully accessible.

Appendix 1 notes the local priorities and their connection to the strategic indicators.

3 GOVERNANCE

- 3.1 These local priorities are delivered through the LSP and Thematic Groups; details of the groups and their focus is noted in Appendix 2
- 3.2 Members from both authorities are linked with each Thematic Group in order to champion the issues in their organisations, support the partner approaches to deliver against targets and act as a communication link with these key themes.
- 3.3 County members are linked with each of the four Thematic groups as follows – Your Environment (Lynne Hack), Neighbourhoods for the Future (Councillor Michael Gosling), Vibrant Communities (Councillor Kay Hammond) and The Right Services in the Right Places (Councillor Dorothy Ross Tomlin).
- 3.4 Issues requiring decisions by the partner organisations will be taken through the usual channels for any formal agreements.
- 3.5 The Delivery Management Group (DMG) leading on the Surrey Strategic Partnership's strategy, has identified key priority 'places' in the county. In east Surrey, Merstham has been highlighted as a focus for increased partner activity. The DMG has visited the neighbourhood in September, understanding the local work currently underway and supporting further activity to deliver on targets.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 At the strategic level, the priorities were established through a broad range of partners bringing their consultation views to the debate. These views were then tested with the public.
- 4.2 Partners and communities were also consulted widely on the local community strategy which will be reviewed on a regular basis.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Partnership working is essential to finding ways to deliver improved services in a more cost effective way. The Community Strategy priorities seek to align partners' mainstream core business and resources to realise the vision.
- 5.2 Current understanding is that there is no new money to fund the work in these areas, but partner organisations may need to re-engineer the way they work to deliver outcomes.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Reigate and Banstead Community Strategy promotes equality and diversity through its approach in addressing issues such as access to services, future needs of all communities and building strong, inclusive neighbourhoods.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There is a significant component of crime and disorder related objectives in the Reigate and Banstead Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement, much of which are delivered through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Delivery and performance management are being developed through the Thematic Groups. These groups are finalising actions plans and targets against the objectives.
- 8.2 Further details of current action plans will be shared with members once available.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The Local Committee has a cabinet function to bring local intelligence to help shape the community strategy and facilitate delivery through the

local strategic planning process. Members are linked with the thematic groups to champion this work in the county council and ensure delivery with partners.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 Performance against the targets set in the action plans will be reported to the LSP Executive Group. Performance reports will be available to partners and the public online and LSP Executive meetings will be regularly held in public.
- 10.2 The Local Committee will continue to receive updates on progress and feed into the process.

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