



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
SPELTHORNE**

**SPELTHORNE TOGETHER – Local Strategic Partnership  
UPDATE**

**4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

**KEY ISSUE**

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the work currently being undertaken by Spelthorne Together (Local Strategic Partnership).

**SUMMARY**

The report sets out the current priorities of Spelthorne Together and in particular refers to those issues the County Council's support is specifically needed.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee Spelthorne is asked to agree that:**

- (i) It continues to support the work of Spelthorne Together and in particular the planned work set out below involving SCC specifically.

## 1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Spelthorne Together is the local strategic partnership for the borough and has members from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors. The Chairman of the Local Committee, the Area Director and local Fire and Rescue Service manager are the Surrey County Council representatives on Spelthorne Together. Members are also represented on the themed groups.

Through the Partnership, organisations and local residents are working together to improve the quality of life for people living and working in Spelthorne. The main way this is achieved is through the Community Plan, which sets out how partners intend to improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of Spelthorne. The Spelthorne Community Plan 2005-2015 was launched by Spelthorne Together (previously known as LSP) in July 2005. It has targets relating to the following six themes:

- Safer Spelthorne (Building a safer community)
- Young people's Spelthorne (involving young people so that they are all engaged and given every opportunity to succeed)
- Getting around Spelthorne (developing an integrated sustainable and effective transport system for all)
- Healthy Spelthorne (improving health and social care and appropriate services available for every one)
- Thriving Spelthorne (Making Spelthorne a thriving place where all people feel proud to live and work and play)
- Learning Spelthorne (providing opportunities for lifelong learning so everyone achieves his or her full potential)

Each of the above themes with the exception of Getting Around has a Strategic Partnership with relevant partners and an action plan. Discussions are currently taking place about forming a Strategic Partnership for Getting Around.

## 2 ANALYSIS

In September 2007 the Spelthorne Together Assembly identified five main priorities for 2008/09 which are:

- (i) Focus on Older People – Health & Well Being
- (ii) Family Support and Parenting - Carers – Health & Well Being,
- (iii) Facilities for Young People – Young People
- (iv) Transport and traffic congestion

(v) Improving the built and physical environment.

(i) – (iii) above were referred to the appropriate theme Strategic Partnership as shown above.

In December Spelthorne Together Executive had an Away Day and used this opportunity to examine its effectiveness as a multi agency partnership ; the impact of the Local Area Agreements on Spelthorne Together and its ability to input to the Surrey Strategic Partnership and Community Strategy.

The regular commitment of all the partners is essential to the success of Spelthorne Together and its objectives and this requires the regular attendance of partners at Spelthorne Together meetings and themed group meetings, the ability to release funding for particular projects, having a better understanding of each of the agencies own agenda, priorities and pressures and improved working together for the benefit of the people of Spelthorne. Spelthorne Together has agreed that to be more focussed there should be fewer priorities which have clarity of purpose and which relate better to the Local Area Agreements.

It is SBC's intention to invest in three of the main Spelthorne towns – Ashford/Shepperton/Sunbury over the next 3 years. It is hoped that SCC would match fund this and business partners might get involved practically and financially. Further detailed information will follow but Spelthorne Together has suggested that it would help if there were greater clarity on the respective roles of Spelthorne Together; County's activities at Borough level, area forums, neighbourhood agenda as set out by Ministers – especially given the Borough's initiatives in Ashford, Sunbury & Shepperton.

One of the ongoing concerns which the Local Committee will be aware of is the transport and traffic congestion in Staines Town centre and in particular issues such as Traffic flow, Park & Ride Information, the relocation of Staines Bus Station, better signage and the impact of Airtrack . The Chamber of Commerce will be undertaking a further survey in January. Spelthorne Together have agreed to make transport and traffic congestion a key priority for 2008/09 and establish a group including the Chamber of Commerce, SBC and SCC to consider these issues.

Additionally in relation to Community Transport and issues such as bus pass problems, vulnerable people's transport. Community bus, volunteer drivers, and the possible development of the SCC LPSA Community Transport Project the County's Head of Transportation has been asked to provide data and further information on SCC's progress on sustainable travel. He has agreed to identify County Officers to take forward transport actions and include this work in their forward plans to ensure time is made available.

### **3 CONSULTATIONS**

- 3.1 The Chairman and Area Director as members of Spelthorne Together will be involved in further consultation arising from the work of Spelthorne Together and will where appropriate consult with the Local Committee.

### **4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications in this report at this time.

### **5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Spelthorne Together in its work is mindful of these issues.

### **6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Safer Spelthorne theme of Spelthorne Together working with the Safer Stronger Spelthorne Partnership has regard for this.

### **7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 This report focusses on the need for SCC's input into Spelthorne's Together's work programme.

### **8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 The Local Committee's continuing support for the work of Spelthorne Together.

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