



## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (SPELTHORNE)

### Stanwell Moor Community Action Plan

30<sup>th</sup> June 2008

#### KEY ISSUE

To receive a presentation by Brian Harris, Assistant Chief Executive, Spelthorne Borough Council on the Stanwell Moor Community Action Plan and to give a response.

#### SUMMARY

This report highlights the results of the research undertaken in Stanwell Moor and the Action Plan which has been produced as a result and seeks the Local Committee's views on the actions outlined which would be within the remit of the County Council.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Local Committee consider the Plan and respond.

#### 1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Borough Council was approached by Reigate and Banstead Council in 2006 to participate in a pilot community engagement exercise. Reigate and Banstead had for several years successfully developed neighbourhood action plans within its various communities and were granted funding to pilot the scheme in other Surrey Authorities.
- 1.2 The Borough Council agreed to be part of the pilot, along with Woking Council and identified Stanwell Moor as the area/community to be covered. Although at that time the Stanwell New Start project was underway very little of the proposed initiatives affected Stanwell Moor,

which is a very discreet geographical area cut off physically from the rest of the Borough.

## **2 ANALYSIS**

**2.1** The process has identified a number of issues and these are covered in the Action Plan (Annex A circulated separately). A number of issues lie within the County Council's areas of responsibility and some are already ongoing. A separate list of these actions is set out below at the end of this report.

The key issues relate to:

- Traffic problems
- Heathrow Airport
- Environment
- Self reliance

**2.2** The Action Plan in many areas involves further investigation or asking the public agencies to consider their current budgets/plans to see if they can be readjusted to look at some of the issues.

**2.3** The Plan also seeks to involve the community itself in resolving some of the issues. The process has already started to galvanise some people into action as can be evidenced by the increasing numbers at the monthly Residents Association meetings and the formation of a new Village Hall Committee which is planning events for the community. It is felt that the proposed Civic Pride clean-up day, a possible mini-Partnership Action Day and improved use of the village hall will do much to kick start other initiatives.

**2.4** The Borough Council's Executive has endorsed the Plan and Spelthorne Together (LSP) have considered and supported it.

**2.5** The Local Committee is asked to endorse the draft Plan which commits the agencies and other bodies referred to take the actions identified. Once agreed an implementation Plan will be produced with regular reviews to track progress.

**2.6** This is a very good example of Local Government's role as community leader including neighbourhood working as envisaged by the Government. It is hoped that the community itself will be able to achieve much of the action plan, which should ensure sustainability.

## **3 CONSULTATIONS**

**3.1** The process has involved extensive consultation with the local community including:

Residents

Residents Association

Businesses

Young people

Users of the Village Hall

Voluntary organisations working on Stanwell Moor e.g. East to West

Key partners including the County Council, Surrey Police and BAA

Public meetings

A key feature of the process has been the involvement of the local Ward Councillors, Councillors Chouhan, Flurry and Pinkerton and County Councillor Agarwal.

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

There are no financial implications as the idea is to use/redirect current budgets. Parts of the action plan involves co-ordinating partners to ensure better use of current resources and greater awareness of current funding streams. It is hoped that the local Councillors both Borough and County can use their Neighbourhood Grants for some of the projects.

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

These will be taken into account.

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

There is none.

#### **7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1.1 In paragraph 5 the Local Committee are being asked to endorse the draft Plan which commits the agencies and other bodies referred to take the actions identified. Once agreed an implementation Plan will be produced with regular reviews to track progress.

The Local Highways Manager comments that " the requests for action in this plan will need to be assessed for their priority against the objectives of the Local Transport Plan, together with the other requests we receive across the Borough. Requests for alterations to waiting restrictions and traffic measures will be added to the relevant lists and prioritised early next year. The prioritised lists will be reported to the LC in February / March 2009.

Specific highway maintenance issues will be dealt with giving priority to safety issues.

#### **8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To seek the Local Committee's response to the Plan.

#### **9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

Further consideration will be given to how the action plan might be implemented.

## **Stanwell Moor Action Plan – Summary of issues affecting the Borough Council**

### **Traffic Problems**

#### Speeding (pg 8)

- Investigate speeds on main residential roads at peak times (links to piloting of 20mph zones elsewhere)
- Investigate HGV usage/signage at entrances to villages.

#### Transport Links (pg 10)

- Support ways of prioritising public transport and working with bus operators to promote any changes to existing provision.

#### Parking (pg 12)

- Review existing restrictions

### **Environment**

#### Fly Tipping (pg 23)

- Investigate clearing of ditches in Spout Lane and area around Leylands Lane
- Remove any fly tips on SCC owned land

#### Pavements etc (pg 27)

- Improve maintenance of pavements/ditches and assist in identifying ownership of problem hedges and ditches

### **Self Reliance and Thriving Communities**

#### ASB and Vandalism (pg 30)

- Continue to support development of services for young people, particularly through the East to West Youth Worker's involvement with the Village Youth Club.

#### Facilities for Young People (pg 32)

- Linked to above – commit to engage with young people and work with Borough Council and other agencies to develop facilities.

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