



An Update on the Local Strategic Partnership and Community Plan in Tandridge

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KEY ISSUE

This report and presentation will update the Local Committee on the current position of the Tandridge Community Strategy 2006-2010 and give an outline of the Tandridge Local Strategic Partnership.

SUMMARY

The Tandridge Community Strategy 2006-2010 is to be published in June 2006 and is currently being drafted. The four priority issues, which were identified through consultation with key stakeholders are Community Safety, Transportation and Access, Healthy Living and Caterham Town Centre. The Tandridge Local Strategic Partnership is the forum through which this plan is delivered, as part of a shared vision for the district.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to :

- (i) Note the current position of the Community Strategy 2006-2010 and the schedule for agreeing this partnership document.
- (ii) Note the composition of the Tandridge Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and their role in relation to this forum.
- (iii) Consider any additional processes to ensure members are kept fully informed, involved and able to influence the delivery of the Community Strategy priorities.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. The Tandridge Local Strategic Partnership is the forum through which the Community Strategy is delivered, as part of a shared vision for the district. The Community Strategy deals with quality of life. It seeks to tackle the long term, complex issues of key concern to the community. The Strategy is not about the statutory responsibilities of authorities and agencies, it is about achieving added value through partnership working. Its statutory basis is in the duty of 'well-being'.

THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (LSP)

2. Partners on the Local Strategic Partnership include representatives from Surrey County Council, Tandridge District Council, Surrey Police, the Primary Care Trust, local businesses, the voluntary sector, the Government Office for the South East (GoSE) and community stakeholders.
3. Partners work together in a number of forums:
 - Local Strategic Partnership Executive
 - Local Strategic Partnership Coordination Group
 - Project Groups
4. The LSP Executive is chaired by the Leader of Tandridge District Council. The LSP Coordination Group, comprising officers only, is chaired by Tandridge District Council's Chief Executive. The four Project Groups are chaired by appropriate partners.

THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

5. The Tandridge (LSP) oversees the Community Strategy. Member representation from both Surrey County Council and Tandridge District Council gives members of both authorities the opportunity to be kept informed and to influence the Community Strategy. The Community Strategy is an umbrella strategy dealing with the key issues for Tandridge.
6. The key focus is on action to make a difference on the ground – outcomes for the community.
7. The Tandridge Community Strategy is set within a number of contexts.
 - Regional - incorporating issues from the South East Plan and economic strategies.
 - County - considering priorities such as those identified in 'Surrey 2020' and Surrey County Council's Community Strategy.
 - Local – priorities across Tandridge district.
 - Neighbourhood – Parish plans and Healthcheck issues.

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8. There are also links made with all existing corporate strategies, the vision and themes identified for Tandridge, the Local Development Framework and Local Public Service Agreements. The new Local Area Agreement approach will also impact on the delivery of the Community Strategy.

THE PRIORITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

9. In November 2004, key stakeholders identified four priorities for the Community Strategy 2006-2010:
 - Community Safety (chaired through the Tandridge Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership)
 - Transportation and Access (chaired by Surrey County Council)
 - Healthy Living (chaired by the PCT)
 - Caterham Town Centre. (chaired by Tandridge District Council)
10. These priorities will be delivered through four project groups, with clear terms of reference, action plans and 'smart' targets. Their progress will be monitored and directed through the Local Strategic Partnership.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION OF THE TANDRIDGE COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2006-2010

- December 2005 – Draft Community Strategy completed.
- January 2006 – Draft Community Strategy goes to the Local Strategic Executive for consultation.
- March 2006 – Community Strategy 2006-2010 completed and agreed.
- June 2006 – Community Strategy 2006-2010 adopted and launched.

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

11. Member involvement in the Community Strategy is crucial. Members are and have been part of the processes up to this point and will continue to be updated and consulted on the way forward. The links with the communities in Tandridge and their concerns and priorities can best be communicated through the member interface.
12. Through the Local Strategic Partnership and Local Committee there will be opportunities for members of both authorities to influence and shape progress in delivering the shared vision for Tandridge. Additional mechanisms for achieving this end should also be considered as part of the ongoing process.

CONCLUSION

13. The Committee is asked to endorse the recommendations.

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