



Local and Strategic Partnerships and Plans

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KEY ISSUE

This report and presentation will update the Local Committee on the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and the Tandridge Community Strategy 2006-2010 in the context of the Local Area Agreement and Surrey Strategic Partnership.

SUMMARY

The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) in Tandridge drives the work of the local Community Strategy. This report and presentation gives the Local Committee an update on the strategy, in a context of the countywide Local Area Agreement (LAA) and Surrey Strategic Partnership (SSP). The SSP is undergoing a review in the autumn of 2007 and the Local Committee will be consulted on the governance and progress of the countywide projects later in the year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

- (a) note the current work in delivering the Community Strategy 2006-2010 in the wider context, and
- (b) consider processes by which members can be kept fully informed, involved and able to influence the delivery of the Community Strategy and LAA priorities.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Tandridge Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) is the forum through which the Community Strategy is delivered, as part of a shared vision for the district. The Community Strategy focuses on the quality of life in the district, tackling the long-term, complex issues of key concern to the community to 'promote well being'. It is about what can be achieved by working in partnership.
- 1.2 In 2002, the Surrey Strategic Partnership (SSP) was created with key partners across the county. Two years later a countywide Surrey Community Strategy was created - 'The Vision for Surrey in 2020'. summarises the vision for Surrey in 2020 as a county of distinctive, confident, caring, creative, and safe communities, where individuals and organisations take responsibility for resolving the many challenges that the county faces.
- 1.3 The central role and importance of the LSP has been endorsed and strengthened in The Government White Paper on Sustainable Communities 2006 as '*the main vehicle for developing a vision for transforming a place and for tackling hard cross-cutting social problems. . . .we will confirm the LSP as the overarching strategic partnership for an area*'.

2 THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (LSP)

- 2.1 The overarching strategic partnership for the district includes representatives from Surrey County Council, Tandridge District Council, Surrey Police, the Primary Care Trust, local businesses, the Government Office for the South East (GoSE) and community representatives. Member representation from both Surrey County Council and Tandridge District Council gives members the opportunity to be kept informed and to influence the Community Strategy.
- 2.2 The LSP partners work through an executive, a coordination group and project groups to deliver targets.
- 2.3 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. Various partners facilitate the four project groups.

3 THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 The Community Strategy has identified four priorities:
 - Community Safety, delivered through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP)
 - Transportation and Access
 - Healthy Living
 - Caterham Town Centre

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- 3.2 Each priority is delivered through a project group, with clear terms of reference, action plans and specific targets. Their progress is monitored and advised through the LSP. An update of progress will be given in a presentation to members at the committee.

4 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT AND SURREY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

- 4.1 The Local Area Agreement (LAA) is a three-year agreement between central and local government and key partners working together in an area to deliver public services. Local Area agreements signal a recognition in central government of local needs and local priorities and a move away from the central ethos of 'one size fits all'.
- 4.2 In Surrey, the Local Area Agreement is an important step in delivering the 'The Vision for Surrey in 2020' and improving the quality of life of the people who live and work in the county.
- 4.3 The Surrey Strategic Partnership was formed in 2002 to lead the development of a community strategy for the county. The Partnership is open to representatives from Surrey's public, private, voluntary and community sectors.
- 4.4 Over 3000 people were consulted over a three-year period to create 'The Vision for Surrey in 2020 and its supporting Community Strategy, over 70 organisations have since signed up to it.
- 4.5 The Local Area Agreement does not bring any additional funding, and is working in a context of resource constraint in some organisations. It therefore set themes that were clearly prioritised and grounded in Surrey's social, economic and environmental context.
- 4.6 There are a number of themes that have been identified :
- Economic development
 - Travel, access and mobility
 - Housing and associated development
 - Changing lifestyles
 - Communities, culture and identity
 - Future of public services and democracy
- 4.7 The Surrey Strategic Partnership adopted a rigorous set of principles to apply to the development of the Local Area Agreement, ensuring it is about delivery not aspiration and that it focus on a small number of outcomes and supporting delivery projects to enable partners to prioritise their time and resources.
- 4.8 The LAA is reviewed on a rolling programme with new ideas and outcomes agreed on an annual basis. An update on the progress of the projects will be given in a presentation to the committee. Revised action plans are available on the Surrey County Council website www.surreycc.gov.uk/communityplanning.

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4.9 The future governance and working arrangements of the Surrey Strategic Partnership will be undergoing a review shortly. There are a number of reasons for this:

- The government White Paper and role of Local Strategic Partnerships
- The requirement for a new LAA from April 2008 for achieving national as well as local priorities and to make LAAs part of mainstream public sector business
- Increased financial pooling of government grant funding. This is £3m this year, £10m in 2007/2008 and more in 2008/2009.
- The need to review the Surrey 2020 Vision
- Current SSP Governance arrangements focus on delivery but need to be reviewed to enable a more strategic and forward looking overview of the SSP and financial management
- There is a need to ensure all lead bodies are accountable.

5 SHORT TERM ACTION PLAN – THE LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT

5.1 The Surrey Strategic Partnership has already embarked on the delivery of the Vision through the Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA). The agreement comprises 12 priority projects, each with negotiated and agreed stretch targets:

- Increasing regular physical exercise taken by children through cycling to school
- Encouraging companies to subscribe to a Surrey Car Share scheme
- Improving street scene
- Increasing waste recycling
- Reducing levels of repeat reported domestic violence
- Reducing speed related collisions
- Improving levels of school attendance
- Improving ability of older people to live independently
- Increasing the employment rate of people with disabilities
- Developing career pathways for staffing in health and social care
- Maximising income to ensure benefits received by those entitled to them
- Encouraging organisations to commit staff to voluntary activities in the community

5.2 The Local Public Service Agreement Steering Group manages and monitors the delivery of the 12 projects.

6 CONCLUSION

6.1 The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) in Tandridge drives the work of the local Community Strategy, the district-wide plan which focuses on issues related to the quality of life in the district, tackling the long-term, complex issues of key concern to the community to 'promote well being'.

6.2 The Local Area Agreement links local issues with countywide partners' priorities and is managed through the Surrey Strategic Partnership.

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- 6.3 These strategies continue to be monitored and evaluated against targets and Members will continue to be part of review processes. The SSP is undergoing a review in the autumn of 2007 and the Local Committee will be consulted on the governance and progress of the countywide projects later in the year.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Surrey Community Strategy
Government White Paper on Sustainable Communities 2006
