



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

LOCAL AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND PLANS

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KEY ISSUE

This report and presentations will update the Local Committee on partnership working through the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and the Tandridge Community Strategy 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 partnership approaches, in a context of the countywide Local Area Agreement (LAA) and Surrey Strategic Partnership (SSP).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to:

- (a) note the current work in delivering the Community Strategy in 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 voluntary sector, parish councils 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.

3 THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 The Community Strategy has four priorities:
- Safer and Stronger communities, delivered through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP)
 - Sustainable travel, access and mobility
 - Accommodating changing lifestyles
 - Caterham Town Centre
- 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. Annex A summarises the issues each project group is focusing on and the accompanying leaflet identifies recent successes.
- 3.3 While the LSP will continue to focus on these four themes for the duration of the Tandridge Community Strategy, it has now agreed to facilitate the delivery of the Surrey Local Area Agreement throughout Tandridge. Initially, it will seek to maintain existing targets and/or set additional targets to embrace those LAA performance indicators aimed at dealing with concerns

about anti social behaviour (NI 21); reducing re-offending rates (NI 30); tackling domestic violence (NI 32); enabling independent living (NI 141); reducing alcohol related harm (NI 39); helping people to stop smoking (NI 123); and reducing both childhood obesity (NI 56) and under 18 conception rates (NI 112). This will be addressed by the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and the Healthy Living Group as appropriate.

- 3.4 The LSP Executive will also be willing to support initiatives that contribute to the LAA indicators regarding the % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality (NI 4); general satisfaction with the local area (NI 5); and enabling a thriving third sector (NI 7).

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 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.

- 4.5 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

- 4.6 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.

- 4.7 Annex B details strategic structures and developments.

- 4.8 Annex C outlines the activity of the Surrey Economic Partnership and partner approaches to dealing with the recession.

5 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Members may take this opportunity to comment on the work of the LSP and suggest ways in which they can be kept better informed and involved in influencing the local priorities.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 This report is primarily for information and contributions have been invited from a range of partners engaged in the work of the LSP.

7 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 One of the primary benefits of partnership working is its cost-effectiveness.

8 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The driver for the work of the partnerships is to provide outcomes that benefit the wider community and, as such, is aimed at inclusion and service to all.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Crime and disorder reduction is a key strand of the LSP targets and, as such, benefits from a partnership approach.

10 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 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'.
- 10.2 The Local Area Agreement links local issues with countywide partners' priorities and is managed through the Surrey Strategic Partnership.
- 10.3 These strategies continue to be monitored and evaluated against targets and in a context that is current and relevant. Members will continue to be part of review processes.

11 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 The recommendations offer Members an opportunity to comment on the partnership processes, targets and local delivery and to make suggestions as to how they might improve their level of involvement and influence.

12 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 12.1 If Members agree the recommendations, their comments will be captured and taken into account when planning the future work and direction of the Community Strategy and they will be in an informed position to use their influence in the wider context to support the ongoing work of partner officers under the auspices of the Local Strategic Partnership.

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