



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

MOLE VALLEY LOCALISM PILOT END OF YEAR UPDATE

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KEY ISSUE

To update the committee on the work that has been undertaken this year on the 5 strands of the Localism work in Mole Valley

SUMMARY

There are 5 strands to the Localism work in Mole Valley, covering street scene, S106, smarter use of property, Youth Services and Troubled Families. It has been a year since a report was brought to the Local Committee on this.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to:

- (i) Note the work undertaken this year on the Localism pilot
- (ii) Support the ongoing work of the Localism pilot
- (iii) Agree the removal of the Youth and Troubled Families strands from the pilot and for the work to continue as business as usual.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Localism pilot was first introduced in September 2010 with the aim of achieving a greater join up between both the work of the county council and the district council.
- 1.2 The Local Committee has taken on the role of providing scrutiny and oversight for these work streams.

1.3 Initially there were six work streams, these were:

- Smarter alignment and use of property
- Local service development and joint commissioning – Youth Services
- Local service development and joint commissioning – Street Scene
- S106
- Alignment with schools confederations to support SSP and LSP objectives – including early interventions
- Mainstreaming LSP objectives to ensure a focus on priority places

2 WORKSTREAM PROGRESS

2.1 Local service development and joint commissioning – Street Scene

To date work has been undertaken in Dorking to ‘de-clutter’ the town centre. This involved the removal of several redundant signs, repositioning of others to remove the need for posts and the amalgamation of signs where feasible, as seen at the entrance to the Pippbrook site.

There have been discussions regarding de-cluttering in Leatherhead, though no action plan has been formulated at this stage. Local organisations are keen to improve signage to the car parks and this could be undertaken as part of a review of signage generally. Discussions are taking place on the location and design of street furniture in the pedestrian zone with a view to greater consistency and functionality.

Bookham is ready to commence a de-cluttering project, subject to Local Committee approval, with several signs identified for removal and the replacement of island lights. The work will commence shortly and it is worth noting that the Bookham Residents’ Association were involved in suggesting many of the improvements. At present no further de-cluttering work has been identified in the district.

2.2 S106/CIL

Work has been undertaken to identify potential projects that parish councils and residents associations would welcome. To capture this information a form was developed which was completed by local groups. The information was then compiled and matched against PIC monies held by the District Council which were then pass-ported to the organisations to carry out the proposed works.

Further progress on S106 spend has been made at the county level through the highways update reports to the Local Committees. These now account for schemes which are being funded by S106 contributions.

Work has also been undertaken to look into S106 spend for Education and Libraries. The divisional member for Ashted has led on the use of the libraries money to develop Ashted library facilities.

With the national changes to developer contributions to be implemented by April 2014, in the form of the Civic Infrastructure Levy (CIL), both District and

County officers have been working towards the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. This is an essential part of the new arrangements and will consist of a list of projects that will provide a comprehensive portfolio of infrastructure needs. A number of these will be cross cutting and provide opportunities for joint funding. The plan will provide better opportunities for coordinated infrastructure development. The Members' Steering Group will look to influence this work as it progresses. Consultation on the Plan will take place with local bodies and will be flexible in its approach in order to accommodate proposals arising out of Neighbourhood Development Plans.

2.3 Local service development and joint commissioning – Youth Services

The work of the Local Committee Youth Task Group has progressed with the Local Prevention Framework about to begin the next round of the commissioning for the Neighbourhood Prevention Grant. This will be a two year grant which looks to prevent young people becoming Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).

This work will now progress in line with the commissioning cycle and it is recommended that the work stream be removed from the Localism Pilot to become Business as Usual.

2.4 Smarter Alignment and Use of Property

Work for the estates work stream has been slower to progress due to its very nature. A meeting of the Member steering group is due to be convened to provide an update on the current identified sites and agree future direction...

2.5 Troubled Families

This was included into the Localism pilot at the beginning of the municipal year to help join up district and county working on this emerging issue. The Troubled Families agenda and Family Intervention Programmes have then become the focus of a national initiative launched by the coalition.

As a result of this, and a pilot to test a local joint response team in Waverley, Surrey County Council is leading on the county wide rollout of the Troubled Families agenda, named Supporting Families in Surrey. The current intention is for this work to commence in Mole Valley in autumn 2013 and for the Local Committee to be briefed at the formal meeting in September 2013.

As a result of the county wide work going on it is recommended that this work stream be removed from the Localism Pilot and become Business As Usual.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 The member steering groups directed the work, consulted with other Members and officers as appropriate and involved relevant sections of the community on individual work streams as appropriate

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It is intended that through joint working and planning, resources can be pooled to deliver improved outcomes and better value for money.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Each work stream has assessed the equality and diversity impact of the work proposed.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Through both the work of Supporting Families in Surrey and the Local Prevention Framework it is expected that there will be a reduction in crime and disorder.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 Good progress has been made on many of the originally conceived work streams with many of them becoming business as usual. There is now an opportunity to review whether new work streams can be introduced to further explore opportunities of the Localism agenda as well as continuing to assess those still underway.

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 To ensure the effectiveness of the Localism pilot and to concentrate resources in the most appropriate areas.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 The member steering groups for the remaining three work streams will continue to meet and provide direction for the work. Members to consider new opportunities for localism work streams to be setup. Updates on the work will continue to be provided to the Local Committee to allow for oversight and scrutiny of the work.

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