







2014/15 Service Planning Report - April - September 2014

Action Code	Action Title	Action Description	Original Due Date	April - September 2014 Status	Notes
Corporate Priority: People					
Objective: Improve outcomes for vulnerable families and individuals					
14-H01	Facilitate, support and maximise the provision of additional, appropriate affordable housing in association with developers and registered providers.	<p>Target: 200 new affordable homes. Outcome: Additional 200 new affordable homes for East Herts housing register applicants. Maintain current or reduce the level of homelessness as can house more households from the register earlier rather than in crisis. Critical Success Factors: Number of new private homes being developed that have affordable homes obligations, the council's Planning Policies that specify the obligation requirements, development of the new District Plan, the Economy, the willingness of Registered Providers (housing associations) to wish to develop their own asset sites as well as work with developers on S106 sites.</p> <p>Environmental Impacts: Increased CO2 emissions from building works but mitigated by Code for Sustainable Homes Requirements.</p>	31-Mar-15	 Action Off Target	April - September 2014. Current estimates for the number of new affordable homes 2014-2015 is 144. The target of 200 is an ambitious one that is dependant on private developments being built and the obligation under the S106 agreement to provide affordable homes. In addition the two LSVT Registered Providers had a programme with the Homes and Communities Agency to develop more affordable homes, in the 2001-2015 contract, on their own asset sites but did not obtain planning permission on 2 larger sites and withdrew 2 others due to technical issues with the sites. The current target is based on the Housing Needs Survey undertaken by the Council in 2004. The Council is in the process of undertaking a new Housing Needs Survey which will enable the Housing Service to develop a target for future years based on up to date survey data.
Objective: Reduce health inequalities, for example, by addressing obesity, smoking and physical inactivity					
14-ES03	Develop business case for the Council funding replacement gym equipment at Hartham and Grange Paddocks	<p>Target: Business case submitted to Corporate Management Team / Members. Outcome: Negotiate with contractors to establish whether replacement gym equipment should be funded by the Council with an associated reduction in the leisure contract management fee, on an invest to save basis. Critical Success Factors: Staff resources; co-operation of contractor. Environmental Impacts: None</p>	30-Jun-14	 Action To Be Deleted	April - September 2014. Action to be deleted. SLM have funded replacement of gym equipment at both Grange Paddocks and Hartham Leisure Centres independently and do not require East Herts Council's assistance in this project.

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14-ES04	Work with schools and Hertfordshire County Council to ensure long term financial sustainability of Joint Use pools	<p>Target: Review of financial sustainability complete; Ongoing funding mechanisms agreed with schools / County Council.</p> <p>Outcome: Options for financial sustainability considered and agreed with partners.</p> <p>Critical Success Factors: Staff resources; support from partners.</p> <p>Environmental Impacts: None</p>	31-Mar-15		Action To Be Suspended	April - September 2014. Action delayed. Ongoing discussions with schools. Uncertainty remains about future Government funding regime for school swimming.
Corporate Priority: Prosperity						
Objective: Deliver sustainable rural business growth						
14-ED02	Support to the Local Enterprise Partnership with the strategy, development and delivery of their rural development allocation from Defra.	<p>Target: Between £3-4m of funding countywide.</p> <p>Outcome: Support to rural business growth.</p> <p>Critical Success Factors: Strategy and delivery capacity.</p> <p>Environmental Impacts: None</p>	30-Sep-14		Revised Completion Date (to 31 January 2015)	April - September 2014. The research programme has now completed and reported. The LEP allocation of rural funding (known as EAFRD) will be the subject of a broad in principle proposal from East Herts Council. The proposal will identify rural areas in Hertfordshire without rural development coverage e.g. parts of St Albans and parts of Welwyn Hatfield. Paul Pullin continues to attend the EU governance group chaired by Councillor Tony Jackson. Revised completion date January 2015