

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 21 MARCH 2011

REPORT BY – COMMUNITY PROJECTS TEAM LEADER

“EVERYONE MATTERS” – A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY (SCS) FOR EAST HERTS (2009-2024)

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

This is an update report on Everyone Matters – A Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for East Herts (2009-2024) and associated action/delivery plan presented to Members on 7 April 2009. The strategy and all associated Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) documents can be accessed on-line using the following link:

www.eastherts.gov.uk/LSP

<u>RECOMMENDATION :</u>	
(A)	Members are invited to note, consider and scrutinise the action plan and progress as reported to Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Board on 21/02/2011(Essential Reference Paper B)

1.0 Background

1.1 In April 2009, Members were presented with the SCS. Members approved the recommendations from officers to endorse the strategy for implementation..

1.2 Members are reminded that the SCS and its action plan are owned by the LSP. They addresses areas of activity of all the partners and are not the sole responsibility of East Herts Council.

2.0 Report

2.1 East Herts is proud to be the lead authority on EHLSP. The partnership has been in existence for many years and has been the driver and facilitator for improving access to services for the people of East Herts.

2.2 In this context the SCS action can be considered as a series of “edited highlights” of how the partnership has responded to a range of challenges which residents of the district faces.

2.3 Since the adoption of the SCS as recommended by Members, officers have produced a three yearly action plan (2009 -2012). The action plan is delivered and monitored in the following ways:

- There are 72 activities/projects under 31 ambitions of the 8 key themes
- Each theme has a Board level champion and a delivery sub group lead
- The delivery sub group in each of the theme ensures delivery of the actions on the ground
- The action plan is reported to and monitored by the LSP Board and the LSP Strategy group at their quarterly meetings

2.4 Members are asked to consider the SCS Action Plan provided as Essential Reference Paper B. Members’ comments and suggestions as to how the action plan might be improved would be welcomed. Any suggestions will be reported to the LSP Board for its consideration.

2.5 The receipt of Performance Reward Grant (PRG) from the County in March 2010 enabled 13 projects from the SCS action plan to be fast tracked with tangible outcomes. They are incorporated and highlighted in the SCS action plan (Essential Reference Paper B). The outcomes and priorities of the PRG are underpinned by the priorities of the SCS ambitions. Two projects; The Ware Skate Park and the Community Centre in Stanstead Abbots were conditionally accepted in principle on the proviso that more information will be provided once the projects had reached a stage where further external funding has been secured.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

None

- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within Essential Reference Paper 'A'.

Background Papers

1. Progress report on SCS Action Plan 2009-2014 and projects funded through PRG (Appendix 1)
2. Good news stories (Appendix 2)
3. PRG under-spend (Appendix 3)
4. PRG Bids (Appendix 4)

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

<p>Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives (delete as appropriate):</p>	<p>Promoting prosperity and well-being; providing access and opportunities <i>Enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</i></p> <p>Fit for purpose, services fit for you <i>Deliver customer focused services by maintaining and developing a well managed and publicly accountable organisation.</i></p> <p>Pride in East Herts <i>Improving standards of the built neighbourhood and environmental management in our towns and villages.</i></p> <p>Shaping now, shaping the future <i>Safeguard and enhance our unique mix of rural and urban communities, ensuring sustainable, economic and social opportunities including the continuation of effective development control and other measures.</i></p> <p>Leading the way, working together <i>Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.</i></p>
Consultation:	N/A
Legal:	None
Financial:	N/A
Human Resource:	N/A
Risk Management:	N/A