

Local Strategic Partnership – Uttlesford Futures

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Summary

This report provides Members with details of the work undertaken by the Local Strategic Partnership in the last quarter and provides information on the work during the next few months.

Recommendations

That the Committee note the areas of work being undertaken by the LSP and its associated sub groups.

Background Papers

Minutes of LSP Board and Management Meetings, Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership, Healthier Communities and Older People's Group, Responsible Authority Group (Safer and Stronger Communities), Environment Working Group and Economic Working Group.

Impact

Communication/Consultation	All sub groups communicate and consult on a variety of issues pertinent to their area of work
Community Safety	Covered by the Responsible Authority Group and integral to all streams of work
Equalities	Hard to Reach Groups are actively encouraged to participate
Finance	The LSP operates within a pooled budget (details of which are set out in the main body of the report)
Human Rights	Not applicable
Legal implications	Not applicable
Sustainability	The LSP is a strategic level body, which brings together representatives from key public and voluntary sector agencies, private sector bodies and community representatives, to identify and address issues through the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy

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Situation

- 1 The Local Strategic Partnership for Uttlesford (Uttlesford Futures) is the umbrella partnership which works to improve the quality of life in the district. It is a strategic level body, which brings together representatives from key public and voluntary sector agencies, private sector bodies and community representatives, to identify and address issues through the Sustainable Community Strategy. As such it is the “partnership of partnerships” for the area.
- 2 The LSP is a non-statutory body, and does not have a separate legal identity. It brings together partners on the basis of shared common vision and purpose.
- 3 *The Management Board* –agrees and maintains the detailed Sustainable Community Strategy, monitors performance and removes barriers to performance improvement. The Board is responsible for innovation and the future development of the partnership, and aims to ensure that the LSP becomes the overarching body for setting strategic objectives, in Uttlesford. It interacts with regional bodies and negotiates on Uttlesford’s behalf in the Local Area Agreement process. Crucially, the Board consists of high-level representatives from partner organisations, with responsibility for influencing their respective agencies to align resources and strategic objectives with those of the LSP. The Chair of the Management Board is Councillor Howard Rolfe and the Vice-Chair is Councillor Jan Menell.
- 4 *The Management Team* –supplies a key support role for the Board, by translating high-level strategic priorities into local action plans, driving practical delivery of agreed actions, and addressing key local issues as they arise, including ensuring delivery of cross-cutting themes. This role includes managing effective performance management arrangements, and ensuring that partners’ plans and strategies are aligned with those of the LSP; that gaps, overlaps and linkages are identified; and that district and countywide Sustainable Community Strategies are mutually supporting. It also ensures that appropriate consultation is arranged and managed, maintaining a robust evidence base. Membership consists of Lead Officers of each statutory stakeholder, CVSU Chief Officer and officer representation from Working Groups, with further key officers co-opted when specific issues arise. The officers that sit on the Management Team are Tracy Turner (Department for Communities), Alaine Clarke (Partnerships and Performance), Alex Stewart (Strategic Partnerships), Jane Elsom (Strategic Partnerships), Helen Rogers (Economic Development) and Jake Roos (Energy Efficiency)
- 5 *Working Groups* – are drawn together to discuss and make proposals on specific issues, and lead on the development and delivery of agreed actions as part of the Partnership’s business/action planning cycle. Key Officer representatives provide specialist knowledge and expertise, ensuring that such actions meet current priorities and newly identified

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priorities as they arise. The performance management framework enables specialist network representatives to feed into and be kept informed of activity and achievements.

6 *Uttlesford Assembly* –represents the views of the whole LSP membership and Uttlesford residents, and provides a method of communicating with the wider community on partnership activities and for community issues to be fed through to the partnership. The Assembly acts as a conduit for local plans, partnerships and initiatives, and assesses progress on the Sustainable Community Strategy and its action plans. It identifies ways in which the Partnership’s policies, or implementation programme, should be amended to reflect changing circumstances.

7 There are currently 5 Working Groups operating on behalf of Uttlesford Futures; they are:-

- Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership (CYPSP)
- Healthier Communities and Older People (HCOP)
- Community Safety – Safer and Stronger Communities (SSC)
- Economic Group (EG)
- Environment Working Group (EWG)

Each Working Group has specific Terms of Reference relating to its area of expertise; the table below sets out an example of some of the work that has been undertaken by each of the groups since April 2007 and provides details of some of the work that will be undertaken in the next quarter.

Working Group	Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership This is a statutory partnership and delivers on the Government’s Agenda – Every Child Matters. Chair: Alex Stewart (UDC)
Restructure CYPSP	Re-structured CYPSP following ECC/PCT re-organisation.
Establish sub-groups	Established sub-groups to cover the following areas: Early Years Intervention, Sexual Health and Teenage Pregnancy, Common Assessment – Uttlesford Multi Agency Team (UMAT), Child and Mental Health (CAMHs) Group, Parenting Strategy Group, Play Strategy Group and Local Delivery group (schools multi agency group).
Commission Work	Commissioned work in the following areas: Uttlesford North – Improving mental health and emotional well-being of

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	<p>children and young people by raising self esteem of children and young people though improving behaviour management and providing additional services from a CAMHs Tier 2 Worker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 80 year 5/6 children identified as being at risk of social exclusion/poor educational attainment to attend small group workshops (8x6 week one hour programme). <p>Uttlesford South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Provision for children and young people in Uttlesford South Local Delivery Group with access to Parenting Support. <p>District Wide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homestart – supporting 95 families who have a child aged under 5 and are from a disadvantaged background across Uttlesford. - Buffy Bus – reducing the effects of social isolation with the provision of mobile quality play and learning facilities and parenting advice and support to 500 children. - UDC – provision of an increased range of after school weekend and holiday activities & provision of leisure and skills development activities for disabled children and young people.
Introduce Common Assessment Framework	Common Assessment Framework (CAF) introduced.
Future Work	
Training	Multi agency training for staff in using the CAF – September 07
Website	Refreshing the CYPSP Action Plan and Website – October 07
Performance Management	Adopting a common Performance Management Framework and utilising Covalent to monitor Action Plan – October 07

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Working Group	<p>Healthier Communities and Older People</p> <p>This group centres its work around three main issues;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – reducing obesity – reducing the number of people who smoke – reducing the need for older people to go into care. <p>Chair: Sue Sumner (CVSU)</p>
Reduce Obesity	<p>A range of projects have been undertaken to help reduce obesity issues; these include: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MEND – 10 week course for parents and young people, 6 parents and 6 children attend per course. - HELP - aimed at children, adults, people with disabilities and mental health problems (100 attendees). - Bodycare – 17 schools (30 children per school) participating in this scheme.
Smoking Cessation	<p>The PCT provide a range of initiatives and counselling sessions for young people in schools.</p> <p>The Council has provided information to all employers in the District and held 2 road show events in the build-up to the new legislation.</p>
Older People in Care	<p>Reducing the need for older people to go into hospital or residential care. A specific Action Plan was established by the PCT to address this issue – Local Care for Uttlesford. Monies have been invested in the introduction of Community Matrons and this has resulted in a reduction in hospital admissions over the last quarter</p>
Grant Allocation	<p>Community Partnership fund - £25,000 awarded to voluntary and community groups involved in the delivery of services in relation to the primary objectives set out above</p>
Future Work	
Service Directory	<p>Re-vamping the Older Person’s Service Directory – October 07</p>
Website	<p>Refreshing the Action Plan and ensuring it is available on the UDC website – October 07</p>
Performance Management Framework	<p>Adopting a common Performance Management Framework and utilising Covalent to monitor Action Plan – October 07</p>

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Working Group	<p>Community Safety – Safer & Stronger Communities</p> <p>This is a statutory group established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. There are three sub groups which operate under this umbrella</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Community Support Group – Drug and Alcohol Strategy Group – Road Safety Working Group <p>Chair: Peter Woolard (Probation)</p>
Sensible drinking	Promoting Sensible Drinking Group – positive work has been undertaken at Stansted Airport in relation to drinking in the work place – 350 people attended a session.
Bike Safe	2 Bike safe events have taken place in Finchingfield – working closely with Essex Police – next event will be in August.
Speedwatch	Speedwatch – Castle Street, Takeley and Hatfield Broad Oak are taking part in this scheme – proving extremely popular with local residents. Volunteers-in-Policing - training people in the use of speed cameras.
Quiet Lanes	Quiet Lanes – launched on the 18th July. Preference is being given to pedestrians, horse riders etc. The first Quiet Lane was launched at Bannister Green with the aim being to stop additional road usage in the area. Next introduction is going to be at Ugley Green.
Funding	£106,000 in grant monies has been awarded to a range of organisations to help achieve the objectives set out in the Community Safety Strategy.
Future Work	
Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy	Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy to be written – October 07
Engaging young people	Motorwise event for all Year 12 students to be held at Carver Barracks – September 07
Strategic Assessment	Police undertaking a Strategic Assessment of crime related issues in order to prepare the new Community Safety Strategy (2008/2009) – October 07
Performance Management Framework	Adopting a common Performance Management Framework and utilising Covalent to monitor Action Plan – October 07

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Working Group(s)	<p>Economic Group and Environmental Working Group – these are 2 new working groups that have only held 2 meetings to date.</p> <p>The purpose of the of the Economic Group is to promote, encourage and nurture any enterprise (legal) which generates the inflow of funding to the area covered by Uttlesford District Council and improves the well being of the area and its residents and is fully sustainable/ecological.</p> <p>The purpose of the Environmental Working Group is to receive and respond to recommendations from established specialist groups such as Uttlesford Transport Forum, Essex Biodiversity Project, Essex Wildlife Trust, Local Agenda 21, etc.</p> <p>Economic Group Chair: Councillor Alan Dean Environment Working Group: Paul Garland (LA21)</p>
Terms of Reference	Both groups have agreed Terms of Reference.
Core Membership	Both groups have established a core membership.
Action Plan Development	Both groups are in the process of developing Action Plans that will help inform the Sustainable Community Strategy.
Partnership opportunities	Both groups are looking at developing partnership opportunities with neighbouring authorities and partnering agencies .
Future Work	
Action Plan Development	Action Plans developed and agreed by Board –October 07
Performance Management Framework	Adopting a common Performance Management Framework and utilising Covalent to monitor Action Plan – October 07

Funding Arrangements

- 8 The LSP is funded by pooled funds from a range of partnering organisation. Funding is used to commission discreet pieces of work and also contributes towards the salary of the Funding and Strategic Partnerships Officer's post.

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Funding Organisation	Amount Funded
UDC	5,000
Essex County Council	45,000
Essex Police	1,000
West Essex PCT	5,000
Essex Fire and Rescue Service	1,000
Total	57,000

Local Area Agreements & the Sustainable Community Strategy

- 9 The next LAA will be based on the Essex Sustainable Community Strategy. This is currently being revised and will be subject to an extensive programme of consultation between July and October 2007. The SCS timetable is set out below:

July to October 2007	Public engagement and evidence analysis
October to December 2007	Presentation of findings to key stakeholders, including Partnership Assembly Decisions on strategic outcomes for inclusion in SCS
January to June 2008	Drafting of text of SCS Key stakeholders to take account of emerging SCS in service planning Publication of SCS Preparation of LAA 2008 with detailed targets for SCS outcomes Sign off by Government

- 11 Consultation will inform the priorities of the SCS and the development of the next LAA. The outcome will be a clear set of priorities across issues and across localities.
- 12 The District will be contributing towards LAA targets. Officers are working with the Essex County Council to determine local targets and a report will be brought to a further committee once the detail has been provided.

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- 13 Concurrently, Uttlesford Futures will be revising and consulting on a new SCS for the district. The detailed project plan for this is available as Appendix 1.