

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 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)
Commission Work	Commissioned work haws now started in the following areas: Uttlesford North <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Improving mental health and emotional well-being of 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.– 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). Uttlesford South

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	<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.
Training	Multi agency training for staff in using the CAF – September 07
Action Plan	Held a CYPSP stakeholder event to commence work on detailed action plans for all the CYPSP sub-groups.
Children’s Centre	The Stansted Children’s Centre has now received designation status.
Future Work	
Action Plan	Action Plans to be formally drawn up by end January 2008
Performance Management	Adopting a common Performance Management Framework and utilising Covalent to monitor Action Plan
Children’s Centre	Appointment of Co-ordinator by December 2007
Commissioned Projects	Monitoring visits will be undertaken to all commissioned projects by end January 2008

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
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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>The projects outlined below are currently being provided on an on-going basis:-</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>
Service Directory	<p>Re-vamping the Older Person’s Service Directory – October 07</p>
Future Work	
Action Plan	<p>Following the Sustainable Community Planning workshop held in October, the Action Plan is being refreshed and considered by members of the community at community consultation events in November.</p>
Membership of Group	<p>A meeting is being held to discuss the appropriate membership of this group as the parameters of this group have expanded in order to take greater account of the LAA</p>
Performance Management Framework	<p>Adopting a common Performance Management Framework and utilising Covalent to monitor Action Plan</p>

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</p>
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	<p>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	Bike safe events took place in August in Finchingfield – working closely with Essex Police.
Speedwatch	<p>Speedwatch – Castle Street, Takeley and Hatfield Broad Oak are taking part in this scheme – proving extremely popular with local residents.</p> <p>Volunteers-in-Policing - training people in the use of speed cameras.</p>
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.
Engaging young people	Motorwise event for all Year 12 students to be held at Carver Barracks – September 07
Future Work	
Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy & Strategic Assessment	<p>Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy to be written in conjunction with the Strategic Needs Assessment. This is a statutory requirement and needs to be completed by March 2008.</p> <p>The Chair of the RAG has managed to secure support to help prepare these documents from Essex County Council. A report will be provided to the Community Committee in march 2008</p>
Commissioned Projects	Monitoring visits will be undertaken to all commissioned projects by end January 2008
Performance Management Framework	Adopting a common Performance Management Framework and utilising Covalent to monitor Action Plan – October 07

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)</p>
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	<p>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.
	<p>At its meeting on 10th July the group finalised its terms of reference for submission to the Board.</p> <p>The group was briefed on the plans to develop a Sustainable Community Strategy. In the absence of a clear definition of the concept 'Sustainable Community' the group decided to appoint a sub group to develop such a definition to present to the board to help inform its deliberations.</p> <p>The group was informed of the completion of Uttlesford DCs Climate Change Strategy and agreed that the LSP partners should have a central role in helping to deliver the strategy. It was felt to be essential that they should commit to appropriate actions which should be incorporated into the LSPs action planning.</p> <p>Progress had been made on procuring a feasibility study for the introduction of a 'Green Doctor' scheme for Uttlesford focused primarily on efforts to help residents reduce the environmental impact of their homes, but also incorporating opportunities for LSP partners to progress issues such as fire prevention and security in the home. The scheme would consist of a self-financing 'man in a van' who could visit homes with advice suggestions and information, together</p>

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	with the ability to carry out simple practical measures during the visit.
Future Work	
Action Plan Development	<p>The September meeting was devoted to considering the principal issues to be considered in the group's action plan. The following issues were considered to be those which had implications for all the LSP partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Promoting green businesses and green business practices. b) Ensuring the public and private organisations introduced green procurement practices. c) Promoting green travel planning for all organisations. d) Ensuring that the need to preserve and develop biodiversity and the characteristic habitats of the district was incorporated into decision making. e) Promoting energy and water efficiency and waste reduction across the district. f) Encouraging the district's schools to go for eco-school status. <p>It is recognised that these issues will need to be co-ordinated with those which have arisen as a result of the Sustainable Community Strategy consultation.</p>
Performance Management Framework	Adopting a common Performance Management Framework and utilising Covalent to monitor Action Plan – October 07

Local Area Agreements & the Sustainable Community Strategy

- 4 The next LAA will be based on the Essex Sustainable Community Strategy. This is currently being revised and an extensive programme of consultation has taken place by both Essex County Council and Uttlesford Futures .A draft strategy is now being drawn up and it will be circulated by Christmas.
- 5 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.
- 6 The District will be contributing towards LAA targets. Officers are working with the Essex County Council to determine local targets and a

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report will be brought to a further committee once the detail has been provided.

- 7 Uttlesford Futures has decided that it would be an appropriate time to consider revising its Terms of Reference and associated membership. To this end, members of the Board have met with Officers and a report will be presented to the Board at its meeting on the 11th December 2007 – details of the outcome will be provided to the Performance Select Committee at a future meeting.