

Social Well-being Indicators

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Summary

- 1 The document presents a selection of indicators appropriate to social well being which could be adopted to track progress against. The indicators represent current best practice from the Audit Commission, ODPM and other national bodies.

Recommendations

- 2 The SDA Group consider which indicators they would wish to adopt, and whether they would wish to supplement with additional local indicators yet to be determined.

Background Papers

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 - The Egan Review: skills for sustainable communities, which can be downloaded from http://www.odpm.gov.uk/stellent/groups/odpm_urbanpolicy/documents/page/odpm_urbpol_028549.hcsp
 - ODPM Best Value Performance Indicators Guidance 2005/06
 - Uttlesford PCT
 - Local Quality of Life Indicators – supporting local communities to become sustainable (a guide to local monitoring to complement the indicators in the UK Government Sustainable Development Strategy) published by the Audit Commission August 2005, which can be downloaded from <http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/reports/NATIONAL-REPORT.asp?CategoryID=ENGLISH^573^SUBJECT^17^REPORTS-AND-DATA^AC-REPORTS&ProdID=0D488A03-8C16-46fb-A454-7936FB5D5589>
 - Housing Investment Programme Return (HIP) 2004/05

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Impact

Communication/Consultation	Need to ensure general alignment with Uttlesford Futures Community Strategy, the Essex LAA, and other strategic partners priorities.
Community Safety	None, excepting inclusion of community safety indicators
Equalities	None, except where gender issues impact on well-being indicators
Finance	Will depend on the extend to which original research has to be commissioned
Human Rights	None
Legal Implications	None
Ward-specific impacts	Whole district impact, except where wards may suffer from relative deprivation in respect of any of the indicators
Workforce/Workplace	Only in respect of capacity issues for original surveying or additional monitoring

Risk analysis

- 4 The following have been assessed as the potential risks associated with this issue.

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating Actions
We attempt to compile a comprehensive set of indicators beyond our ability to resource	Low	High	Resist the temptation to capture everything and embrace every agenda
We end up with a very complex body of information and key trends get lost	Low	Medium	Limit the number of locally determined indicators
Limited ownership of	Medium	Medium	Ensure flexibility to include some

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indicators by Members, LSP and local community			additions reflecting local priorities and areas of concern is used.
We select indicators that have unforeseen implications when applied for policy development purposes	Medium	High	Indicators kept under review using feedback from policy development processes

Indicators reflecting local priorities and areas of concern

5 Information about the social well-being indicators suggested by the Group is presented in the attached table A.