

South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership

Report to Board

Date of meeting: 24 June 2009

Agenda Item: 7

Sustainable Community Strategy and Action Plan

Issue

To consider the Sustainable Community Strategy and Action Plan of the South Derbyshire Partnership.

Details

Sustainable Community Strategy

Over the past 9 months the new Sustainable Community Strategy for the South Derbyshire Partnership has been developed. This has included:

- Consultation with a large number of groups across the district
- Analysis of existing information through the development of an Evidence Base for South Derbyshire
- The 'Fit for the Future' Event which was held at Toyota in February 2009

This work has been brought together in a new Sustainable Community Strategy and Action Plan for the district to commence in 2009. The strategy reflects the needs and priorities identified by the communities of South Derbyshire, and by organisations across the district.

In consideration of the above the proposed vision is ***'Our vision is of a dynamic South Derbyshire, able to seize opportunities to develop successful communities, whilst respecting and enhancing the varied character and environment of our fast growing district'*** with a shorter strap line to use on South Derbyshire Partnership material of ***'Fit for the Future'***

This vision encompasses what we want the district to be like in 20 years time and through the Strategy builds on the work and outcomes of the previous plan and represents the views and aspirations of our community.

We have identified **five themes** in the new strategy that provide a focus for delivering the vision, these are:

- Healthy Communities
- Safer Communities
- Sustainable Development
- Vibrant Communities
- Children and Young People

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These correspond to the existing theme groups and build on the good work and excellent progress the Partnership has made in recent years. The Strategy also reflects the priorities emerging from the Countywide Sustainable Community Strategy and the targets set in Derbyshire Local Area Agreement – Working together for a better future.

Action Plan

The Action Plan sets out the blueprint for how the South Derbyshire Partnership will deliver added value in terms of outcomes for the people who live, work and visit the district. This will be a rolling five Action Plan starting with 2009 to 2014 and will be reviewed annually.

These actions will be performance managed by each theme group and will be reported by exception to the South Derbyshire Partnership Board with detailed analysis being provided as to why an action is not on track and what steps are being taken to address this.

A copy of the **Sustainable Community Strategy is attached at Appendix A** and the **Action Plan is attached at Appendix B.**

Financial Implications

A budget of £10,000 was allocated to provide support to produce the Strategy and Action Plan and this was used to bring in Icarus Consulting in to provide support in the production of this document, funding for the Fit for the Future event at Toyota and will cover the costs of design and production of the final document. This work is expected to be delivered within budget.

Recommendations

That the Board:

- approves the Strategy and Action Plan and authorises;
- the Chair or Vice Chair to make any final changes to the Strategy and Action Plan prior to publication and distribution.

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