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SUBJECT:	LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRESS REPORT AND ACTION PLAN 2008/9	REF:
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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the progress made by South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) in delivering outcomes for the people of South Derbyshire.

2.0 Purpose of Report

To update members on the impact and progress of the LSP and the development of the new Sustainable Community Strategy.

3.0 Executive Summary

- 3.1 This report describes the progress by the LSP. For the purposes of this report there is an update on the progress made against this strategy, the Derbyshire Local Area Agreement and the emerging countywide and local Community Strategy.

4.0 Detail

The SDLSP was established in October 2003 and consists of public sector, community and voluntary organisations and businesses. One of its main purposes is to prepare and publish a Community Strategy, which is a statutory duty on local authorities in partnership with other organisations. The first Community Strategy 2005 to 2010 had a vision for South Derbyshire of 'Working together for a better South Derbyshire'

To make sure that SDLSP was delivering on this vision, six broad themes were developed, reflecting the concerns raised by the communities of South Derbyshire. Underneath these themes an Action Plan outlines the key activities which the SDLSP hopes to achieve for each year.

These were

- Creating Opportunities for All
- Safe Communities
- Healthy Communities
- A Vibrant Economy
- A Sustainable Environment
- Lifelong Learning and Culture

Since these themes were initially developed, changes to the LSP have meant a re-focus on five themes and a new structure to deliver on these. The new LSP structure is shown in Annex 1. The LSP is managed through a Board chaired by the Local Authority with representatives from the Public Sector, Private Sector and Voluntary Sector and meets four times a year. It monitors progress at each meeting (performance on target and budgets), receives presentations about key activities and initiatives across the district and assesses how the actions are contributing to positive outcomes for local communities. It is also made up of a Strategic Co-ordinating Group who manage the overall performance of the Partnership and five theme groups who manage the day-to-day delivery against each particular theme. The chairs of each theme group are

Safer South Derbyshire Partnership	South Derbyshire District Council
Healthier Communities	PCT
Children and Young People Trust	Derbyshire County Council
Vibrant Communities	CVS
Sustainable Development	East Midlands Airport

The Action Plan for the year 2007/8 shows our achievements for this year. Examples of some of the key activities and the outcomes that were delivered are shown below.

- Safer Neighbourhood meetings reviewed and progressed
- youth facilities provided
- Responsible drinking campaigns held
- LSP partners introduced smoking policies
- Healthy Lifestyle Officer appointed
- Development programme for forest related business delivered
- Tourist Information Centre accredited
- Phase 1 of town centre public realm works completed
- Environmental Audit published
- Green Flag awarded to Rosliston Forestry Centre
- SWADFEST event held

The LSP has also signed off the Community Strategy Action Plan 2008-2009, which outlines the main areas of focus over the coming year and what it hopes to achieve. Examples of some of the key activities we aim to deliver on and the outcomes that we hope to achieve are shown below

- Assist 15 businesses to promote good environmental practices
- Open 2 new log cabins and a community arena at Rosliston Forestry Centre
- Minimise the risk of flooding
- Pilot a Walking Festival
- Be awarded 2 Green Flags
- Produce a Community Facilities Directory
- Establish a Shop Watch Scheme
- Establish a Park Watch Scheme

- Set up an Older People's Dance Project
- Recruit an Arts Development Officer
- Develop a Sustainable Community Strategy

In line with the new Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy, the LSP is required to publish our new Sustainable Community Strategy from April 2009. We are in the process with other districts of working with the county to develop a county-wide strategy with district chapters. The district chapters will focus on the distinctiveness of South Derbyshire and highlighting specific local challenges and priorities for the future. The countywide emphasis will draw together the issues that all districts are facing and look outwardly at the challenges and priorities for Derbyshire.

The LSP will also have a new local Community Strategy in place from April 2009 and is currently developing the approach and the timetable to produce this. This will involve the analysis of existing information and highlight where further consultation can be carried out to formulate the new vision, themes and priorities for the new Community Strategy.

The final submission of the Derbyshire LAA which has been agreed with GOEM and which will be forwarded by them to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, for consideration and consultation with relevant government departments and be signed off by the Secretary of State on 30 June 2008.

These indicators will need to be reflected in the new local Sustainable Community Strategy and be linked to actions in each of the new Theme Group Action Plan, which will be developed to support this document from April 2009. This will help show how we are contributing to the countywide priorities. Progress will be made to ensure that our priorities that are not in the 35 LAA targets will be measured by other local indicators, primarily from the newly established 198 National Indicators. This information will be available to partners and the Derbyshire Partnership Forum, to show where the activity also links into the countywide service delivery.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6.0 Corporate Implications

6.1 The coordination of the LSP is a statutory requirement of the District Council which assists the Council in meeting its corporate priorities.

7.0 Community Implications

7.1 The LSP's Community Plan is having an increasingly beneficial effect on the quality of life of local people and the community of South Derbyshire.

8.0 Conclusions

8.1 The South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership is widely recognised as a partnership that is bringing added value to its community with the public, private and voluntary sectors working together in an effective and innovative way.

9.0 Background Papers

9.1 The following reports are available on request

- Community Strategy Monitoring Report 2007-2008 (Year End)
- Community Strategy Action Plan 2008-2009
- Derbyshire Local Area Agreement

Annex 1 - SOUTH DERBYSHIRE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

