

South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership

Report to the Board

Date of meeting: 24 September 2008

Agenda Item: 13

COMMUNITY STRATEGY MONITORING REPORT 2008-2009(Qtr 1)

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Board:

- (a) Note the Partnerships key achievements and performance for the quarter ending 30th June 2008.
- (b) Review where performance has failed to achieve the specified target and consider the adequacy of responses.
- (c) Note that performance as outlined in the attached appendix

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To report details of performance for the quarter ending 30th June 2008, in relation to the
- o Community Strategy Action Plan – Appendix

3.0 Detail

Key Achievements during the previous quarter (p.e. 30th June 2008)

- 3.1 The high level of performance and improvements detailed in this report has delivered a range of outcomes for local communities.
- 3.2 The key achievements during the first quarter for each of the key theme groups are:

Theme 1: Sustainable Development

- √ A feasibility study to explore the potential for the provision of new business space at Rosliston Forestry Centre has been completed.

Theme 2: Vibrant Communities

- √ We are progressing the Environment Agency's scheme to minimise the risk of surface water flooding to vulnerable people and property. The Environment Agency will also be undertaking a series of presentations to the Parish Councils during the summer.

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- √ A Biodiversity Management Statement produced for Swadlincote Woodlands and 1.3ha of land at Midway Fishponds is now being positively managed for Biodiversity
- √ 4 environmental education events to promote environmental awareness and community cohesion have been held
- √ The Citizens Panel has been used to recruit Environment Forum members. A local environmental group (Findern Footpaths) is also supporting the Forum development
- √ A 'greenway' from Swadlincote to Moira is underway. A Walking Festival pilot was completed in May 2008.
- √ Disability Access Audits have been commissioned for Maurice Lea Park, Eureka Park, Newhall Park & Swadlincote Woodlands. The 'Green Flag' accreditation has been retained at Rosliston Forestry Centre. Maurice Lea Memorial Park has been awarded a 'Green Flag'
- √ A Cultural Events Group has been established. A District Events Guide has been published.

Theme 3: Safer Communities

- √ The Media Officer is in the process of writing articles on three Safer Neighbourhood Projects that involve Young People including the U Magz project, and the Hilton TAG group. An article has also been written on the Repton School girl who will be representing the GB Hockey team in the Olympics.
- √ Binge Drinking Campaign using publicity material produced by the Home Office is underway. The posters have been distributed to various locations, warning drinkers to drink sensibly
- √ £10,000 of funding has been secured to improve facilities at Newhall Park
- √ A questionnaire is being developed in order to assess the 'fear of crime' levels amongst shoppers and shop staff.
- √ Contact has been made with Derbyshire DAAT to identify the current level of Alcohol Support services with a view to improving the service provision within the District

Theme 4: Healthier Communities

- √ The Community Sports Coach is setting up a number of opportunities to establish outreach physical activity initiatives in identified areas of deprivation and/or vulnerable groups across the district.

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- √ The Young People Dance Programme is to be expanded during the summer months
- √ Work is in progress and on target to reduce the number of vulnerable people and families living in non-decent homes

3.3 We have the Community Strategy Action Plan, which is divided into four themes. Table 3 below shows that 71 actions (100.0%) have been 'achieved' and /or 'on target.'

Community Strategy Action Plan – performance against targets (as at 30th June 2008)

Theme	'Achieved' / 'On Target'	'At Risk'	'Probable Failure'	Total
Sustainable Development	13	1		14
Vibrant Communities	38			38
Safer Communities	9			9
Healthier Communities	11	3		14
Total	71 (95%)	4 (5%)	0 (0%)	75 (100%)

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that the Board Members note the contents of the monitoring report: -

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