

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2008-18 WORK PROGRAMME

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Cabinet Portfolio	Improvement, Partnerships and Community Safety
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Papers with report	Sustainable Community Strategy Work Programme

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	To provide cabinet with a corporate overview of the progress made by officers and partners in implementing the Sustainable Community Strategy agreed by full council in September 2008.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	Contribution towards the implementation of the Sustainable Community Strategy
Financial Cost	Financial costs for the Sustainable Community Strategy are being met within existing resources by aligning service priorities across the Council and its partners, and additional external funding is being sought in several areas to enhance delivery against the strategy's priorities.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Corporate Services and Partnerships
Ward(s) affected	All

RECOMMENDATION

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the progress made to date on the tasks identified to deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy
2. Identifies any areas where Cabinet wishes further efforts to be made to achieve the objectives.

INFORMATION

This report sets out the progress made by officers in implementing the Sustainable Community Strategy across the Local Strategic Partnership.

Reasons for recommendation

Cabinet agreed that the Sustainable Community Strategy should be monitored regularly.

Alternative options considered / risk management

Cabinet may choose to instruct officers to take further action or not.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

Specific Policy Overview Committee involvement has been referred to in the work programme circulated separately, where appropriate.

Supporting Information

1. Progress in implementing the work programme is regularly updated and monitored by officers. The complete Sustainable Community Strategy work programme can be found in appendix A. 98.6% of the tasks being implemented to deliver the commitments made within the strategy have been completed or are on track to be completed within the timescales identified.

	Green – Completed	Green – On Track	Amber – Some Slippage	Red – Serious Slippage	Total
Number	7	136	2	0	145
Percentage	4.8%	93.8%	1.4 %	0%	100%

2. There are 2 tasks showing 'some slippage' – the first task is regarding the feasibility of using the Grand Union Canal for freight, waste and passengers. The task has slipped due to the reorganisation of British Waterways Board. Discussions and meetings have taken place in order to ensure that this task is back on track to be completed by the end of the year.
3. The second task which showing 'some slippage' relates to the progress of the Primary Capital Programme in the Hillingdon Children and Families Trust plan. The investment programme proposed originally was based upon the needs analysis set out in the "Primary Strategy for Change" in 2008. At that time, it was expected that a limited number of new primary school places would be needed. However, new population forecasts (in particular, reflecting the impact of a high 2008 birth rate) mean that many more new school places will be needed and there has been a need to assess the impact of this upon investment plans. This is referred to in more detail in the report elsewhere on this Cabinet agenda on the Council's Medium Term Financial Forecast.

Financial Implications

4. The financial implications of the Sustainable Community Strategy targets are being met within existing resources by aligning directorate and partner organisations service priorities, and enhanced by bidding for external funding, which in several areas has already been successful in delivering additional resources towards the strategy's priorities.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

5. The recommendations will allow officers to monitor progress on a quarterly basis for the Sustainable Community Strategy to ensure the priorities are being delivered across the partnership.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

6. The Sustainable Community Strategy was widely consulted on amongst key stakeholders. Specific task focussed consultations carried out have been referred to in the work programme where appropriate.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate finance has reviewed the report and is satisfied that the financial implications reflect the resource implications for the Council and its partners.

Legal

There are no significant legal implications arising out of this report

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix A – Sustainable Community Strategy Work Programme 2009/10