

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY - QUARTER 3 MONITORING

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Papers with report	Appendix A – Sustainable Community Strategy Work Programme 2009/10

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	All
Ward(s) affected	All

RECOMMENDATIONS

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. 95.9% 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	13	127	6	0	146
Percentage	8.9%	87.0%	4.1%	0%	100%

There are 6 tasks showing 'some slippage' are as follows:

2. **HCOP 02 - Produce comprehensive commissioning strategies that reflect needs identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, national and local objectives, value for money and national quality standards.**
The revised Physical, Sensory & Learning Disability strategies and Carers strategy is scheduled for presentation to the Wellbeing Partnership formerly known as HCOP LSP theme group. The refresh for the Older Peoples and Older Peoples Mental Health strategies are underway. The refresh for the Adults with Mental Health Needs strategy has been re-scheduled for 2010/11 to address other priorities within the wider mental health agenda, including working with key partners.
3. **HCOP 14 - Increase the number of vulnerable people who are supported to achieve and maintain independent living.**
A strategic review of services for young people and care leavers has been completed. On track to complete improvements with providers to reduce the propensity to evict, agree targets to achieve move-on for clients. A strategic review of services for offenders and drug/alcohol is showing slippage, re-scheduled to complete in May 10. This was due to a previous strategic review taking longer than expected and the preparation to decommission services.
4. **HCOP 16 - To develop a Telecare strategy encompassing all care groups.**
The Telecare strategy has been prepared with changes made to ensure telecare full integrates with our wider approach to help people live independent lives. The key principles have been agreed by ASCHH SMT. Strategy scheduled for sign off from ASCHH SMT in Jan 2010 and HCOP by Mar 10.

5. HCOP 18 - Complete the review of advocacy services

The interim arrangements for safeguarding advocacy are in place and longer-term arrangements have been agreed. The Service will be operational from 1 Apr 10. The advocacy strategy is scheduled to be reported to ASCH&H SMT in Feb 10 and will be reported to HCOP following the outcome of the HCOP review.

6. CG 22 - Investigate 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.

7. HCFP 25 - Progress the Primary Capital Programme

It was originally intended to commence work in 2009 on the priority schemes identified in the Primary Capital Programme (PCP) submission. However, in June 2009, data on pupil births in 2008 was received, indicating that a large number of additional primary school places will be needed. Plans/investment needs are being considered within a new HIP Estates Project. Therefore, at this time, given the capital investment requirement for school places, not all of the original PCP priority projects have proceeded.

Financial Implications

8. The financial implications of the Sustainable Community Strategy targets are being absorbed by aligning directorate and partner organisations service priorities.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

9. 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

10. 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

NIL