
BROMSGROVE PARTNERSHIP'S ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11

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| Relevant Portfolio Holder | Councillor R. Hollingworth, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Partnerships and Economic Development |
| Portfolio Holder Consulted | Yes, as Chair of the Bromsgrove Partnership Board |
| Relevant Head of Service | Hugh Bennett, Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships |
| Wards Affected | All wards |
| Ward Councillor Consulted | The Annual Report will be circulated to all Councillors once it has been considered by the Cabinet |
| Non-Key Decision | |

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 To present to the Cabinet the Bromsgrove Partnership's Annual Report 2010/11 which sets out the work of the Partnership over the past 12 months.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Cabinet is requested to approve the Bromsgrove Partnership's Annual Report 2010/11.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 Apart from printing costs which are budgeted for, there are no financial implications directly relating to this report as it simply provides an overview of Partnership work that has taken place during the past year.
- 3.2 Council purposes are currently being developed and should link to the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), which is the long-term business plan for the District. Capital and revenue budget provision in future years should reflect those purposes.
- 3.3 In light of reduced resources, due to the current economic climate, partnership working can allow resources to be pooled and partners to work together to meet the needs of our residents in a more effective and efficient way.

Legal Implications

- 3.4 Under the Local Government Act 2000, the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) is a non-statutory partnership and the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and associated Action Plans is the delivery mechanism for the LSP.
- 3.5 The Department for Communities and Local Government has announced its intention to repeal the statutory duty to prepare a SCS. This statement was included in the Best Value Statutory Guidance published on 2 September 2011. When the legislation is repealed authorities will be able to opt to continue to have a strategy, but it will no longer be a statutory requirement and the duty to report back information will cease. For the time being until these changes are introduced the Council remains under a statutory obligation to prepare an SCS.
- 3.6 The Government has revoked the whole statutory guidance 'Creating Strong, Safe and Prosperous Communities', which required the SCS to be agreed at Full Council. However, the Strategy remains in this Council's Constitution as a policy document which needs Full Council endorsement. The Annual Report does not require Full Council approval but it will be circulated to all District Councillors for their information.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.7 LSPs act as a mechanism for working better together to deliver joined up outcomes. It enables local organisations to come together and address issues that are important to the local communities in a more effective and cohesive way.
- 3.8 Council purposes are currently being developed and should link to the SCS which is the long-term business plan for the District of Bromsgrove.
- 3.9 The Annual Report shows how the LSP is progressing against the SCS and the report was approved by the Bromsgrove Partnership Board at its meeting held on 22 September 2011. By formally endorsing the Bromsgrove Partnership's Annual Report, it demonstrates that Bromsgrove District Council is addressing the needs of residents of the District and ensuring that future plans and resources are included in the relevant strategic plans.
- 3.10 As this report relates to Partnership work during 2010/11, progress has been set out against the six themes which were originally chosen to align with the Local Area Agreement (LAA). They were: Safe and Feel Safe; Better Environment; Economic Success; Health and Wellbeing;

Children and Young People; and Stronger Communities. Themes and priorities of the LSP have since been reviewed and priorities have been streamlined for the new single countywide SCS.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.11 In terms of customer implications, working in partnership delivers joined up outcomes, which is what our customers want.
- 3.12 An equalities impact assessment of the SCS 2010-13, which relates to the work of the LSP last year, was carried out. An equalities analysis has also recently been completed for the Bromsgrove District section of the new single SCS for Worcestershire.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 The Council will not be able to meet customer needs without working in partnership, therefore having an effective LSP is vital.
- 4.2 Key partner organisations are involved and kept informed of progress throughout the development of the existing and revised SCS, thus gaining buy in. The contents of the Annual Report prove that partners are committed to the SCS and its key deliverable outcomes.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Bromsgrove Partnership’s Annual Report 2010/11.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

7. KEY

LSP – Local Strategic Partnership (which for this District is known as the Bromsgrove Partnership)
SCS – Sustainable Community Strategy

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