

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

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COMMUNITY PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2007

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Roger Hollingworth
Responsible Head of Service	Hugh Bennett, Assistant Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

1.1 To present the Annual Report of the Bromsgrove Partnership Community Plan for 2005-2007 which sets out the Partnership's performance against the priorities for that period, namely:

- Consider Your Environment
- Develop and Prosper
- Feel Safe
- Health and Social Well-Being
- Learn and Grow

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Cabinet recommend to the Council that the Community Plan Annual Report 2005-07 be ratified and that the actions in place to address the outcomes that were not met be noted.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) are an important part of the Government's modernisation agenda, acting as a mechanism for working better together to deliver joined up outcomes. Active support towards the Bromsgrove Partnership and its role supports the Government's explicit aims to enable more people to become involved in the development of priorities for local services.

3.2 The report details performance for the years 2005 – 2007 against the priorities listed in 1.1 above. No formal annual report has been written for the Community Plan in the past, but it is important to recognise the work of the Partnership. The LSP now has a formal performance management reporting structure and in future years, a report will be produced annually in order to monitor progress and discuss the future direction and activity of the Bromsgrove Partnership. This is supplemented by bi-monthly reports to the LSP Board.

- 3.3 Some of the proposed actions were not achieved . These are listed below with proposed mitigating action:

Page 11: Paragraph 5.4: Increase the use of sustainable transport

Travel plans will be picked up by the Better Environment Theme Group in the new Sustainable Community Strategy.

Page 11: Paragraph 5.5: Protection of the countryside and greenbelt

The housing moratorium has impacted on this target and the District has limited brownfield development sites. Regional Spatial Strategy will dictate future levels of development in the District.

Page 12: Paragraph 5.6: Improve access to the countryside and open spaces and Paragraph 5.7: Implement water vole conservation strategy developed in 2003:

These issues will be picked up by the Better Environment Theme Group in the new Sustainable Community Strategy.

Page 15: Paragraph 5.14:Rural Diversification Grants

This was not actively promoted due to budget constraints, but it is intended to support two applications during 2007/08.

Page 15: Paragraph 5.15 – Improve public transport

This will be picked up in the new Sustainable Community Strategy, in particular the Transport Theme Group and an active contribution by the Council to the County Council's Integrated Transport Strategy. The Bus Scrutiny Task Group will also support the delivery of this objective.

Page 24: Paragraph 5.27: Increase opportunities for recreation and leisure

The budget is in place and the passport will be developed when the Dolphin Centre refurbishment is complete.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 The Community Plan links to all the Council's objectives.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 Working in partnership is a key risk which is identified in the Corporate Risk Register.

8 CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The report will be circulated to partners and stakeholders and will be made available via the website when it has been ratified by Cabinet and Full Council.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The Community Plan 2003-2013 has been superseded and the Community Plan Annual Report 2005-2007 details actions to March 2007. A new Sustainable Community Strategy 2007 – 2010 has been developed and an Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed for the new Strategy, which will be monitored via the Equality & Diversity Forum.

10. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues - None
Personnel Issues- None
Governance/Performance Management - None
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act 1988 - None
Policy - None
Environmental - None

11. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	Yes
Corporate Director (Services)	Yes
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	No
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	No
Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

12. APPENDICES

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

No further background papers.

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