

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

19TH AUGUST 2008

BROMSGROVE PARTNERSHIP – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

STRATEGY: PERFORMANCE 2007/08

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Roger Hollingworth, Leader of the Council
Responsible Head of Service	Hugh Bennett, Assistant Chief Executive
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report performance of the Bromsgrove Partnership against the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities for 2007/08.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Performance Management Board members:
1. note the performance of the Local Strategic Partnership for 2007/08.
 2. note that the Annual Report for 2007/08 for the Bromsgrove Partnership

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Bromsgrove Local Strategic Partnership's (LSP) Sustainable Community Strategy was revised in 2007 for the period 2007-2010 and a performance management framework was developed during the process.
- 3.2 High Level Action Plans for each theme or project group were formulated which became Key Deliverables, underpinned by the Community Improvement Plan for 2007/08. Performance has been reported at every bi-monthly LSP Board meeting since September 2007.
- 3.3 Progress is reported by exception only, i.e. those actions which are marginally under performing (amber) or significantly under performing (red). Appendix 1 details progress to March 2008 for the Key Performance Indicators. Appendix 2 details progress to March 2008 for the Community Improvement Plan. Positive actions/activities for each Theme/Project Group are attached as Appendix 3.
- 3.4 The Worcestershire Partnership has responsibility for drafting the new Local Area Agreement (LAA) for 2008-2011, drawing from the recently published set of National Indicators. This document has now received approval from the Department for Communities and Local Government.

- 3.5 The High Level Action Plans have been revisited in order to contribute to the new LAA and to ensure that the LSPs priorities are both pertinent and align to the LAA. These were presented to the LSP Board on 5th June 2008 for 2008/09.
- 3.6 The LSP Manager has worked with Theme/Project Group chairs in the intervening period to draft the new Community Improvement Plan, which underpins the High Level Action Plan. This was presented to the LSP Board on 7th August 2008 and performance reporting for 2008/09 will commence at the LSP Board meeting on 2nd October 2008. In future, performance will commence reporting much earlier in the year; the reason for being so late in the year this time is because confirmation of the new LAA was required.
- 3.7 A draft Annual Report 2007/08 detailing LSP achievements was presented to the LSP Board on 7th August 2008. This will be presented to Cabinet, Full Council and Performance Management Board in due course.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Although the LSP is a non-statutory partnership, under the Local Government Act 2000, the Council is obliged to convene one and develop a Sustainable Community Strategy. The Sustainable Community Strategy for Bromsgrove is the delivery mechanism for the Bromsgrove Local Strategic Partnership. The Council remains the accountable body for the Strategy.

6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 There are links to all Council objectives.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 Working in partnership is a key risk which is identified in the Corporate Risk Register. The Council and the LSP will not be able to deliver its priorities without working in partnership, with the Worcestershire Partnership. The Bromsgrove Partnership's Sustainable Community Strategy 2007-2010 (ratified by Cabinet in November 2007) was considered by the Worcestershire Partnership during the drafting of its new Sustainable Community Strategy, and the Bromsgrove Partnership will be delivering actions locally against the themes in the document.

8 CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Working in partnership delivers joined up outcomes, which is what customers want.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed for the Strategy, which will be monitored through the Equality & Diversity Forum.

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 By formally endorsing the Sustainable Community Strategy, 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.

11. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues – None.
Personnel Issues – None.
Governance/Performance Management By having its own performance management framework, this will ensure that appropriate information can be provided by the Bromsgrove Partnership to partners and stakeholders when it is requested.
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act 1988 None
Policy The Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 illustrates that partnerships are central to building on achievements of recent years to embed them into lasting reform. The statutory guidance published in July 2008 on Creating Strong, Safe & Prosperous Communities reiterates this.
Environmental – None.

12. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	Yes
Executive Director (Partnerships & Projects)	Yes
Executive Director (Services)	No
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

13. WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards.

14. APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 Key Performance Indicators, March 2008
- Appendix 2 Community Improvement Plan, March 2008
- Appendix 3 Community Improvement Plan, Positive Actions/Activities
March 2008

15. BACKGROUND PAPERS

No further background papers.

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