

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

**UPDATE OF THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2008-2011**

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 present to Cabinet the updated Community Strategy 2008-2011 and request their consideration, prior to approval by the full Council.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Cabinet is requested to recommend the full Council to ratify the updated Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2011 and note that the document has been updated to reflect the new Local Area Agreement 2008-2011.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Bromsgrove District Council has a statutory responsibility to produce a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). Work was undertaken in 2007 to produce a new Strategy, which was ratified by Cabinet on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2007. The SCS sets the overall strategic direction and long-term vision for the economic, social and environmental well-being of a local area, typically for 10-20 years. It is the place where difficult, cross-cutting issues are tackled by a wide range of public, private and voluntary sector partners and is, in effect, the long-term business plan for the District of Bromsgrove.
- 3.2 During 2008, the new Local Area Agreement (LAA) was negotiated and agreed by the Worcestershire Partnership. Bromsgrove District Council and the Bromsgrove Partnership (LSP) are committed to contributing towards delivery of the LAA, and therefore the High Level Action Plans that form the performance management framework the SCS have been revised to reflect targets in the new LAA. The High Level Action Plans were ratified by the LSP Board at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2008. The revised SCS for 2008-2011 is attached as Appendix 1.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Council's priorities should cascade from the Sustainable

Community Strategy. Capital and revenue budget provision in future years should reflect those priorities.

## **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 LSP. The Council remains the accountable body for the Strategy.

## **6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES**

- 6.1 The Strategy links to all corporate objectives.

## **7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 7.1 Working in partnership is a key risk which is identified in the Corporate Risk Register as CCPP04: Effective LSP. The Council will not be able to deliver its priorities without working in partnership with the LSP.

- 7.2 Key partner organisations were involved with and kept informed of progress throughout the development of the SCS, thus gaining 'buy in'. Partners have committed to the Strategy and its Key Deliverable Outcomes, but there may be issues in future of the ability of partners to develop and commit to new outcomes and to deliver on those outcomes.

## **8 CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 Working in partnership delivers joined up outcomes, which is what our customers want. The Strategy will be delivered to partners and stakeholders and will be available on the website.

## **9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 By formally endorsing the 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 – The LSP Terms of Reference & Governance was revised in 2007, and the SCS has a performance management framework.
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act 1988 - None
Policy The Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Local Government Work Programme “Making it happen: The Implementation Plan” illustrate that partnerships are central to building on achievements to embed them into lasting reform.
Environmental - None

**12. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT**

Portfolio Holder	At LSP Board
Chief Executive	At LSP Board
Executive Director (Partnerships & Projects)	At LSP Board
Executive Director (Services)	No
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes
Head of Service ( <i>i.e. your own Hos</i> )	No
Head of Financial Services ( <i>must approve Financial Implications before report submitted to Leader’s Group</i> )	No
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services ( <i>for approval of any significant legal implications</i> )	No
Head of Organisational Development & HR ( <i>for approval of any significant HR implications</i> )	No
Corporate Procurement Team ( <i>for approval of any procurement implications</i> )	No

**13. WARDS AFFECTED**

All Wards.

**14. APPENDICES**

Please list the appendices attached to the report as shown in the example below.

Appendix 1 Bromsgrove Partnership Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2011

**15. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No further background papers.

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