

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

4TH NOVEMBER 2009

BROMSGROVE PARTNERSHIP'S ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor R. Hollingworth, Leader of the Council
Responsible Head of Service	Mr. H. Bennett, Assistant Chief Executive
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY

1.1 To present to the Cabinet the Annual Report 2008/09 and request ratification of the document, which sets out the Partnership's performance against the priorities contained within the existing Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for that period, namely:

- Fear of Crime
- Environment
- Town Centre redevelopment
- Longbridge regeneration
- Health and Well Being
- Children and Young People
- Older People
- Housing
- Transport

1.2 The report also details performance of the Compact Steering Group and the former Communications Group.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Cabinet is requested to recommend that Full Council approve the LSP Annual Report (attached as Appendix 1) and to note the progress to date against each High Level Action Plan.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) act 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 year 2008/09 against the priorities listed in paragraph 1.1 of this report. The LSP has a formal performance management reporting structure 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. The performance management arrangements have recently been streamlined leading to a new improved High Level Action Plan format for 2010 onwards.
- 3.3 Section 2 provides an Executive Summary and gives just a few highlights of the progress made towards delivering the existing SCS over the past year.
- 3.4 Section 4 of the report details performance of the LSP Theme Groups:
 - It shows the link to the Local Area Agreement (LAA) theme and targets and the District's performance against those targets;
 - It highlights the Bromsgrove Partnership key deliverables for each LAA theme;
 - It provides a summary of all the achievements during the year; and
 - It states areas of concern and the future action planned to address those issues.

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. To help ensure this happened, the first LSP Away Day was held a week before the Council's Away Day.

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 SCS 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 as CCP04: 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 existing and the revised SCS, thus gaining buy in. Partners committed to the Strategy and its key deliverable outcomes.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Working in partnership delivers joined up outcomes, which is what our customers want. The current strategy is available on the website and, subject to approval, the revised version for 2010-13 will also be uploaded.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 An equalities impact assessment of the existing strategy was completed.

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 By formally endorsing the Bromsgrove Partnership's Annual Report of the SCS, 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 Implications – None.
Governance/Performance Management – The LSP Terms of Reference and Governance is due to be reviewed and revised as appropriate. The SCS has a performance management framework which has recently been streamlined.
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – None
Policy – The Local Government and 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. Government policy has moved from encouraging partnerships towards mandating them, even though voluntarism is the key to effective joint working.
Environmental – None.

12. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

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

13. WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards.

14. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Bromsgrove Partnership's Annual Report 2008/09.

15. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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