

REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: Economic Development Portfolio Holder

REPORT NO: DCS46

DATE: 10th July 2006

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| TITLE: | Sustainable Community Action Plan 2006-2009 |
| FORWARD PLAN ITEM: | Yes |
| DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN: | 11 th August 2005 |
| KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL: | Key Decision |

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| COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION: | Councillor John Smith |
| CORPORATE PRIORITY: | Priority A – Town Centres Priority A – Community Safety Priority A – Affordable Housing Priority B – Business Development Priority B – Community Engagement |
| CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS: | |
| FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS: | |
| BACKGROUND PAPERS: | Cabinet Report DCS34; 5 th December 2005 Evaluation of Local Strategic Partnership August 2005 South Kesteven Community Strategy 2002-2005 South Kesteven Local Strategic Partnership Constitution 2005 SQW Report 'South Kesteven Community Action Plan' Nov 2005 |

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND SUMMARY

This report follows the report to Cabinet on the 5th December 2005 endorsing the new Community Plan. As members were informed in December 2005 the Local Strategic Partnership has approached the development of the Community Plan in a new way. This report requests that Cabinet approve the Sustainable Communities Action Plan that together with the Community Plan forms the Sustainable Community Strategy for 2006-2011.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet approve the Sustainable Communities Action Plan for 2006-2011, and formally recognise that together the Community Plan & Sustainable Communities Action Plan are recognised as the Sustainable Community Strategy for South Kesteven.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

South Kesteven Local Strategic Partnership was created in 2002 and tasked with developing and delivering the local Sustainable Community Strategy. The Sustainable Community Strategy aims to achieve economic, social and environmental improvements and to manage progress on priority actions identified. The LSP brings together agencies such as the Primary Care Trust, the Police, Town, Parish, District and County Councils, local businesses and the Voluntary, learning environment, agriculture and housing sectors.

In May 2005 the Local Strategic Partnership undertook a Local Area Profile, which, coupled with the residents survey gave a true picture of the priorities the partners of the partnership should aim to address together.

In October 2005, the LSP held a stakeholder conference to identify projects that could be achieved through partnership working, and supported through the LSP in aims of adding value. This event allowed twenty projects to be identified, these were then analysed by the LSP Executive and built on to create the Sustainable Communities Action Plan.

Alongside the Sustainable Communities Action Plan, the new Community Plan was deliberately created in a user-friendly way to ensure that the community understand what the partners of the Local Strategic Partnership are aiming to do. The Community Plan was sent out in June 2006 to all households in South Kesteven. The new draft of the South Kesteven Community Plan 2006-2011 vision is to make South Kesteven one of the most desirable locations to live and work in England by 2020.

South Kesteven District Council's Cabinet formally endorsed the Community Plan in December 2005; Cabinet requested that the Sustainable Communities Action Plan be presented on completion.

The Executive tasked theme group leads to develop their themed chapter during January and February 2006. On completion of this, the LSP Executive were made aware that the document did not contain a performance management framework, and consisted of a lot of duplicated text on demographics from the themed leads. The Team Leader for Community & Economic Regeneration edited the Action Plan and attempted a performance management framework for the April 2006 Executive Meeting. The Executive studied the performance management framework and agreed

that it was too detailed and should be streamlined to account for two or three core indicators. The Executive wished to develop this framework over the next year with key partners.

Members are asked to review the Sustainable Communities Action Plan and provide comments and their endorsement to the document so as to allow the Local Strategic Partnership to deliver to it.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND ASSESSED

No other options have been considered or assessed.

5. COMMENTS OF CORPORATE HEAD OF FINANCE AND RESOURCES

No comments as there are no financial implications contained in this report.

6. COMMENTS OF CORPORATE MANAGER, DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES (MONITORING OFFICER)

7. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICE MANAGER

8. CONCLUSION

The Community Plan and Sustainable Communities Action Plan together form the South Kesteven Local Strategic Partnership Sustainable Community Strategy. This document sets out a clear vision, evidenced priorities, and a clear action plan for implementation. The Local Strategic Partnership and more specifically South Kesteven District Council now have to aim to deliver to it.

9. CONTACT OFFICER

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