

 EXECUTIVE 4TH JUNE 08		Agenda Item No.
Title Warwick District Sustainable Community Strategy: Strategic Aims and Priorities for Action		
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Service Area	Community Partnership Team	
Wards of the District directly affected	ALL	
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Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	10 th December 2007 Executive	
Background Papers	As above	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	Yes
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	Yes

Officer/Councillor Approval		
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Officer Approval	Date	Name
Relevant Director		
Chief Executive	15/05/08	Chris Elliott
CMT	15/05/08	
Section 151 Officer	15/05/08	Mary Hawkins
Legal	15/05/08	Simon Best
Finance	15/05/08	Mike Snow
Portfolio Holder(s)	15/05/08	Cllr Felicity Bunker
Consultation Undertaken		
2 Stakeholder conferences – June 07 and Feb 08 Priority planning workshops – Nov 07 LSP Theme Group Meetings – over past 12 months Warwick Partnership Executive Group Meetings – over past 12 months		
Final Decision?		Yes
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details the framework for the new sustainable community strategy (Appendix 1). The framework has been developed through extensive consultation and engagement with all key stakeholders and partners.
- 1.2 Resources for implementation of the first 3 year action plan will be secured from various funding streams and enhanced by the Narrowing the Gap funding from the LAA Public Service Board.
- 1.3 Once the framework has been approved by all the main partner agencies, work can start on developing the action plan with a view to implementing it from September 08.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members approve the Vision and Strategic Aims for the District's new Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) (Appendix 1)
- 2.2 The strategic aims and priorities set out the long term direction of the strategy for the next 15 years or more. We will aim to achieve these long term aims through a series of 3 year action plans. Members are therefore requested to approve the development of the Strategy's first 3 year action plan based on these aims and priorities which will be brought back to the August Executive.
- 2.3 As part of the action planning process, the long term priorities will also be fine tuned and confirmed.
- 2.4 Members approve that the SCS be distributed to key partners for approval and sign up by their respective governance structures by September 2008.

3. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Local Authorities have a duty (Local Government Act 2000) to prepare a community strategy that sets out the long term strategic vision for their area, in partnership with other key agencies, the voluntary and community sector and businesses sector, under the umbrella of the local strategic partnership.

3.2 Background

- 3.2.1 This final draft strategic framework has been developed following a review of the last Community Plan. Over the last 12 months there has been a series of consultation events and workshops with stakeholders and key partners, supplemented by extensive auditing, research and mapping exercises, over the past 12 months.
- 3.2.2 The Warwick Partnership Executive Group (WPEG), the core group of the local strategic partnership, has been overseeing and sanctioning the process.
- 3.2.3 The development of the SCS has run in tandem with the development of the Planning Core Strategy, the District Council Corporate Strategy and the revision of

the Warwickshire Local Area Agreement and every effort has been made to ensure close alignment, support and synergy between these key strategies.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The absence of a sustainable community strategy would potentially undermine the development of the Council's Planning Core Strategy and its contribution to the Corporate Strategy.
- 4.2 The sustainable community strategies of all the districts and boroughs will also inform the development of a Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy.

5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 5.1 There is an allocated budget (2142 5770) for the development of the community strategy of £15,000.
- 5.2 Each district/borough LSP has been awarded a one off grant of £100,000 by the LAA Public Service Board to be used within 2008/09. This funding is subject to each LSP producing a delivery plan that contributes to Narrowing the Gap in their communities, which is one of the three themes of the new Local Area Agreement. Narrowing the Gap is defined as *'Reducing differences across the County (District/locality) in terms of achievement, opportunity and quality of life'*.
- 5.3 The production of the 3 year SCS action plan will dovetail with that of the Narrowing the Gap delivery plan for Warwick District, the fact being that the majority of actions will contribute towards meeting targets within the SCS and the LAA.
- 5.4 There is also the potential to draw resources from other funding streams to supplement the £100k such as PCT Local Delivery Plan Budget and the Warwick Area Committee community development fund. However, Warwick District Council has not identified any additional funds and will need to consider to what extent existing budgets can be realigned to support these targets.
- 5.5 WPEG intend convening a stakeholder round table meeting within the next month to start work on the delivery plan/SCS action plan.

6. POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 6.1 The new Corporate Strategy, as with the last Community Plan, has adopted the same vision as the new SCS. Following the finalization and sign up of both the SCS and the new LAA later in the summer, it is the intention to re-visit the Corporate Strategy in September to make the necessary amendments to ensure there is clear alignment between these key strategies.
- 6.2 The new SCS will aim to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development by encouraging local action to address national and global concerns such as the effects of climate change and the protection of biodiversity

Our Vision:

WARWICK DISTRICT, A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT, WHERE WE ASPIRE TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE, SAFER, STRONGER AND HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES.

Our strategic Aims:

By 2026 Warwick District will be a place where...

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

Our community has actively minimised environmental impacts

There is a vibrant, viable and sustainable rural community

The built and natural environment has been protected and enhanced

There is a strong, diverse economy which provides jobs for all

The transport infrastructure enables easier access to key services and facilities and allows for more sustainable modes of travel

SAFE COMMUNITY

People feel safe

STRONG COMMUNITY

Everyone's housing needs are met

People from different backgrounds get on well together

There is a thriving tourist economy making it one of the top visitor destinations

Its citizens are actively engaged in decision making and participate fully in community life

There is a strong learning culture that spans all age groups

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

There are opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sport, the arts and cultural activities

Everyone is able to enjoy a healthy lifestyle and sense of well being

Every child and young person, including those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged, has the greatest opportunity to be the best that they can be

The gap between affluent and poor people has been significantly reduced

Our older and vulnerable citizens are valued and live fulfilling and independent lives

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PRIORITIES FOR ACTION – THE NEXT 3 YEARS

By 2026 Warwick District will be a place where....

Strategic Aim 1: Our community has actively minimised environmental impacts

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

Priority 1: Implement sustainable waste management strategies

Priority 2: Develop and improve emergency planning and response

Priority 3: Reduce pollution

Strategic Aim 2: There is a vibrant, viable and sustainable rural community

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

Priority 1: Protect and develop the rural economy

Priority 2: Improve transport infrastructure

Priority 3: Tackle rural isolation

Strategic Aim 3: The built and natural environment has been protected and enhanced

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

Priority 1: Protect and promote parks, open spaces and natural habitats

Priority 2: To maintain a clean and tidy environment

Priority 3: Continue to regenerate the town centres

Strategic Aim 4: There is a strong, diverse economy which provides jobs for all

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

Priority 1: Support people who are not in employment back into work

Priority 2: Support local entrepreneurship and small and medium sized employers

Priority 3: Support migrant workers

Strategic Aim 5: The transport infrastructure enables easier access to key services and facilities and allows for more sustainable modes of travel

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

- Priority 1:** Ensure our public transport system meets customer needs and expectations
- Priority 2:** Use S106 to promote development of green travel plans
- Priority 3:** Encourage alternative modes of travel and flexible working practices

Strategic Aim 6: People feel safe
SAFE COMMUNITY

- Priority 1:** Reduce anti social behaviour
- Priority 2:** Reduce serious violent crime
- Priority 3:** Reduce criminal damage

* Detailed actions and targets to be agreed by South Warwickshire CDRP in June 08

Strategic Aim 7: Everyone's housing needs are met
STRONGER COMMUNITY

- Priority 1:** Provide affordable, appropriate, accessible and sustainable housing for everyone
- Priority 2:** Meet rural housing needs
- Priority 3:** Meet community needs of new housing developments

Strategic Aim 8: People from different backgrounds get on well together
STRONGER COMMUNITY

- Priority 1:** Support migrant communities
- Priority 2:** Address intergenerational issues
- Priority 3:** Meet the needs of the travelling community

Strategic Aim 9: There is a thriving tourist economy making it one of the top visitor destinations
STRONGER COMMUNITY

- Priority 1:** Improve the visitor offer
- Priority 2:** Extend the range of visitor markets
- Priority 3:** Enhance the cultural experience

Strategic Aim 10: Citizens are actively engaged in decision making and participate fully in community life
STRONGER COMMUNITY

- Priority 1: Develop locality working**
- Priority 2: Engage and support Parish Councils in the development of Parish Plans**
- Priority 3: Support CAVA in promoting awareness of volunteering opportunities**

Strategic Aim 11: There is a strong learning culture that spans all age groups

STRONGER COMMUNITY

- Priority 1: Develop the extended services programme**
- Priority 2: Strengthen links between educational establishments and employers**
- Priority 3: Improve access to information, advice and support**

Strategic Aim 12: There are opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sport, the arts and cultural activities

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

- Priority 1: Improve equality of access**
- Priority 2: Contribute to the 2012 Olympic effort**
- Priority 3: Maintain, support and develop the range of public cultural events**

Strategic Aim 13: Everyone is able to enjoy a healthy lifestyle and sense of well being

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

- Priority 1: Reduce obesity**
- Priority 2: Increase physical activity**
- Priority 3: Mental health and well being**

Strategic Aim 14: Every child and young person, including those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged, has the greatest opportunity to be the best that they can be

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

- Priority 1: Contribute to the delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan for Warwickshire**
- Priority 2: Identify and support vulnerable children and their families**

Priority 3: Extend activities for young people

Strategic Aim 15: We have narrowed the gap between affluent and poor people

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Priority 1: Tackle the causes of poverty

Priority 2: Address health inequalities in the most deprived areas

Priority 3: Work towards achieving equality of access to essential and non essential services

Strategic Aim 16: Our older and vulnerable citizens are valued and live fulfilling and independent lives

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Priority 1: Support independent living

Priority 2: Promote mental health and well being

Priority 3: Support carers