

**TO: ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 30TH
MARCH 2004**

SUBJECT: PROGRESS REPORT ON COMMUNITY PLAN

FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE – POLICY & PERFORMANCE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide members with an update on the current Community Plan for Warwick District with specific reference to the work of the environment, health and community safety steering groups.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In this first community plan for Warwick District action plans were developed for the period up to the end of March 2003. A review was carried out during the summer of 2003 to consider what had been achieved to date and following on from these action plans, what the priorities were for the future.

- 2.2 A public leaflet which summarized the review, was produced entitled 'Your Community Plan 2001 – 2004: What' Happened So Far' which was widely distributed across the district. A copy was also sent to every Councillor.

- 2.3 The more detailed findings of the review can be found in the 'Setting the Scene' document which was produced for the new Warwick Partnership in October 2003.

2.4 Warwick Partnership

- 2.4.1 The development of the new Community Plan is under the direction of the District's new local strategic partnership, the Warwick Partnership. There are currently 7 steering groups reporting to the Warwick Partnership Board:-

- Environment
- Warwick District Health Improvement and Well Being Partnership (Health)
- Warwick District Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership
- Area Community Learning Partnership (Education)
- South Warwickshire Business Partnership (Economy)
- Culture
- Housing

2.5 Community Plan 2004 – 2020

- 2.5.1 All the steering groups have been feeding their views to the Board on what they consider to be the key issues and future priorities for inclusion in the new community plan.

- 2.5.2 A recent 'away day' involving the Board members and officers from the steering groups resulted in the formulation of draft strategic objectives that form the framework for the new Plan.

2.5.3 There are several stages to go through in the development of the Plan, the most important one being the public consultation period during May/June. The timetable is such that the final Plan will be signed off by October 2004.

2.6 **Environment**

This group was formed in August 2003 and is chaired by John Archer, Head of Planning and Engineering.

2.6.1 Following the review of the actions under the current Plan, the group undertook a brainstorming session to identify issues that could be placed before the Board for them to consider. The topic issues identified fell into 6 main categories:-

- Improvement of the natural and built environment
- Impact of transport
- Energy conservation
- Sustainable waste management
- Health issues
- Other issues

Appendix 1 sets out a bullet point summary under each of the topic issues.

2.7 **Health**

The Warwick District Health Improvement and Well Being (WD HIWEB) Partnership evolved out of the Action for Health Group and had its first meeting in October 2003. It is chaired by Janet Bonser from the South Warwickshire General Hospitals NHS Trust.

2.7.1 WD HIWEB has produced a draft strategy (Appendix 2) which they hope will constitute the health 'bit' of the new community plan.

2.8 **Community Safety**

The action plan for the existing community plan has now been replaced by the 2002 – 2005 Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy.

2.8.1 There are now 6 groups to address the concerns raised in the consultation on the crime and disorder audit:-

- Crime
- Victims
- Offenders
- Drugs and alcohol abuse
- Communities & fear of crime
- Young people

2.8.2 The priorities are:-

- Reducing the fear of crime
- Reducing crime and disorder

2.8.3 The objectives and priorities of the new Community Plan will inform the review of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy next year.

3. POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK

3.1 The specific themes referred to in this report are reflected in the priorities of the Corporate Strategy 2003 – 2007, specifically:-

- To create a safer environment
- To promote healthier lifestyles
- To conserve, recycle and encourage others to conserve and recycle resources
- To regulate and influence land use to achieve sustainable development
- To improve the cleanliness of the public environment

3.2 The budget for 2003/04 was £37,000. Of this £27,000 was committed to SRB 6 PIE Projects. The remaining £10k was allocated to the development of the LSP and the implementation of the existing, and development of the new community plan. £2,600 was cut as part of the recent savings exercise. The budget for 2004/5, which has now been separated from the SRB 6 budget, is £20,000.

4. OUTCOME(S) REQUIRED

4.1 Members are asked to note progress and make any appropriate comments.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

'Setting the Scene' – A report outlining the context within which the LSP will operate. October 2003

'Your Community Plan 2001 – 2004 – What's Happened So Far' – January 2004

Towards a Safer Warwick District – Crime & Disorder Reduction Strategy 2002 - 2005

Areas in District Affected: All.

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