

Subject:	Sustainable Community Strategy		
Date of Meeting:	18 March 2010 11 March 2010 Cabinet		
Report of:	Director of Strategy & Governance		
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Key Decision:	Yes	Forward Plan No: CAB14770	
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 Following the publication of the Sustainable Community Strategy 'Creating The City Of Opportunities' in 2006 and its subsequent interim update in 2007, a refreshed version of the full document is required to reflect the current position of the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership (LSP). It is intended that this revised document will be published Apr / May 2010.
- 1.2 This report provides an update to the main changes between the 1st & 2nd draft of the documents, what stage this process has currently reached, an update regarding the previously revised timetable and consultation process and what the next steps are.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Cabinet notes the report and refers the Sustainable Community Strategy to Council for further consideration and adoption.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Sustainable Community Strategies (SCS) are prepared by local strategic partnerships (LSPs) as a set of goals and actions which they, in representing the residential, business, statutory and voluntary interests of an area, wish to promote. It is a statutory requirement to produce a Sustainable Community Strategy.
- 3.2 This will be the 3rd edition of the Brighton & Hove Local Strategic Partnership's Sustainable Community Strategy with the previous version being published in 2006.
- 3.3 The consultation process is outlined below in section 4.
- 3.4 This latest draft (Appendix 2) is the result of changes made from the 1st draft of the document.

- 3.5 A brief chapter-by-chapter resume of the main changes between the 1st & 2nd drafts is included in appendix 1.
- 3.6 With a new LAA to be agreed during 2010, it was deemed appropriate to remove the targets section from each chapter as they would be quickly rendered out of date in the printed version of the document. However, the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership website produced to accompany this document will feature these targets as this can be updated as necessary to reflect changing performance over time. It will create the link between the Strategy with the Interplan Performance Management software and with the BHLIS software to provide a spatial interpretation of the figures.
- 3.7 Along with comments, amendments, submissions made by Partnership groups, Local Authority departments & officers, the 2nd draft has also received significant input from the Communications Team (plain English check Language etc), Equalities & Inclusion Team, Communities Team, Policy Team

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Partnership groups and local authority departments were invited to update their relevant areas of interest within the Sustainable Community Strategy during early 2009. This produced a 1st draft of the document that was put out to a public consultation process
- 4.2 Assisted by the Community Engagement Framework a 12 week consultation period ran between July and October. Three public events (advertised in City News, online and via The Argus) were held at the Jubilee Library attended by approximately 50-60 people.
- 4.3 Prior to the publication of the 2nd draft, the document was taken to an Overview & Scrutiny workshop (13th October) and also taken back to the LSP on the 15th December
- 4.3 Comments received helped inform the 2nd draft and a consultation report will be produced as a result of the process.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report. Officer time spent on the strategy document has been met from within existing resources

Finance Officer Consulted: Peter Francis

Date: 24/02/10

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The requirement to prepare a sustainable community strategy derives from section 4 of the Local Government Act 2000. That same section also permits a local authority to modify the strategy; in doing so, it must consult and seek the participation of each partner and other such persons it considers appropriate.

- 5.3 The consultation arrangements set out in part 4 of the report comply with this statutory requirement.
- 5.4 Under the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) Regulations 2000, preparation of the Sustainable Community Strategy is an executive function, but responsibility for approving and adopting the Strategy is the preserve of Full Council

Lawyer Consulted:

Oliver Dixon

Date: 24/02/10

Equalities Implications:

- 5.5 The updated Sustainable Community Strategy will be subject to a full Equalities Impact Assessment and the Partnerships Team has worked closely with the City Inclusion Partnership and the Equalities Team to ensure that equalities aspects are adequately addressed throughout the document. They have also contributed to the documents introductory section.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.6 The City Sustainability Partnership, via a dedicated working group, have provided content for the 1st & 2nd draft of the strategy with officers from the Partnerships Team attending meetings of the City Sustainability Partnership to facilitate their input.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.7 The Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership have provided their updates for the 1st Draft & 2nd draft.

Risk & Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.8 None identified

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.9 As the over-arching strategy of Brighton & Hove, the document has implications for the whole City.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 To be completed

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is a statutory requirement to produce a Sustainable Community Strategy and as a key partner of the Local Strategic Partnership, Brighton & Hove City Council are integral to this process.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Key Changes from 1st draft
2. 2nd draft Sustainable Community Strategy

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. 2nd draft Sustainable Community Strategy

Background Documents

None