SCRUTINY COMMISSION 20 DECEMBER 2012



<u>PROGRESS REPORT – HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH LOCAL</u> STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE DIRECTION)

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform members of the progress and achievements of the Hinckley & Bosworth Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) To note the progress report
- (ii) To profile the work of the LSP with members and key partners

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

- 3.1. Each year the LSP produces an annual progress report, detailing the focus of work during the year, and importantly profiling achievements, and the impact of work it has helped to influence.
- 3.2. Overtime the LSP has refined its role and remit, facilitated by an annual review and challenge event, which enables partners to reflect on whether the partnership is focussing its efforts appropriately, and having an impact in driving service delivery and improvement. The now well established partnership, has a primary role in overseeing and calling to account the Borough's key delivery partnerships: Health & Wellbeing Partnership; Employment & Skills Partnership; Community Safety Partnership; Hinckley Town Centre Partnership, and the Locality Partnership Group which oversees the Children Centres Programme.
- 3.3. In addition to overseeing the above key delivery partnerships, the LSP has one overarching priority to improve the quality of life in our priority neighbourhoods. This work is led through joint working of the local authority's Community Safety Team, and Community Development Workers from Community Action Hinckley & Bosworth, and delivered primarily through our community houses.
- 3.4. The context within which the LSP is operating, has never been more challenging, with all partner agencies having to find ongoing savings, at a time when our communities needs are greater than ever, and particularly those most vulnerable within our communities.
- 3.5. Clearly partners are only too aware of the need to align and pool resources in these difficult economic times, and the LSP has being doing so since it first came together, but increasingly it is about finding innovative and creative ways to deliver the work and support needed by our communities. In essence the LSP is about, defining and demonstrating shared values, with all parties being genuinely committed to doing what's right, what's best for its community and finding workable ways to achieve common goals.
- 3.6. During 2011/12 the LSP continued to focus on the really big challenges for our Borough:

- Getting people into jobs and creating a thriving local economy
- o Keeping everyone safe
- Making sure people are fit and healthy
- Supporting those most in need
- 3.7. The attached annual statement of achievements publication, provides an insight into just some of the collective action that has taken place within our Community, and the outcomes achieved through our key delivery partnerships during 2011/12.
- 3.8. During 2012/13 the LSP continues to maintain a strategic role for the Borough, and specifically:
 - Oversees the locality partnership delivery arrangements
 - Holds key delivery partnerships to account
 - Celebrates the success of delivery partnerships
 - Profiles and helps tackle key strategic issues for the Borough

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (TO)

None arising directly from this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (LH)

None arising directly from this report.

6. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The contents of the report relate to and support the following strategic aims:

- Cleaner and Greener Neighbourhoods
- Thriving Economy
- Safer and Healthier Borough
- Strong and distinctive communities
- Decent, well managed and affordable housing

7. CONSULTATION

An annual LSP review meeting takes place during February each year, to take account of all relevant up to date evidence sources and data, to inform priority setting for the year ahead. In addition each of the key delivery partnerships undertakes its own ongoing consultation programme, which also informs LSP priority setting.

8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks			
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner	

Reduction in budgets to all key LSP	Continual re view of LSP	Edwina
partner agencies	priorities and alignment with	Grant
	underpinning key delivery	
	partnerships and associated	
	funding streams	

9. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

The ongoing review of LSP priorities, and the utilisation of up to date evidence sources and data, informed via the key delivery partnerships, helps to inform priorities and underpinning delivery plans, to focus resources on priority needs across all areas of the Borough, including rural Hinckley and Bosworth.

10. **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset Management implications
- Human Resources implications
- Planning Implications
- Voluntary Sector

Background papers: None

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