

CHAPTER 2: Delivering Change and Monitoring Progress

Delivering our goals and priorities

There is a strong track record of local organisations delivering a range of activities effectively and also working well together across the public, private, voluntary and community sectors in East Sussex. There is a strong infrastructure of partnerships including those with a geographical focus e.g. the Local Strategic Partnerships or subject focus (e.g. Children's Trust Executive Group) and those who cover themes across the county e.g. the Community Safety Partnerships. The key plans of the Organisations and Partnerships that will continue to work together are listed in Chapter 9.

Pride of Place provides context for this work and the end of each chapter includes clear statements about the Key Tasks that need to be undertaken to ensure residents' and communities' lives improve. These tasks (summarised in Appendix 1) will be translated into actions and targets which will be co-ordinated and monitored to ensure they are delivered. There will be three sets of action plans:

- The Local Area Agreement (LAA) - a 3 year agreement between the Government and partners in East Sussex which will reflect some of the highest priority Key Tasks. The Government has identified a set of National Indicators and the LAA will contain up to 35 of these indicators. Negotiations on the LAA will be completed by June 2008 (as of 2011 the LAA is no longer reported on).
- A Countywide Action Plan which encompasses the remaining Key Tasks and, where appropriate, indicators from the National Set that are not reflected in the 2008-2011 Local Area Agreement.
- Local Action Plan(s) based on the District and Borough Community Strategies and partners' plans – some of which are already in place or in development.

The key to these different plans will be to ensure that they are developed (where they do not already exist) in such a way that they connect to each other and that these connections make sense and are transparent. The targets in the local action plan(s) could, for example, include indicators from the National Set but where these are not appropriate locally will include the indicators that do make sense in East Sussex. The Countywide Action Plan could include local actions that are relevant in more than one District or

Borough, or are countywide. The indicators may well need to be different in different areas and/or to set different levels of achievement.

The action plans will be subject to equalities assessments to ensure they meet equality and diversity issues; a sustainability appraisal to ensure they deliver social, economic and environmental benefits and rural proofing to ensure they meet the needs of our rural communities. Details of these assessments and their intended outputs are set out in Appendix 2. Whichever action plan targets are included, the activity and resources to deliver them will be identified in the business plans of the relevant organisations. With the exception of some funding in Hastings, there is no new money available to deliver the action.

Pride of Place is a challenge to all of us, especially the large organisations and our partnerships, to use the resources we have to deliver the action identified and to ensure our plans reflect them. Reports and documents relating to the Local Area Agreement and the Local Action Plan/s will be available on (or via) the following websites:

East Sussex: www.essp.org.uk

Eastbourne: www.eastbourne.gov.uk

Hastings: www.hastings.gov.uk/lsp

Lewes: www.lvlc.info

Rother: www.rother.gov.uk/lsp

Wealden: www.wealdencommunitystrategy.co.uk

Monitoring Progress and Measuring Change

The Local Area Agreement will be monitored on a quarterly basis and reported to the East Sussex Strategic Partnership Executive Board. It will also be formally reported to the Government Office for the South East and central government once a year. The East Sussex Assembly will also be kept up to date with progress at its annual meeting. For all targets, we will regularly analyse current performance and future trends in order to show whether we are:

- Improving and heading in the right direction i.e. towards achieving the outcomes we are seeking
- Not showing any significant change
- Getting worse and moving in the wrong direction
- Unable to interpret how we are doing, perhaps through lack of information.