

Report to: East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP)
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Title: Partnership Coordinator's Report
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Purpose: To update partners on activities undertaken to support ESSP since July 2009 and upcoming activities.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Community Partnerships Team at East Sussex County Council, provide a range of support services to ESSP. This report summarises key activities since July 2009, and upcoming activities.
- 1.2. Partnership Support: Lisa Schrevel has begun a six month secondment within East Sussex County Council which will end in February 2010. She will maintain line management responsibility, and in the meantime Katherine Perrin will take on a number of the coordinator tasks, supported by Alison Horan.

2. Pride of Place – the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)

- 2.1. Action planning: With the champions now chosen for high priority actions in the countywide action plan, guidance has been developed to support champions in this new area of work. The team are now working to facilitate any further support the champions may need in bringing together relevant partners to take forward delivery.
- 2.2. Strategy reviews: The team has held a meeting with the relevant coordinators to reflect and learn from the experiences of the first strategy reviews. A timetable is now being put together for the remaining reviews.

3. Local Area Agreement (LAA)

- 3.1. The team continues to support LAA partners and to produce LAA performance monitoring reports. It has also coordinated bids to the LAA Exemplar fund.

4. Partnership working

- 4.1. Review of Governance, Communications and Engagement: A range of work continues in this area including an annual refresh of the Communications & Engagement Plan, the development of ESSP Communications Guidance, and further LAA case studies to showcase examples of local partnership-working.
- 4.2. Website: The feasibility study is currently underway to investigate the best possible way to support the new ESSP website and make it more accessible.
- 4.3. Progress through Partnerships (PTP): The team are currently undertaking the annual Audit Commission self-assessment, as required by PtP in order to bid for funding in 2009/10. Following the success of the PtP-funded development work in 08/09, the team are also in discussions with the district/borough LSP Chairs and Coordinators to make the most effective use of the potential joint funding available.
- 4.4. Climate Change Conference: Following the conference in June 2009, the team have been in discussions with the Environment Agency about how best to take forward the actions coming out of the day, particularly in relation to setting up the first countywide Climate Change Partnership on behalf of the ESSP.
- 4.5. East Sussex Compact: The East Sussex Compact is currently undergoing an annual review. The results will be presented at the annual meeting on 2 November and as its scrutiny body, the ESSP will receive the report at the January meeting.