

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 October 2009 and on upcoming activities.

### **1) Introduction**

- a) The Community Partnerships Team at East Sussex County Council provide a range of support services to ESSP. This report summarises key activities since October 2009, and upcoming activities.

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

- a) Action planning: The team continues to facilitate any support the champions may need in bringing together relevant partners to take forward delivery in their area.

### **3) Local Area Agreement (LAA)**

- a) The team continues to support LAA partners and to support the production of LAA performance monitoring reports.
- b) Another two 'Partnership Works' case studies have been published, highlighting particular partnership activities and projects which are delivering Pride of Place. The most recent two look specifically at the County Connect service which is supporting people to remain independent in later life and the ongoing work to reduce the number of households in temporary accommodation.

### **4) Partnership working**

- a) Review of Governance The team has facilitated meetings with the countywide thematic chairs and coordinators, SpeakUp and District and Borough LSP chairs and coordinators. The range of discussions held follow on from the governance consultation held in 2009 with regards to ensuring that the ESSP remains fit for purpose. The conclusions and recommendations of these meetings are summarised in the *ESSP Governance* paper for Item 8.
- b) Website: The feasibility study for a new ESSP website is now complete. The project will now be able to progress using the recommended Content Management System (CMS) which will offer a better user experience, including improved interactivity such as secure login, in addition to more efficient maintenance.
- c) Progress through Partnerships (PTP): The team has facilitated the completion of the annual Audit Commission self-assessment, as required by PtP in order to bid for funding in 2009/10. A bid has now been submitted on behalf of the ESSP to focus on the ESSP Away Day, climate change, alcohol misuse and localism in a three-tier area. The team have also coordinated and submitted a joint bid on behalf of 5 of the 6 LSPs in East Sussex for a number of joint projects, including housing, supporting businesses and improving the connections between ESSP and the five District and Borough LSPs.