

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 March 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 March 2009, and upcoming activities.

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

- 2.1. Action planning: With the countywide SCS action plan endorsed, the team has begun identifying champions for high priority actions. The team will support the champion in bringing together relevant partners to take forward delivery, and the production, proofing and publication of delivery plans.
- 2.2. Strategy reviews: The team has undertaken a considerable amount of work to put in place the information and processes needed for strategy reviews and has worked closely with the coordinators of three countywide thematic partnerships to support their reviews (Item 8). We will identify lessons learnt from this experience and put together a schedule 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: The team has completed this review. Proposals will be put to the Board (Item 10). A range of communications work has continued including the production of two practitioner case studies to capture and share best and innovative practice, and work to refresh ESSP's website and make it more accessible.
- 4.2. Website: A feasibility study has been commissioned to investigate the best possible way to support the new ESSP website and make it more accessible. The study should be completed by the autumn. In the meantime, the current website is being given a full editorial edit to ensure that the information provided is always current, robust and accessible.
- 4.3. Progress through Partnerships (PTP): On behalf of the five district/borough LSPs, the team has coordinated delivery of the PTP programme of partnership events and a local data study. The three events attracted over 210 attendees and were well received. Summary reports including next steps, and the data survey results, will be published on the ESSP website shortly. Specific to ESSP, an online information pack is in development.
- 4.4. Annual meeting: The East Sussex Assembly annual meeting takes place this afternoon, and will include a report on ESSP activities during 2008-09, and presentations and debate to consider what East Sussex might look like in 2026 and beyond.