

Agenda Item 6A – tabled at meeting

Report to: East Sussex Strategic Partnership
Date: 12 March 2009
Title: Sustainable Community Strategy Countywide Action Plan - comments
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Purpose: To present a summary of comments received on the 2nd draft Countywide Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) Action Plan

Recommendation: That the ESSP Executive Board note comments received in their discussions of the Plan.

1. Respondents

1.1. Over 90 organisations were invited to comment on the plan. Eight responses were received from:

- Hastings and Bexhill Economic Alliance
- Hastings Borough Council
- East Sussex County Council
- East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT
- East Sussex PCTs
- East Sussex Seniors Association
- Environment Agency
- SEEDA

2. Summary of responses

2.1. Clarification:

- Local plans include both individual organisations, and partnership plans
- Include list of related plans for reference

2.2. Specific queries on actions:

- Could be more challenging - consider including actions that can only or are best tackled at a sub-regional level e.g. communications networks
- Response to recession, sustainable procurement, alcohol misuse, climate change partnership, aspirations – too limited or too short term
- Cross-cutting impacts of culture and arts – does this accurately reflect partners' ideas to celebrate cultural provision?
- Community strength and leadership actions don't focus on the outcome
- Include actions on broadband and strategy to support local business

2.3. Queries on detailed delivery:

- For all actions and specifically those relating to procurement, aspirations and access e.g. who will lead, activities, getting the right partners involved, measuring progress etc.
- Need to incorporate cross-cutting priorities of narrowing the gap/reducing inequalities, improving services and being sustainable into all actions
- Expressions of interest to get involved

2.4. Queries on review/update:

- Needs to be reviewed regularly