

Report to: East Sussex Strategic Partnership
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Title: Progress on Sustainable Community Strategy Reviews
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Purpose: To report progress towards reviewing and updating the countywide Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), Pride of Place.

Recommendation: That the ESSP Executive Board notes progress to date and agrees to receive and approve updates to the countywide sections of the SCS at future meetings.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. At its meeting on 18 September 2008, the ESSP board agreed to put in place a rolling programme of strategy reviews and updates, working through any relevant countywide thematic partnerships that exist. This report sets out progress to date and an approval process should updates be recommended.

2. Purpose of strategy reviews and updates

- 2.1. Reviews aim to ensure the long term vision, strategic priorities and key tasks to achieve the vision remain relevant. Reviews will include progress, updating evidence, carrying out consultation if required, and identifying any changes needed – within themes, population groups and any cross-cutting connections. Review outcomes would be presented to ESSP board by July each year, so that any revisions can feed into partnership action plans, and partners' own business planning cycles.

3. Progress

- 3.1. **Community Safety:** East Sussex Safer Communities Steering Group is reviewing the East Sussex Community Safety Agreement, which underpins the SCS Community Safety theme. The review will conclude in May 2009. Recommended updates to the Community Safety section will be presented to ESSP board meeting in July 2009.
- 3.2. **Older People:** The East Sussex Older People's Partnership Board (OPPB) is overseeing reviews of the Joint Commissioning Strategies for Older People and for Carers, which underpin the Older People's section of the SCS and aspects of the Health and Wellbeing theme respectively. The reviews will conclude in April 2009. Recommended updates to the Older People's section, and any relevant themes, will be presented to ESSP board in July 2009.
- 3.3. **Children and Young People (CYP):** The Children and Young People's Trust Executive Group (CYPTEG) is overseeing a review of the Children and Young People's Plan, which underpins the Children and Young People's section of the SCS and aspects of the Education, Learning and Skills theme. The review will conclude in June 2009. Recommended updates to the Children and Young People's section, and any relevant themes, will be presented to ESSP board in July 2009.
- 3.4. **Education, Learning and Skills:** The Adult Learning and Skills Board will begin reviewing the Adult Learning and Skills Strategy in November 2009, and should report to the ESSP board in April 2010. This plan, along with the Children and Young People's Plan, underpins this theme.
- 3.5. **Others:** participation in, and timing of, other reviews where no countywide partnership exists, will be developed in consultation with partners.

4. Links and approvals

- 4.1. LSP Chairs and Coordinators will continue to work together and with thematic partnerships to coordinate reviews and updates at county, district and borough levels over time.
- 4.2. It is proposed that any recommended updates to the countywide sections of the strategy be endorsed by the ESSP board, with comments from District and Borough LSPs feeding into decisions. Updates of District and Borough strategies would be discussed and approved by the relevant District and Borough LSP.