

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Agenda Item 19

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Sustainable Community Strategy 2009 Update
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Wards Affected: All

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FOR GENERAL RELEASE/ EXEMPTIONS

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 Following the publication of the Sustainable Community Strategy 'Creating The City Of Opportunities' in 2006 and its subsequent interim update in 2007, a refreshed version of the full document is required to reflect the current position of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). It is intended that this revised document will be published in early 2010.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That Overview & Scrutiny Commission:

- (1) Feed their comments on the draft refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy 'Creating the City of Opportunities' into the consultation process;
- (2) Request that the results of the consultation and the final refreshed Strategy are brought back to the O&S Commission in December 2009.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 In January 2009, information packs were distributed to all Partnerships, Partnerships Managers and lead officers from the Local Authority

requesting that they provide updates to their areas within the current version of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

- 3.2 A presentation was made at the Partnerships Managers Group in January outlining the process and the timetable for the process agreed with LSP chairs. Policy Officers have also been liaising closely with the Political assistants to ensure that changes made reflect the current administrations priorities.
- 3.3 The basic structure and core themes of the Strategy will remain consistent as this is not a re write, only a refresh. However, the detail needed to be revisited to keep the document current and up-to-date.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Originally, the consultation period was planned to run for 12 weeks, 20th April – 13th July. However, in order to obtain further updated content from partnerships and to take advantage of consultation opportunities such as those offered by the CVSF AGM on the 16th September, it was agreed that a slight delay would ultimately be more beneficial.
- 4.2 The consultation period will run for **12 weeks, 13th July – 5th October**. Within this period there will be three public information events on the 3rd, 9th & 15th September.
- 4.3 As well as general information about the LSP and Sustainable Community Strategy, the public information sessions will feature a poster exercise that will help inform the 2nd draft. This method of engagement has previously been successfully used by the Policy Team as part of the development of the Community Engagement Framework.
- 4.4 During the 12 week consultation period which is due to finish w/b 5th October, the Policy Team will be working with LSP members, Council Officers and other partners to refine the 2nd draft which will be produced by early / mid November.
- 4.5 The anticipated date for the published updated Sustainable Community Strategy is Jan / Feb 2010.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 None identified

Legal Implications:

5.2 None identified

Equalities Implications:

5.3 The updated Sustainable Community Strategy will be subject to a full Equalities Impact Assessment and the Partnerships Team will continue to work closely with the City Inclusion Partnership.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 The City Sustainability Partnership, via a dedicated working group, have provided content for the 1st draft and will be again consulted upon prior to the 2nd draft of the strategy being written.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 The Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership have provided their updates for the 1st Draft and will continue to be included within the consultation process.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None identified

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 As the over-arching strategy of Brighton & Hove, the document has implications for the whole City.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Chapter-by-chapter key changes
2. Draft of the updated Sustainable Community Strategy

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. From 13th July – Draft of Updated Sustainable Community Strategy

