

Agenda Item 41- Appendix 3

Consultation with OSC on Sustainable Community Strategy

9 October 2009; 4pm Brighton Town Hall

Present: Councillor Mitchell, Older, Peltzer Dunn and Wakefield-Jarrett

- 1.1 The Head of Partnerships and External Relations introduced the Update report that had been presented to the 14 July Overview and Scrutiny Commission and provided contextual information set out below.
- 1.2 The SCS has undergone extensive consultation with partner organisations. Each of the political groups has been given the opportunity to respond.
- 1.3 Formal consultation on the refresh (not full review) ended on 5 October. A second draft is to be prepared in early November for agreement by Council and Local Strategic Partnership.
- 1.4 The SCS includes within it the policies and plans adopted by the council and partnership organisations. It can be seen as an amalgamation of the City's strategies.
- 1.5 Each section of the SCS sets out aims, issues of concern, what has happened over the last three years, current position and what we plan to do.
- 1.6 A Transport Partnership is being established to deal with key areas of debate.
- 1.7 Areas indicated in the Audit Commission's Comprehensive Area Assessment are also to be incorporated; draft is available 16 October (?)
- 1.8 The start date for refreshed Strategy is February 2010 – slipped from April 2009.
- 1.9 A number of the different policy strands that make up the SCS are decided upon by individual organisations following consultation and debate with partners. For example the final decision on Local Development Framework Core Strategy amendments will be made by the Local Authority.
- 1.10 Performance information can be viewed via website using the BHLIS system. A new website is to be launched alongside the refreshed strategy.
- 1.11 Members made comments/asked questions:

- What is the role of scrutiny compared with political group/other responses in responding to the Strategy?
 - Can the strategy include:
 - a) actual baseline performance achievements rather than indicators from previous performance plans?
 - b) dates/timelines that are consistent between chapters?
 - c) 'direction of travel' for each agreed target/outcome?
 - d) indication of what has been removed from the previous iteration of the SCS?
 - e) how and where the outcomes and targets are evidenced and budgeted for?
- 1.12 Specific Edits: -
- P87 – Cllr Mitchell is not Vice-Chair of 2020 Community Partnership
 - P57 – Why temporary households 'TBC'.
 - P39 – 4x4=16
- 1.13 These comments will be reported back to 20 October OSC.
- 1.14 Revised SCS to be reported for information to OSC at the appropriate time.