

**KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S GROUP**

Full Council 25th October 2005

Report C/19/05 Kennet Community Strategy 2005 - 2015

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1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 For Members to adopt the Kennet Community Strategy.

2.0 Financial, Legal and Staffing Implications

2.1 There are no financial, legal or staffing implications arising out of the production of the Strategy.

3.0 Background

3.1 Members will be aware that the council has a duty to establish Local Strategic Partnerships and through those partnerships to develop a community strategy.

3.2 The legislation does not prescribe how this should be done, however suggests that it should be at a level to best suit local need. The council did this through the establishment of four area Community Planning Partnerships, who each produced a local area plan.

3.3 Building on the work of the area plans and other key strategies the Kennet Local Strategic Partnership set about developing a Kennet Community Strategy and this has been consulted on over the last 12 Months. The long time table for preparation ensured that we allowed adequate time for proper response in line with the Wiltshire Compact best practice principles and also we could develop the strategy alongside the Local Development Framework and ensure that the consultation methodology set out in our Statement of Community Involvement was adhered to.

3.4 Attached with this report is a copy of the strategy and action plan which was adopted by the Kennet Local Strategic partnership on 16th September 2005, subject to the following amendments.

- To insert the words “to lobby for” at the start of the key output for health & Social Care Forums on page 9 of the strategy.

- To insert the words “as defined in the 2003 Rural facilities Survey” after the key output on page 15 of the strategy referring to the retention of village shops etc.
- To include a reference to supporting the work of the Wiltshire Bio-diversity Action Plan.

3.5 The action plan, which will be developed further sets out what the agencies across Kennet will do to achieve the outcomes in the strategy. A summary will also be produced for circulation to members of the public.

Recommendations

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT ; council adopts the Kennet Community Strategy for 2005 – 2015.

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