

## **CORSHAM AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. To update Members on the developments in Community Planning for Area 4 in 2005/06.
- 1.2. To encourage members to support the on-going Community Planning process.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. **That Members note the contents of this report.**
- 2.2. **In their community leadership role, Members recognise the importance of their involvement in the community planning process.**
- 2.3. **That Members actively encourage the involvement of the community in working with the Corsham Area Community Partnership (CACP) to deliver the Corsham Area Community Plan, and report progress back to this Committee.**

### **3. Links to the Corporate Business Plan Priorities:**

- 3.1. Community Planning can be linked to the Council's priority of Partnership Working. This approach of community engagement, working towards building true community spirit and a caring society will also support the delivery of a range of the Council Priorities including those associated with Equalities and Diversity and Healthy Lifestyles.

### **4. Background**

- 4.1. The Corsham Area Community Partnership (CACP) launched the Corsham Area Community Plan for 2005-2015, in June 2005.
- 4.2. Representatives from all parishes were invited to be involved throughout the consultation period, compilation and dissemination of the Plan. Community consultation days were held, where local people were invited to register their views on post it notes, and a questionnaire was issued to 5,643 of the 8,121 households in Area 4.
- 4.3. The launch event was extremely well attended by representatives from County, District, Town and Parish Councils, together with key statutory, business, voluntary and community organisations. In addition, members of the community also joined us at the event.
- 4.4. A leaflet summarising the findings of the Community Plan, and introducing the Community Partnership, was delivered to every household and business in Area 4 between November 2005 and February 2006.
- 4.5. Action Planning events were held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005, and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006. The aim was to prioritise actions from the Community Plan, and in addition, to identify people who were willing to commit to forming Action Teams to take forward the projects.
- 4.6. Officers from both the County and District Councils support the Community Planning process.

### **5. The Programme**

- 5.1. Those attending the Action Planning events were invited to prioritise issues within the Community Plan, which they felt should be addressed over the coming 18 months - 2 years. Subsequently they were invited to join Action Teams based on the projects selected.

- 5.2. All of the key issues listed in the Community Plan were displayed, and attendees were invited to participate in an exercise to prioritise the issues, with the use of different coloured sticky dots.

## **6. Outcomes**

- 6.1. The key outcomes may be found in the table in Appendix 1. Where there were tangible projects coupled with enthusiasm, Action Teams have been established. These are as follows:
- Health & Social Care
  - Recycling
  - Improve local Employment Opportunities
  - Youth Issues
- 6.2. It was recognised that there were a number of cross cutting issues that would necessitate Action Teams liaising between one another.
- 6.3. The CACP steering group will monitor the progress of the Action Teams, and assist where possible to agree a way forward at a local level, and where relevant to refer issues to other agencies.

## **7. Discussion**

- 7.1. It is important that CACP are afforded support from the statutory, business, voluntary and community sectors in order that they can address the diverse range of issues identified in the Community Plan. District and County Councillors have considerable influence in the community area, and it is hoped that they will use this to champion future and continuing involvement from all Parish Councils and community groups with whom they have contact.

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1. There are no financial implications directly related to this report.

## **9. Community and Environmental Implications**

- 9.1. The involvement of a wide cross section of individuals and organisations in working towards the delivery of the Corsham Area Community Plan should help to ensure that community needs and priorities are addressed in a way that maximises the use of available resources for local people.

## **10. Human Resources Implications**

- 10.1. There are no Human Resources implications directly relating to this report.

### **Documents used in the preparation of Report**

Corsham Area Community Plan 2005 – 2015

Minutes of the Action Team meetings 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005 and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC MANAGER TO AREA 4 COMMITTEE 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2006.**

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