

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

Full Council 21st October 2008

Report C/12/08 Local Agreement for Wiltshire

Report by Karen Scott, Corporate Services Manager

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 For Members to approve the Local Agreement for Wiltshire attached with this report.

2.0 Financial, Legal, Risk and Staffing Implications

- 2.1 There are no financial, legal, risk or staffing implications arising out of this report.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Wiltshire County Council has been negotiating the second Local Area Agreement (LAA) with Government Office South West (GOSW). This forms part of our Local Agreement for Wiltshire (LAW) that will help achieve our ambitions by agreeing action between partners to deliver real improvements for people and places in Wiltshire. The new agreement was approved by the government minister Hazel Blears on Monday 30th June 2008.
- 3.2 This three year agreement replaces the previous LAA and sets out how local councils, health, police, fire and other services along with the business community and voluntary sector will work in partnership to improve life in Wiltshire.
- 3.3 The LAW sets out actions and indicators agreed with local partners to deliver real improvements for people and places in Wiltshire. The LAA nestles within that and show targets against some of the indicators that have been agreed with central government. The LAA is the only place central government will agree targets with local government and sets out:
- 16 statutory education and early years targets.
 - Targets for other indicators from the National Indicator Set.
- 3.4 A report went to council in July recommending the council endorsed the agreement. The council resolved that, noting that the text of the Local Agreement for Wiltshire is incomplete, the Council defer consideration of this matter until its next meeting (Minute 56). Subsequently we have

received a final version of the agreement which is attached with this report.

4.0 Local Agreement

4.1 The following priorities in the local agreement are as follows:-

- a. Build 'resilient communities' with high social capital through people feeling socially included, enabling people and communities to build skills, abilities, knowledge and confidence to take effective action and play leading roles in the development of their communities and so enhancing their quality of life.
- b. Improve affordable housing
- c. 'Lives not services':
 - i. Support more people in Wiltshire to have independent and fulfilling lives as part of their local community
 - ii. Support families to provide the strong foundations for children and young people's development
 - iii. Enable individuals to make informed choices to improve their long term health and well being and reduce 'All Age All Cause Mortality'
- d. Wiltshire exhibiting a positive and sustainable environment for economic growth
- e. Reduce particular crimes, change behaviours and inform the public to bring about communities that are safe and feel safe
- f. Environment:
 - i. Tackle climate change
 - ii. A high quality, natural environment that enriches the lives of people.

3.5 The success of the new LAA will be dependent on partner organisations signing up to the relevant priorities contained within it.

Recommendations

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT ;

- 1 The council endorses the Local Agreement for Wiltshire and agrees that the Leader and Chief Executive sign off the final document.

KDS

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