

Halstead Local Committee
Taking Forward Local Priorities 2010/11 and beyond

Agenda Item 6(a)(ii)

Portfolio Area: Customers and Communication
Report Presented by: Kitty Barrett – Locality and Rural Co-ordinator

Background Papers: Action Plan for the Local Priorities for 2009-2010.
Corporate Implications: Please refer to table at end of report
Options:
Risks: None Identified

Executive Summary.

This is a draft programme of work for the committee to consider following the meeting held on 11th November 2009.

Decision

To approve the Draft Programme of work.

Taking the ideas forward

The ideas and suggestions for priorities that were identified by the community at the consultation event on the 23rd September 2009 will need to be considered in more detail in order to increase the awareness and knowledge of what is already being undertaken in the locality by partner organisations and the voluntary sector before identifying the level of need and most effective actions.

The actions could involve:

- Increased lobbying to influence what is taken forward by our Partners.
- Shared Services through Partnership working
- Sharing of information about existing services
- Signposting/promoting services to the community.
- Developing new initiatives that involve partnership working
- Presenting a business case to take to the Local Strategic Partnership for advice and consideration for funding.
- Changes to service delivery

The draft programme of work detailed below for the committee to consider is based on the results of the consultation event held in September and following the meeting held on 11th November 2009.

Research will be commissioned by the lead officer to provide the committee with detailed information about the priorities identified under each theme and a report will be presented to the Committee in line with draft programme.

This is a provisional timetable and the order of programme may need to be changed to accommodate the availability of the appropriate partner organisation/s.

It is also important to note that whilst the committee would look to take these issues, such as access to services forward as a priority, the Council would be expected to continue to give its full weight to improving access for the more rural area of Braintree District.

Draft Programme		
Date of Meeting	Theme and suggestions for consideration	Lead Officer
May 2010	<p>Anti-Social Behaviour And Young People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set up youth councils (partly through schools). - Compile lists of local clubs and activities for young people – kids could design the leaflets. - Community transport bus to run after school and late on a Friday night between villages and town centres (Sudbury and Haverhill as well as within Braintree District). - Subsidise transport and activities for young people. 	Head of Communities
July 2010	<p>Police Presence And Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More police vehicles to cover rural area and improve response time - Improve communication for non emergency issues e.g. a non emergency number for the area. - Fixed CCTV with local monitoring for Halstead Town Centre and car parks. - Police on motorbikes or cycles to cover town centre area 	Head of Communities
September 2010	<p>Well Kept Villages – Support For Parish Councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved communication between BDC and Parish Councils. BDC to listen to PCs and services to work with parishes. - Engage with young people. - Improve access; better cycle ways and footpaths, expand community transport. - Create litter wardens to impose fines for littering and also to educate / prevent litter. 	Assistant Chief Executive
November 2010	<p>Public Transport and Access to Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote joined up thinking between service providers so that bus and train connections work - Film screenings – outdoor or in village/community halls – to help leisure needs of young and old. - Provide cycle ways and cycle friendly routes and provide cycle parking on bus routes. 	Head of District Development

	- Extend library opening times (fixed and mobile)	
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January 2011	Loss of Rural Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobile service provision; post offices, police & district council info points, etc - Mobile bowling alley - Choice of methods to access information – not just internet. - Community Centre in Halstead that will serve the parishes as well 	Assistant Chief Executive
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Corporate Implications	
Financial:	None Identified
Legal:	There are None
Equalities & Diversity:	There are none
Customer Impact:	An Opportunity to be involved with the work of the Local Committees
Environment & Climate Change:	There are none
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Local Committees Partners, Public and Staff
Key Decision:	No
Public/Private Report:	Public/
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