

Gravesham Borough Council

ITEM 8

Report to: Dartford and Gravesham Local Strategic Partnership
Date: 24 June 2010
Reporting officer: Policy Officer, Gravesham Borough Council
Subject: Performance Report

Purpose and summary of report:

To provide members of the LSP with performance data against the key performance indicators within the Sustainable Community Strategy and other Kent Agreement Indicators.

Recommendations:

1. Members of the LSP agree to include the performance indicator report as a regular item on the agenda to ensure regular monitoring of performance statistics.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Dartford and Gravesham Sustainable Community Strategy identifies a number of key performance indicators to be used in the monitoring of the strategy. In addition to the indicators included within the Strategy, there are a number of other indicators that form part of the Kent Agreement 2, which the LSP has signed up to.
- 1.2 It was agreed at the meeting of the LSP in January 2010 that a full performance report would be presented to the LSP at its next meeting.

2. Performance Report

- 2.1 The performance report attached at appendix one outlines the indicators that are contained within the Sustainable Community Strategy and the other Kent Agreement 2 Indicators.
- 2.2 Wherever possible, performance data for 2008-09 and 2009-10 has been included within the report, along with a 'direction of travel' indicator.
- 2.3 It should be noted that there is a large amount of data currently unavailable. This is due to the data being provided by other organisations, such as the department for Communities and Local Government (CLG), not being available. It should also be noted that in the case of NI 3 "Civic Participation in the Local Area", this indicator was removed by the previous Government, in April 2010. A number of other indicators are related to the Place Survey, which was due to be undertaken,

for the second time, in the autumn/winter of 2010. The survey is currently on hold pending a review by the new Government and if it is decided that it will not go ahead the indicators will be lost. There has been no indication so far from Communities and Local Government as to whether the Government wishes to abolish the National Indicators as part of its Localism agenda. It should be noted that the targets in NI 154 and NI 155, which relate to housing delivery are based upon the targets set within the Regional Spatial Strategy, which is to be abolished. This means that the housing targets will also be abolished.

- 2.4 The overall performance of Kent Agreement 2 suggests that if current performance / direction of travel is maintained to the end of the KA2 period (March 2011) this would give an overall performance achievement in the region of 65% - 80%. This would mean that Kent crossed the overall achievement threshold of 60% that triggers payment of some Performance Grant. The total sum available for Kent is £8 million and it will be allocated to the Kent Partnership in proportion to its overall performance. There is the possibility that Performance Grant monies will be lost as part of the Governments spending review.
- 2.5 It is intended to have this item as a standing item of the agenda of the LSP so that as data is published, members of the LSP are provided with updates.