

## Gravesham Borough Council

## ITEM 7

**Report to:** Dartford and Gravesham Local Strategic Partnership

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**Subject:** Performance Management of the Sustainable Community  
Strategy 2008-2011

### **Purpose and summary of report:**

To present a brief covering report to the LSP Board Members outlining the progress made against SCS performance objectives.

### **Recommendations:**

The Board is asked to:

- review the attached performance management report (Appendix 1);
- request feedback on the process of gathering and inputting data;
- generate discussion around any actions of interest to the Board;

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 As previously agreed, the Dartford and Gravesham Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2011 (SCS) has been monitored through Dartford Borough Council's performance management software (Covalent).
- 1.2 Since the last meeting in January 2010, representatives from Dartford and Gravesham Borough Councils have communicated with key LSP partners to provide a reminder of the actions that partners are responsible for and to request appropriate reporting updates against those.
- 1.3 To evidence their updates, LSP partners have made a subjective judgement as to how much progress has been made with each action. The Board will recall at September's LSP meeting it was decided that for consistency, further reports would use the criteria of progress being recorded as the percentage of completed work against what was originally planned within the set timescale and not what could possibly be achieved.

### **2. Analysis - Progress with Actions**

- 2.1 Based on evidenced progress and the universal approach to scoring, the performance management report shows that progress since the last meeting has been considerable with 11 of the 16 live actions reporting increases in the progress percentage score.

2.2 There has been one objective completed within this report;

- **SCS-ED1(d)** - *Support SEEDA proposal for a place-based Innovation & Creativity team for North Kent.*

2.3 Two objectives have recorded significant increases in progress (over 25%) since the last meeting;

Objective	Description	Actual Score %	% Increase since Sept LSP
HW2(a)	Through the Local planning process ensure the provision of green space, sporting and cultural facilities as part of new developments.	62%	30%
HSC2(a)	Promote volunteering activity around sport, leisure & community activities	75%	31%

In terms of HW 2(a) both Dartford and Gravesham planning policy teams are finalising documents setting out planning approaches to the provision of sporting facilities and open space. Progress with HSC 2(a) has been due to a range of initiatives undertaken with partners, including “Choosing Health” programmes and community initiatives with the Kent Equality and Cohesion Council.

2.4 Eight objectives have recorded smaller rises in progress since the last report;

Objective	Description	Actual Score %	% Increase since January LSP
ED1(b)	To complete and adopt the LDF Core Strategies for Dartford and Gravesham, including elements on Ebbsfleet Valley	40%	8%
ED2(b)	Develop the multiversity concept in Kent Thameside, building on current educational facilities, the Nucleus and the proposed centre for training in sustainable construction.	40%	10%
HW1(a)	Implement Active Gravesham & Active Dartford programmes with initiatives aimed at weight management, smoking cessation & participation.	80%	20%
HW2(b)	Maximise the benefits to Dartford & Gravesham from the Cultural Olympiad	40%	10%
ET1(a)	Ensure all partner agencies reduce their organisational carbon footprint	81%	19%
ET2(a)	The Strategic Transport Programme is implemented	21%	4%
ET2(b)	Expand Fastrack to include new development sites.	47%	18%
HSC1(a)	Agree Local Development Framework Core Strategies for Dartford & Gravesham setting out an agreed approach to the creation of sustainable communities with housing relevant to local need	50%	5%

With regard to ED1(b) the Dartford Core Strategy document will be submitted to Government in October 2010, whilst Gravesham continues to consult on elements of its LDF. The abolition of the Regional Spatial Strategy, with its associated targets, plus any changes the Government might wish to make to the current planning system may impact upon this action.

Similarly with ET2(a) and (b), the recent announcement that the Government is to review its £23 million contribution towards the Kent Thameside Strategic Transport Plan could impact upon the delivery of these actions should funding not be made available.

2.5 In regards to overdue objectives, this report has found one objective currently with a 'red traffic light';

- **ED2(a)** - *Implement Learning and Skills Strategy for Kent Thameside.*

This objective falls under the Economic Development theme and has a completion date of April 2009. A Kent Thameside Employment and Skills Manager has now been appointed and work will commence on implementation at a meeting to be held on 17 June 2010.

### **3.0 Performance Indicators**

3.1 Eleven national indicators and two local indicators are being used to measure the progress made by the Sustainable Community Strategy. The majority of these have been collected via national survey (e.g. Place Survey, Tell Us Survey, and Sport England Survey). The Place Survey, due to be carried out in 2010, has been put on hold by Communities and Local Government, pending discussions with the Government, should this not go ahead it will not be possible to report whether targets set for 2010/11, in those areas covered by the survey, have been met.