

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Agenda item

Name of Committee North Warwickshire Area Committee

Date of Committee 21 March 2007

Report Title Review of North Warwickshire Area Business Plan 2005/06

Summary This report considers the County Council's performance and proposed actions on 'Improve the Environment', 'Reduce Crime and Improve the Safety of the Community' and 'Ensure Sound Governance of the County Council to provide Accessible, Responsive and Well-Managed Services'.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?
No.

Background papers NW Area Committee 26 July 2006

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Cllr Ray Sweet – Area Committee Chair
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal Sian Stroud
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers David Carter, Strategic Director of Performance and Development
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police

Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by this Committee

To Council

To Cabinet

To an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

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North Warwickshire Area Committee – 21 March 2007

Review of North Warwickshire Area Business Plan 2005/06

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

That the North Warwickshire Area Committee:

1. Notes the Performance Report for 2005-6 in respect of 'Improve the Environment', 'Reduce Crime and Improve the Safety of the Community' and 'Ensure Sound Governance of the County Council to provide Accessible, Responsive and Well-Managed Services'
2. Comment on the report as members see fit with special reference to issues which they might wish to have discussed in further detail.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the Area Committee meeting on 26 July 2006 members reviewed progress against the 2005/06 Area Business Plan and considered the 2006/07 draft Area Business Plan. Members requested that each section of the North Warwickshire Area Business Plan 2005/06 be considered separately at subsequent future meetings with lead officers invited to attend to explain performance and proposed actions.
- 1.2 The Area Committee has to date considered the two largest sections 'Promote Lifelong Learning and Personal Development' and 'Promote the Health and Social Care of our Citizens'. The remaining three sections have been brought collectively to this meeting due to their individual size and in order to complete this process within the current financial year.

2.0 2005/06 Actions and Performance

- 2.1 **Appendix A** details the County Council's performance in 2005-06 against the Business Plan objectives to 'Improve the Environment', 'Reduce Crime and Improve the Safety of the Community' and 'Ensure

Sound Governance of the County Council to provide Accessible, Responsive and Well-Managed Services'

- 2.2 No points for discussion were noted from the Area Committee meeting held on 26 July.

3.0 Summary

- 3.1 This report and its appendices has focused on the actions of the County Council's directorates in delivering the 'Improve the Environment', 'Reduce Crime and Improve the Safety of the Community' and 'Ensure Sound Governance of the County Council to provide Accessible, Responsive and Well-Managed Services' sections of the 2005/06 North Warwickshire Area Business Plan. Members have provided some initial comments on the progress made to date. Relevant officers have been invited to attend the meeting to respond to any points raised as a result of this report.

DAVID CARTER
Strategic Director of
Performance and Development

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20 February 2007

**Warwickshire County Council
North Warwickshire Area Business Plan 2005/06**

End of Year Performance Report: Improve the Environment, Reduce Crime and Improve the Safety of the Community and Ensure Sound Governance of the County Council to provide Accessible, Responsive and Well-Managed Services

Improve the Environment

Performance Area	Warwickshire			North Warwickshire		
	Actual 04/05	Target 05/06	Actual 05/06	Actual 4/05	Target 05/06	Actual 05/06
Number of new homes built on Brownfield sites.						
% of new homes built on previously developed land	60.8%	60%	68.0% GREEN	94	Information not available	

Promote and implement transport policies and targets, which balance the needs of people, businesses and the environment				
Local Action	Service Plan	Local Milestone	Progress/Date	Status
Progress the major schemes identified in the Local Transport Plan.	PTES	Coleshill Parkway: Secure DfT full approval for LTP Bid by 30/11/2005. Open station, bus interchange and bridge by 30/11/2006	Full approval obtained March 2006 and contracts let. Opening planned early 2007	Red
Invest in a public transport fleet that increases accessibility of modes of transport other than private cars.	PTES	Acquisition of 4 new low floor buses for operation on key networks in the North Warwickshire Area.	There has been a delay in the purchase of vehicles due to financial pressures elsewhere in the LTP programme. The estimated delivery date is now December 2006. However, on a positive note, ten buses (as opposed to 4) will be purchased which will have a greater impact upon the residents of North Warwickshire.	Blue

Improve the Environment

Minimise household waste and increase rates of recycling and composting				
Local Action	Service Plan	Local Milestone	Progress/Date	Status
Develop waste minimisation projects.	PTES	Support the setting up of a furniture re-use project to help residences within the borough	Trial period for the project started in September 2005. The project has been very successful in the initial 6 months with 21.37 tonnes of waste goods (406 items) collected and 6.14 tonnes (308 items) delivered to charitable institutions	Blue
Implement actions to achieve recycling targets (LPSA2)	PTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out education programme to 10,000 homes within the Authority To apply for planning permission for a recycling centre on the current Sparrowdale school site to replace the current Grendon recycling centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full education programme to the 10,000 homes completed by December 2005 <p>Proposals have been drafted and a planning application is being prepared. However, the proposals were taken to the Area Committee on 23rd March 2006 who were not supportive and considered we should look at two other sites. Although the sites suggested had been previously investigated, further work will be undertaken. Consultation on the Sparrowdale school proposals is still planned.</p>	Green
Reduce number of car journeys to and from school by pupils, by supporting 32 schools across the county in the development of School Travel Plans.	PTES	Support a minimum of five schools in preparing School Travel Plans.	Visited and supported five schools writing a travel plan. 4 schools completed and submitted a school travel plan	Blue

Improve the Environment

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Local Action	Service Plan	Local Milestones	Progress/Date	Status
Working with the local community to deliver Environmental Traffic calming.	PTES	Ansley and Shuttington.	<p>Ansley – Meeting held with Parish Council to explain that the measures they wanted were inappropriate for our budget. The Parish Council are arranging a poll of residents to establish the measures residents want and they have agreed to pay for the measures with WCC undertaking the work.</p> <p>Shuttington - It has been explained to the Parish Council that these types of measures are not within the remit of the Rural Traffic Calming Scheme.</p> <p>Moreover, the accident record does not justify Shuttington as a priority for Safety Engineering works."</p>	Blue

Reduce Crime and Improve the Safety of the Community

Performance Area	Warwickshire			North Warwickshire			
	Actual 04/05	Target 05/06	Actual 05/06	Actual 4/05	Target 05/06	Actual 05/06	
Reduction in serious road accident casualties (% change in casualties over the 1994-1998 average)							
All killed or seriously injured	-27.6% (514)	30.1% (568)	-42.8% (406) GREEN	1.55%	-29% by 2009	Information not available	
Children killed or seriously injured	-27.5% (50)	31.9 (52)	-56.5% (30) GREEN	-50%	-39% by 2009		
All slight injures	-4.75% (485)	-3.4% (2784)	-7.6% (2410) GREEN	-6%	-34%		
Numbers of fires							
No. of fire calls attended per 10,000 population	56.9	55.8	57.2 BLUE	52.4	51.5 BLUE	48.5 GREEN	
Deaths and injuries caused by fire							
Number of fatalities and injuries in accidental dwelling fires per 100,000 pop.	Fatal	0.4	0	0.2 RED	0	0	0 BLUE
	Non-fatal	4.04	4.04	5.77 RED	0	3.2	1.6 GREEN
Crime Rates							
Domestic Burglaries per 1000 households	12.2	13.7	11.5 GREEN	17.0	16.75 by 2008	11.4 GREEN	
Vehicle crimes per 1,000 population	12.8	13	11.8 GREEN	14.3	16.75 by 2008	13.4 GREEN	
Recorded violent crime per 1000 popn	12.3	12.4	11.7 GREEN	13.7	16.75 by 2008	11.1 GREEN	

Reduce Crime and Improve the Safety of the Community

Reduce Crime and the fear of crime through implementing the Council's Crime and Disorder Strategy				
Local Action	Service Plan	Local Milestone	Progress/Date	Status
Implement a strategy for WCC's contribution to reducing crime and disorder.	Chief Executives	Identify specific actions that WCC departments can make to each crime and disorder priority as set out in the Crime and Disorder and Drugs Misuse Strategy by June 2005.	Local WCC departments are engaged in delivering aspects of the Crime and Disorder and Drugs Misuse strategy as appropriate. Specific activity is underway to tackle youth crime and anti-social behaviour. Some further work required to build on this with the introduction of the new departments in 2006/7.	Green
		Enure NW Crime, Disorder and Drugs Misuse Strategy is compatible with and complementary to the Corporate Crime and Disorder Strategy by May 2005.	Completed.	Green
		Ensure NW CRDP Strategy is consistent with and supportive of the 4 LPSA2 targets for reducing crime by end of April 2005.	The CDRP are committed to contributing to the delivery of the LPSA2 targets. Due to a delay in the LPSA2 timetable the strategy was printed before the final targets were agreed therefore the published targets within the strategy are out of date.	Super seded

Reduce Crime and Improve the Safety of the Community

Implement new arrangements for contributing to Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships.	Chief Executives	<p>Ensure appropriate attendance at every CRDP meeting and sub group meetings – 100% attendance by March 2006.</p> <p>Ensure appropriate Elected Member representation on CRDP and provide support to that role – June 2005.</p>	<p>Completed – WCC have been represented at all CDRP meetings as appropriate.</p> <p>Completed, Cllr Ray Sweet is nominated as WCC's representative and receives regular briefings and support.</p>	Green
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Local Action	Service Plan	Local Milestone	Progress/Date	Status
Achieve Section 17 statutory responsibilities - building consideration of crime and disorder issues into mainstream services.	Chief Executives	<p>Hold crime and disorder reduction awareness sessions with local Elected Members and local Area Managers – first session to be held by October 2005.</p> <p>Provide regular update reports to NW Area Committee – 2 reports by March 2006.</p>	<p>Sessions have been held throughout the year including 2 sessions on the introduction of Safer Neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Completed. 2 Reports have been submitted to Area Committee.</p>	Green

Reduce Crime and Improve the Safety of the Community

Reduce the risk, incidence and effects of fire and non-fire emergencies				
Local Action	Service Plan	Local Milestone	Progress/Date	Status
Implement the year 2 IRMP action plan in Warwickshire to continue to reduce the risk to the community.	Fire & Rescue	Continue to develop partnership arrangements in the public, private and voluntary sectors in order to: Access 'at risk' groups. Reduce the incidence of deliberate and accidental fires and other emergencies.	<p>Implementation of the objectives contained in the action plan is complete. Local achievements includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiation of a partnership project to address the elevated involvement of young drivers in accidents on the roads of NW has been achieved. • A review of the Young Firefighter programme and Duke of Edinburgh Award as delivered at fire stations in the area. <p>Monitoring of local performance indicates that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total calls to emergencies is 6% below target. • Incidence of deliberate fires is 6% below target. 	Blue
Increase smoke alarm ownership (focus on disadvantaged groups).	Fire & Rescue	Free smoke detectors to be supplied to high-risk groups By March 2006.	Promotion of a scheme to inform local carers in safety messages has resulted in the provision of free smoke detectors and home fire safety checks to people in very high-risk groups in the area.	Blue

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<p>Increase access to community fire safety education, advice and guidance.</p>	<p>Fire & Rescue</p>	<p>Fire safety advice sessions to be delivered in all primary and secondary schools in NW. This will realise 42 sessions in primary schools and 22 sessions in secondary schools by July 05. The sessions to continue in the 05/06 school year.</p> <p>300 Home Fire Safety Checks to be carried out in NW, with delivery being focused on high-risk groups.</p>	<p>Schools fire safety education sessions for the 05/06-year up until end of March 06 has been achieved.</p> <p>Delivery of Home Fire Safety Checks has achieved 90% of the expected cumulative to-date target. Some problems have been experienced with accessing the widely dispersed rural population using operational crews. Evaluation of flexible forms of delivery is being considered. Crews engaged at public events and targeting initiatives have achieved enhanced referral rate.</p>	<p>Blue</p>

Reduce Crime and Improve the Safety of the Community

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Develop the Corporate Property Strategy to reflect the needs of a modern local authority.	Property Services	A new Corporate Property Strategy has been developed within the context of the Council's modernisation Agenda and will be submitted to Members for approval in summer 2005.	The Corporate Property Strategy Framework was approved by Members September 2005. This Framework to be reviewed to reflect new ways of working and it's links to other strategies, such as Accommodation, IT and HR Strategies.	Blue
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Reduce Crime and Improve the Safety of the Community

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Strengthen and focus our partnership working.	Chief Executives	Prepare and implement an area strategy to co-ordinate the work of divisions across the Chief Executive's Department by November 2005.	The New Ways of Working Programme has superseded this aspect of work.	Superseded
Promote strong democratic and corporate governance.	Chief Executives	Production of a regular Area Manager's Briefing Sheet.	Area Manager's Briefing Sheets issued as when information is available.	Blue

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