

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Rugby Area Committee

Date of Committee 23rd November 2006

Report Title Rugby Area Performance 2006/07
(Half Year Report)

Summary This report summarises the County Council's performance in the Rugby area for 2006/07 after six months.

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

Background papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Applies to all Members of the Area Committee
- Other Elected Members Cllr Vereker, Cllr Wells, Cllr Timms
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal Peter Endall
- Finance Nicola Cumberledge
- Strategic Directors David Carter
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals Monica Fogarty, Nick Gower-Johnson

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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Rugby Area Committee - 23 November 2006

Rugby Area Half-Year Performance Report for 2006/07

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

That the Rugby Area Committee notes the report.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 This report summarises the performance of the County Council's services in the Rugby area against the Business Plan agreed by Area Committee in July 2006.

1.2 Members have previously agreed to look at the following service areas in more detail:

- The County Council's approach to community safety
- Youth Services
- School attendance and exclusions
- The changing economy

1.3A report on youth service performance will be presented at this meeting. Reports on the other service areas are scheduled for future meetings. Members may wish to raise any other service areas which they wish to review in more detail.

1.4 This report does not include progress against key performance indicators. Most of these are measured annually, and will be included in the end of year report to be considered by Area Committee in May.

2.0 Progress against agreed targets and milestones

2.1 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Targets and Milestones	Progress
<i>Raise standards in schools</i>	
65% 16 year olds achieving 5+ A*-C grades	Actual 61.5%. Continued upward trend and above the county average.
82% 11 year olds achieving level 4 or above in English	Achieved. Actual 84%.
83% 11 year olds achieving level 4 or above in Maths	82%. Above the County average.

Introduce School Improvement Partners (SIPs) in the 4 remaining secondary schools in Rugby, building on 2005-06 pilot in 3 schools (By Sept)	Achieved. All secondary schools in Rugby now have this in place.
Provide advice & guidance on the introduction of vocational courses and the new Specialised Diploma within Rugby secondary schools and their 14-19 partners	Achieved. Planning for the new courses is now well underway.
Introduce RASE on-line to promote improved use of data in Rugby schools	Introduction delayed nationally. A number of Rugby Schools are now commissioning SECTA to support analysis of pupil progress and tracking.
Intensify support for those secondary schools where there is identified underperformance in English and Maths	Intervention to close the gap on underperformance of groups in literacy in three Rugby schools.
<i>Support the development of extended schools and Children's Centres</i>	
Appoint and deploy a dedicated Extended Schools Development Officer for Rugby (By Sept)	Shared worker for Rugby/North Warwickshire appointed.
Provide three days extended schools training for all 34 Rugby schools and their partners	On track.
Secure the development of new Children's Centres at Boughton Leigh Infant, Hillmorton Primary, Oakfield Primary and Rugby Parents Centre	On track
Develop a 'micro library' in Newbold Children's Centre and recruit 20 new users	Bookstart Day event held at Centre attended by 6 adults and 9 babies/toddlers
<i>Deliver the County Youth Offer and promote uptake of opportunities</i>	
Youth Service Clubs, projects and detached teams to provide a range of opportunities and delivering programmes around drugs, smoking, alcohol, sexual relations, community relations and crime consistent with the 5 outcomes in Every Child Matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15% of 13-19 yr olds participate ▪ 30% of participants achieve accredited outcomes ▪ 5% of participants from BME communities 	Progress towards the quality targets of the service is well advanced. The numerical targets are difficult to achieve and further capacity and programmes are required to be developed. For a fuller report of the service please refer to separate report.
<i>Reduce exclusion from education</i>	
Introduce a 'Managed Transfer' system for pupils at risk of permanent exclusion	On course to begin following consultation with Heads from January 2007
<i>Continue to promote a variety of initiatives to encourage reading amongst children</i>	

1,500 Bookstart Baby Packs, bookstart plus packs, and Treasure Chests distributed	Achieved. 1524 packs distributed by end of Sept.
750 participants in Summer Reading Challenge	Achieved. 955 participants
<i>Develop the role of the Local Authority as champion of parents and pupils</i>	
Develop Enhanced Support Services to support and empower parents in meeting the needs of their children	Rugby Town North ESS Network operational since September 4 th 06. Family support workers appointed.
Develop Community Consultants Programme to empower parents to support other parents	On track. Meetings are in progress with Parenting UK, the national organisation who are leading the project.
Children's Short-term Team to review and adapt practice in response to feedback from parents and young people.	On-going.
<i>Improve outcomes for vulnerable children, children in need and looked after children</i>	
Rugby CHARM to receive referrals, assess the support and service needs of vulnerable families, and provide individually tailored services.	On-going.
Raise awareness and implement practice regarding private fostering within Rugby by January	In progress. Information about duties and responsibilities have been raised across agencies
Ensure every looked after child in Rugby has a Personal Education Plan by January	Every Looked After child placed and educated in Rugby has a PEP.
Continue to implement and further develop the integrated care pathway (HELAC) for looked-after children	Designated doctor identified for Rugby that ensures health assessments are completed close to the child's placement and within timescales.
Develop service protocols within Rugby to support children placed for adoption and their families by January	Revised procedure is now in place for the assessment of need for adoption support services. Access to CAMHS - LAC provision for adopted children and their adoptive parents.
<i>Ensure children are protected from emotional, physical and sexual abuse and neglect</i>	
Implement and embed within Rugby the new 'Working Together' interagency guidance and procedures by January	The Warwickshire 'Working Together' document is well in-hand and will be implemented in the New Year. Roadshows in the Rugby Area will accompany the launch.
<i>Ensure children in Warwickshire feel safe from bullying</i>	
Publish anti-bullying guidance and good practice booklet for all Rugby schools and partner agencies	On track

Explore the use of RYOGENS across all Rugby agencies and partner agencies to ensure consistent and appropriate responses to identified issues	On track.
Establish secure and robust reporting mechanism to link local anti-bullying strategies to Rugby Safeguarding Children Panel	On track
Promote healthy lifestyles in schools	
22 schools (50%) to have achieved Healthy School Status	On track. One school has achieved Healthy School Status and 17 Schools have now achieved 60% of the criteria.
Support all Rugby schools in the national quest of Transforming School Meals By September	Achieved. 100% schools meet interim standards for school lunches.
Further develop local sports through the Rugby School Sports Partnerships	89% of Rugby's pupils now have access to 2 hours weekly high quality PE and school sport. This is against national target of 75% and Countywide performance 76%.
Promote prevention activity to reduce under 18 conceptions in hot spot wards and with vulnerable young people, whilst providing universal provision to national standards	
Respond in Rugby to the evaluation of the Sex and Relationships Education Policy for looked after children and children in need By April 2007	On track.
Integrate services for children and young people with disabilities	
Explore accommodation options within Rugby for a multi-agency team for children with disabilities and their families by April 2007	On track
Improve outcomes for children and young people experiencing mental health difficulties	
Commission Relate to provide counselling in secondary schools July 2006	Achieved
Support the CAMHS Panel in Rugby in providing assessment and services to looked after children and children in need	CAMHS Panel is in place. CAMHS social worker appointed.

2.2 SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Targets and Milestones	Progress
Agree and support 'Safer Neighbourhood' proposals	On track
Support improved Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership arrangements and help to develop robust performance management processes	On track
Reduce number of deliberate fires to 36.5 per 100,000	To be reported at end of year
Reduce number of people injured in accidental dwelling fires to 3.4 per 100,000	
Deliver fire safety education delivered to 100% of primary schools and 75% of secondary schools by March 2007	
Employ neighbourhood-based Community Development Officers for Overslade and New Bilton by October 2006	Slightly delayed. Overslade worker in post. Interviewing for New Bilton worker in November.
Use Area Committee's delegated funds to commission projects to meet local priorities as agreed by Area Committee	On track.

2.3 HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND OLDER PEOPLE

Targets and Milestones	Progress
<i>Develop, in partnership, a range of low intensity support to help older people to remain independent in the community</i>	
Commence service for people aged 50+ in Rugby, with an extra 300 older people helped to live at home	Promoting Health & Independence through Low Level Integrated Support (PHILLIS) will commence in Rugby in November 2006.
<i>Develop and implement accommodation strategies, incorporating 'supporting people', extra care and care homes, with housing associations and Districts/Boroughs</i>	
1 st draft of strategy with key actions & priorities identified by July 2006	Work ongoing, taking into account the impact of Regional and sub-Regional housing policies. This will be incorporated into joint commissioning strategies for all adult client groups both countywide and in localities.
Commence work on Rugby accommodation priorities by October 2006.	
Review of WCC's residential homes & proposals for future use	On track.
<i>Optimise the use of direct payments to promote greater service user choice and control</i>	
Care Management Teams will more actively promote the take-up of Direct Payments, leading to 100% increase in numbers on Direct Payments	Numbers of people receiving Direct Payments in Rugby have increased since March 2006.
<i>Put in place healthy lifestyles projects</i>	
Further develop the 'Healthy Living Area' in Rugby Library to promote health and well-being: 3 activities with 60 attendees.	3 activities (Chinese Medicine; Tutor Inductions; Drugs in society) with 36 attendees.
<i>Implement the Museums, Libraries and Archives 'Inspiring Learning For All' framework in Libraries, Learning and Cultural Services</i>	
Deliver a range of family learning courses (including IT, handling children's behaviour, language, literacy and numeracy) in a range of settings including community centres, schools, and Rye Hill Prison. Reach a total of 448 learners in Family Learning opportunities	On target
Maintain and further develop with partners services at Rugby Library to support people into learning, training and work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 'first steps' courses, with 160 new learners • 40 'next step' advice sessions monthly, with 20% referrals to agencies, and 20% follow-up. 	On target
<i>Modernise the way that services are delivered to customers in libraries</i>	
Obtain funding for a joint public and College library within the proposed Warwickshire College site, with a focus on family learning (particularly under 8s), health, and popular reading for adults.	On track

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2.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE

Milestones and Targets	Progress
<i>Develop town centre and industrial estate projects</i>	
Implement Rugby BID (Business Improvement District) as key partner. BID services include Town Rangers, Specialist Cleansing Service, Marketing and Promotion, CCTV System.	On-going. BID Services now being implemented.
Consolidate business start-up facilities at Sir Frank Whittle Business Centre - Phase 3 to be opened June 2006.	Achieved June 2006.
<i>Develop a countywide Employment and Skills Strategy</i>	
Consolidate the new Construction Training Opportunities Centre	Approximately 60 unemployed and young people currently undertaking construction training at the Centre. First qualification achievers in October 2006
<i>Develop plans with partners for "themed" Major Employment Sites</i>	
Progress the development with partners of the Ansty site and secure investment as a medical technologies themed business park	A feasibility study has been undertaken and a planning application has been lodged with Rugby Borough Council.
Through the Peugeot Partnership consider future options for the Peugeot factory at Ryton	The partnership has set up a sub-group to deal with options for the site.
Support the feasibility work for a Rugby Borough wide Tourism BID	Feasibility work ongoing

2.5 ENVIRONMENT

<i>Implement strategies and programmes identified in the Local Transport Plan (Rugby LTP Programme agreed by Area Committee March 2006)</i>	
Achieve full acceptance and start construction of Rugby Western Relief Road scheme	On track, so long as speedy response from DfT is received.
Implement scheme for decriminalisation of parking in Rugby by October 2006	Achieved 2 nd October.
<i>Village Speed Limit Reviews</i>	
B4455 Stretton on Dunsmore –	Implementation planned for March 2007
B4112 Harborough Magna –	Implementation planned for 2007/08. Consultation led to changes in scheme proposals.
B4453 Princethorpe	Implementation planned for 2007-08.
<i>Public Transport</i>	
Rugby – Lower Hillmorton Quality Bus Corridor	Public consultation proposed re: remedial works to existing traffic calming and junction layout.

Public Transport Minor Infrastructure Schemes – Clifton Road Bus Stops & Hard Standing	2 week contract period starting 6 th November.
<i>Safer Routes to School</i>	
Avon Valley school cycle route from Brownsover	Public consultation complete, scope of scheme under review. Implementation planned for 2007-08.
Wolvey School safety zone	Scheme has been delayed. Implementation planned for 2007/08.
Harris School safety zone	Implementation programmed for February 2007.
Ashlawn School, pegasus on Ashlawn Road & link to Hillside	Consultation imminent.
Bilton Infants - school safety zone in Magnet Lane, Bilton	Design complete. Consultation on traffic calming proposals planned for early 2007.
Eastlands Primary - footpath link across Whinfield Recreation Ground	Complete.
<i>Crossing Facilities</i>	
Dropped Kerb Programme for Rugby Area	To be implemented January to March 2007.
Bilton Road Rugby - puffin crossing	Design and Stage 2 Safety Audit complete. Consultation ongoing. If consultation raises no issues then implementation is planned for February 2007.
Hillmorton Road Refuge Island	Construction of refuge complete, lighting issues to be finalised.
<i>Foot/Cycleways</i>	
Hillmorton to Rugby Town Centre cycleroute	Detailed design to be completed by Christmas. Implementation planned for 2007-08.
<i>Casualty Reduction Schemes</i>	
B4455 Cloudsley Bush junction realignment	Estimate of utilities' diversions exceeded £150,000. Junction realignment scheme replaced with red surfacing and interactive signs. Scheme planned for Winter 2006/07.
A45 Dunchurch, signs	Complete.
New CRS: B4027 Woodhill Farm Bend, nr Brinklow, red surfacing and advisory speed limit signs –	Complete.
<i>Delegated Budget Schemes</i>	
B4429, Ashlawn Road, Speed Reduction Scheme –	Scope of scheme under review, scheme to be established within available funding.
A445, Leamington Road, Ryton -on-Dunsmore, new footway from village to leisure centre	Footway contract in progress.
<i>Deliver road maintenance work to improve conditions for pedestrians and other road users</i>	
Surface dressing 32.3km	Programme Completed
Structural maintenance 4.8km	60% Completed. Programme completion expected March 2007.

Footway construction 67.5km	80% Completed. Programme completion expected December 2006.
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2.6 DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES

Milestones and Targets	Progress
<i>Develop and Implement a corporate access strategy</i>	
Develop and implement agreed Corporate Access Strategy in the Rugby area	Proposals in development in partnership with Rugby Borough Council
<i>Develop and implement the Warwickshire Local Area Agreement by March 2007</i>	
Develop with partners a Sustainable Community Strategy 2007-10 and appropriate partnership structures, aligned with the County-wide Local Area Agreement	On track. Draft Sustainable Community Strategy has been circulated to partners and approved in principle by LSP Board.
<i>Continue to strengthen the Council's relationship with the voluntary and community sectors nad with town and parish councils</i>	
Develop local mechanisms to support the voluntary and community sector's input into the Local Area Agreement	Achieved – local liaison group established, as sub-group of Voluntary and Community Sector Forum
Provide regular information bulletins to Parish Councils and to the voluntary and community sector	Achieved using appropriate mechanisms. Regular Electoral Divisional Panels enables dialogue between Parish Councils and WCC – plus joint Area Committee meeting scheduled for November.

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