
Rochford Local Strategic Partnership

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides Members with details of the function of the Rochford Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and the partnership work that it is engaged in. LSP's work in partnership to deliver improved services in the local area. Each partner organisation has responsibilities to the partnership and plays a crucial role in delivering improved outcomes.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Rochford Local Strategic Partnership is a non-statutory multi-agency partnership which brings together, at a local level, the different parts of the private, public, community and voluntary sectors. The duty of the LSP is to prepare and implement a single co-ordinated framework of its long term vision for the District, as set out in the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). Its vision is: "Working in partnership to make our District a place which provides opportunities for the best possible quality of life for all who live, work and visit here". This vision is the same as that of the District Council.
- 2.2 During the period of the Rochford District SCS development, the Essex Strategy and the Essex Local Area Agreement (LAA) have emerged that agrees with Government the priorities for Essex over the next three years. The LSP has had the opportunity to input into the Essex LAA and the Local Development Framework for the District. The objective of the SCS and for the LSP is to improve the economic, social and environmental well being of the local area.
- 2.3 The LSP operates at a strategic level but remains close enough to local people to allow them to be involved in decisions that affect their communities. Councils have worked together with other local partner bodies for decades. The term 'local strategic partnership' dates from the Local Government Act 2000. Local councils were then encouraged to draw up community strategies through LSPs. The importance of LSPs has increased significantly since the introduction of local area agreements (LAAs) in 2004, and the subsequent Local Government White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' in 2006. This was reiterated in the July 2008 guidance from the Communities and Local Government, which defined responsibilities of the LSP in clear terms. These reflect the strengthened community leadership role that these partnerships are now expected to undertake. In these roles, the council takes a lead role as the democratically elected body for the area.

3 STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING

3.1 The LSP is currently made up of an Executive Board and five partnerships that support the delivery of the identified priorities in the SCS. The Executive Board is chaired by the Leader of the Council, with the Chief Executive as deputy, and has representatives from Rochford District Council, the County Council, Essex Police, National Health Service South East Essex, the voluntary and community sector, the local business community and each of the Chairs of the five Thematic Partnerships, which sit below it (see appendix 1).

3.2 The SCS process has provided the LSP with the knowledge and understanding of the issues that have been identified in our District as the priorities for consideration and action. The LSP will concentrate on the following seven key areas over the next three years:-

- **Supporting the Ageing Population**
- **Fostering Greater Community Cohesion**
- **Strengthening the Third Sector**
- **Increasing Accessibility to Services**
- **Keeping Rochford Safe**
- **Encouraging Economic Development**
- **Promoting a Greener District**

An action plan (attached as appendix 2) has been developed that monitors performance and activity relating to these seven identified priorities, which are aimed at securing real improvements in the overall health and well being and quality of life across the District. In order to achieve this, the LSP is committed to lead in improving partnership working; it is also committed to transparency and accountability. The LSP is currently in the process of reviewing the structure of the five thematic groups and the structure and governance of itself, using national best practice as a benchmark.

3.3 The LSP receives no statutory funding; however in 2009 it was fortunate in receiving two funding streams to enable it to support local projects. It was awarded a proportion of the County wide Performance Reward Grant monies, reflecting the performance of Essex against LAA 1 targets. The LSP also received funding from another partner within the LSP, the National Health Service South East Essex. All projects that received funding and a summary of their aims and objectives are listed in the document 'Initiatives funded by Rochford LSP 2009-2011' (see appendix 3).

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It is vital to the Council that it has a functioning LSP. The effectiveness of the partnership is a key reputational risk to the Council and the operation of the LSP and the partnerships around it are of growing importance in the various inspection and assessment processes to which the Council and its main public sectors partners are subjected. In addition, it is important that the Council takes a lead role in this partnership; the 2007 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act strengthened the role of councils in scrutinising the activities of local partners alongside the Council.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The LSP oversees the work of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The LSP through the SCS has identified 'Promoting a Greener District' as one of its seven priorities.

7 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 At the moment the LSP receives direct government funding from Essex County Council to fund the two dedicated LSP officers.
- 7.2 In addition, a range of staff from across the authority will be regularly or periodically involved in the work of the LSP or its sub-groups.

8 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 July 2008 guidance from the Communities and Local Government defined responsibilities of the LSP in clear terms. These reflect the strengthened community leadership role that these partnerships are now expected to undertake. In these roles, the council takes a lead role as the democratically elected body for the area.
- 8.2 Government increasingly sees LSPs as the fora for collectively reviewing and steering public resources in local areas. This is reinforced by Government guidance.

9 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Part of the work for the LSP over the next year will be to review the linkages between the Parish Councils and the LSP and the other partnerships linked to the LSP.

10 RECOMMENDATION

- 10.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES** to note the contents of the report.

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Background Papers:-

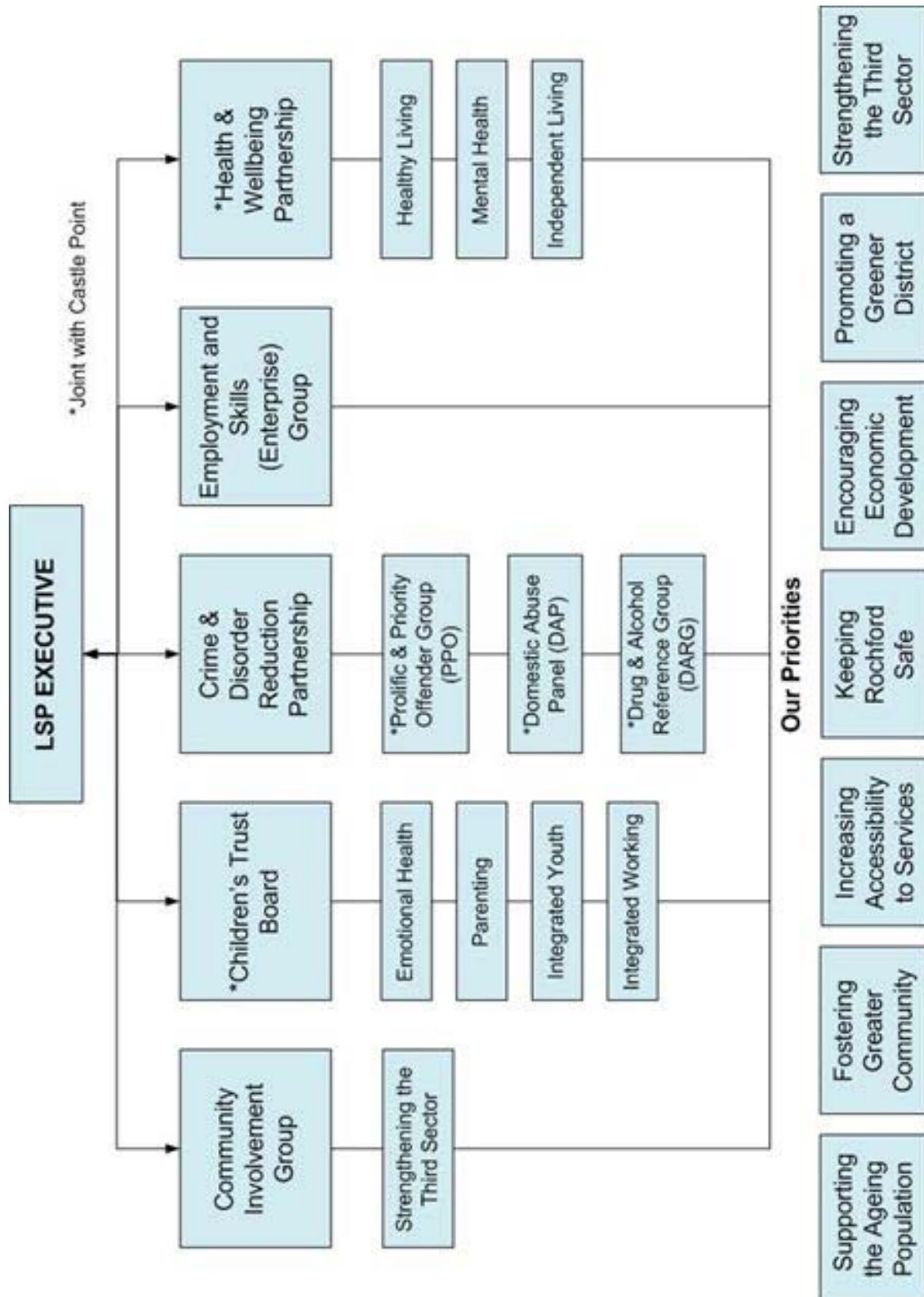
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Appendix 2

ROCHFORD LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN & PERFORMANCE PROGRESS

This action plan will be used to provide a general overview of performance against the agreed milestones/outputs and outcomes for 2009-2010 as laid out in the 2009-2021 Rochford Sustainable Community Strategy.

The LSP Executive Board Members have a shared commitment to establish relationships with partners and co-ordinate activity to ensure that the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement outcomes can be achieved. To accomplish this service delivery will require strategic direction setting and resource allocation.

-  On target to meet the completion date or performance level required
-  Slippage or holding factors are evident but recovery to meet target is planned
-  Target unlikely to be met
-  Target Achieved

Rochford LSP Priorities

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: Supporting the Ageing Population

Performance Indicators:

LI 2.1 People over 65 who say that they receive the information, assistance and support needed to exercise choice and control to live independently

Baseline: LI 2.1 26.5% 2008/09

Target: LI 2.1 30.0% 2009/10

Target: LI 2.1 33.0% 2010/11

LSP Lead:	Chair Health and Wellbeing Partnership (HWP)	LSP Resources:	PRG and Additional Voluntary Support funding
Strategic Key Milestones & Outputs		Outcomes	
Restructure of Health and Wellbeing Partnership formerly Healthy Communities and Older People		LSP Executive endorsed March 2009	
Development of Health and Wellbeing Action Plan by September 2009		HWP Action Plan provided by September 2009 (each sub-group of the HWP has provided its own Action Plan)	
Secure commitment from all LSP Executive members to include Supporting the Ageing Population within their strategy framework	A	Commitment to be secured by March 2010	A
HWP to undertake a self assessment in accordance with CAA framework	A	Self assessment to be undertaken by March 2010	A
Progress/Comments:	Since the reconstitution of the HWP there has been a focus on the production of an Action Plan. The HWP is going through an evaluation process about its current structure.		
Key Risks to Achieving:	Non delivery of HWP Action Plan Failure of LSP Executive Members to incorporate Supporting the Ageing Population into their strategy framework Failure of HWP members to attend and fully engage in meetings		
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:	Chair of HWP to oversee stringent performance monitoring of Action Plan and monitor attendance of partners at meetings Commitment of LSP Executive members to staff resource HWP Chair of HWP to report performance on an exception basis to the LSP Executive when required		

Performance Indicators

NI 8 Adult participation in sport and active recreation

NI 6 Participation in regular volunteering

Baseline: NI 6 17.5% (2008/09) (Data to be collected through Tracker Survey)

Target: NI 6 19.5% (2010/11)

Baseline: NI 8 20.2% (2005/06) (Source: Active People Survey)

Target: NI 8 24.7% (2011)

LSP Lead:	Chair of Community Involvement Group (CIG)	LSP Resources:	PRG and Additional Voluntary Support funding
Strategic Key Milestones & Outputs		Outcomes	
Establishment of Community Involvement Group		Group structure and membership to be established by September 2009 including Chair, Vice Chair and Terms of Reference	
Development of CIG Action Plan		Action Plan to be developed by February 2010	
CIG to undertake a self assessment in accordance with CAA framework	A	Self assessment to be undertaken by April 2010	A
Progress/Comments:	The restructure of the CIG was endorsed at the LSP Executive meeting in March 2009		
Key Risks to Achieving:	Non delivery of CIG Action Plan Failure of CIG members to attend and fully engage in meetings		
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:	Chair of CIG to oversee stringent performance monitoring of Action Plan and monitor attendance of partners at meetings Commitment of LSP Executive members to staff resource CIG Chair of CIG to report performance on an exception basis to the LSP Executive when required		

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: Strengthening the Third Sector

Performance Indicators:	
NI 7: Environment for a thriving third sector	
NI 11: Engagement in the arts	
Baseline: NI 7	15.9% (2008/09) (Source: April 2009 Refresh)
Target: NI 7	17.0% (2009/10) 19.7% (2010/11)
Baseline: NI 11	43.5% (2008/09) (Source: April 2009 Refresh)
Target: NI 11	44.5% (2009/10) 46.5% (2010/11)

LSP Lead:	Chair of the Community Involvement Group (CIG)	LSP Resources:	PRG and Additional Voluntary Support funding
Strategic Key Milestones & Outputs		Key Outcomes	
Establishment of Community Involvement Group		Group structure and membership to be established by September 2009 including Chair, Vice Chair and Terms of Reference	
Development of CIG Action Plan		Action Plan to be developed by February 2010	
Appointment of RRAVS Chief Officer		Appointed April 2009	
Establishment of a Strengthening the Third Sector sub-group	G	To be established by January 2010	G
CIG to undertake a self assessment in accordance with CAA framework	A	Self assessment to be undertaken by April 2010	A
Progress/Comments:	RRAVS Chief Officer will enable development of the Third Sector, including financial sustainability, service and training development and increasing volunteering numbers		
Key Risks to Achieving:	Non delivery of CIG Action Plan Failure of CIG members to attend and fully engage in meetings		
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:	Chair of CIG to oversee stringent performance monitoring of Action Plan and monitor attendance of partners at meetings Commitment of LSP Executive members to staff resource CIG Chair of CIG to report performance on an exception basis to the LSP Executive when required		

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: Increasing Accessibility to Services

Performance Indicators:

LI 5.1 Access to Services

LI 141: Percentage of vulnerable people achieving independent living

Baseline: LI 5.1 32.2%

Target: LI 5.1 38.9% 2010/11

Baseline: NI 141 78% (2007/08) (Source: ECC internal data. Data is only available by sub-region as Supporting People contacts are commissioned on this basis)

Target: NI 141 80% (2010/11)

LSP Lead:	Chair of the Community Involvement Group (CIG)	LSP Resources:	PRG and Additional Voluntary Support funding
Strategic Key Milestones & Outputs		Outcomes	
Establishment of Community Involvement Group		Group structure and membership to be established by September 2009 including Chair, Vice Chair and Terms of Reference	
Development of CIG Action Plan		Action Plan to be developed by February 2010	
CIG to undertake a self assessment in accordance with CAA framework	A	Self assessment to be undertaken by April 2010	A
Secure commitment from all LSP Executive members to include Access to Services within their strategy framework	A	Commitment to be secured from all LSP Executive members by March 2010	A
Progress/Comments:	The restructure of the CIG was endorsed at the LSP Executive meeting in March 2009		
Key Risks to Achieving:	Non delivery of CIG Action Plan Failure of CIG members to attend and fully engage in meetings Failure of LSP Executive Members to incorporate Increasing Accessibility to Services into their strategy framework		
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:	Chair of CIG to oversee stringent performance monitoring of Action Plan and monitor attendance of partners at meetings Commitment of LSP Executive members to staff resource CIG Chair of CIG to report performance on an exception basis to the LSP Executive when required		

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5: Keeping Rochford Safe

Performance Indicators:

LI 7.2 Feeling Safe

Baseline: LI 7.2 49.9% (2007/08) (Source: ECC Tracker 5 survey)

Target: LI 7.2 56.4% (2010/11)

LSP Lead:	Chair of Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP)	LSP Resources:	PRG funding
Strategic Key Milestones & Outputs		Outcomes	
Delivery of the CDRP Annual Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan		Completed April 2009	
Development of CDRP Action Plan		Completed May 2009	
CDRP to undertake a self assessment in accordance with CAA framework	G	Self assessment to be undertaken by December 2009	G
CDRP to carry out a delivery and performance evaluation against the National Indicators detailed in its Action Plan	A	Evaluation to be completed by March 2010	A
Progress/Comments:	The Rochford CDRP has been performing well for several years however it has recently implemented a number of changes intended to improve the governance arrangements of the Partnership and implement more robust performance arrangements.		
Key Risks to Achieving:	Non delivery of CDRP Action Plan Failure of CDRP members to attend and fully engage in meetings		
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:	Chair of CDRP to oversee stringent performance monitoring of Action Plan and monitor attendance of partners at meetings Commitment of LSP Executive members to staff resource CDRP Chair of CDRP to report performance on an exception basis to the LSP Executive when required		

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 6: Encouraging Economic Development

Performance Indicators:

LI (NI 165) Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 4 or higher

Baseline: LI (NI 165) 24.9% (2006) (Source: Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills)

Target: LI (NI 165) 29.5% (2011)

Result: LI (NI 165) 24.6% (2009/09)

LSP Lead:	Economic Development Officer RDC	LSP Resources:	Funding from LSP Reserve Budget
Strategic Key Milestones & Outputs		Outcomes	
Adopt Rochford District Council's Economic Development Strategy and consider how the LSP and its thematic groups can complement the Councils work and/or deliver against this agenda.	A	Rochford District Council's Economic Development Strategy to be adopted by March 2010	A
All members of the LSP Executive will adopt a local procurement policy.	G	March 2010	A
All members of the LSP Executive will adopt a 30 day payment policy.	G	March 2010	A
Establishment of Skills, Training and Employment Group and the adoption of their 'Action Plan' on this agenda.	A	March 2010	A
Progress/Comments:			
Key Risks to Achieving:	Development of the purpose and direction of the Economic Regeneration Group is of paramount importance to the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy The LSP Executive to demonstrate an understanding of the needs of the local economy and support the practical delivery of activities against this agenda by March 2010		
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:	LSP Executive fail to decide the future purpose and direction of the Partnership responsible for economic development within Rochford District		

Performance Indicators:
LI 188 Planning to Adapt to Climate Change
Baseline: LI 188 0 (2007/08) (Source: Self assessments by ECC and district councils)
Target: LI 188 3 (2010/11)
Result: LI 188 0 (2008/09)

LSP Lead:	Chair of LSP Executive	LSP Resources:	
Strategic Key Milestones & Outputs		Outcomes	
Secure commitment from all LSP Executive members to include Promoting a Greener District within their strategy framework	A	Commitment from all LSP Executive members to include Promoting a Greener District within their strategy framework to be agreed by March 2010	A
Commitment of LSP Executive members to achieve National Indicator targets as prescribed in Essex Local Area Agreement (LAA)	A	Commitment of LSP Executive members to achieve National Indicator targets as prescribed in Essex Local Area Agreement (LAA) to be agreed by March 2011	A
Progress/Comments:			
Key Risks to Achieving:	Failure of LSP Executive Members to incorporate Promoting a Greener District within their strategy framework Failure to achieve targets in LAA		
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:	Performance monitoring via Essex County Council		

Local Strategic Partnership funded projects in conjunction with Performance Reward Grant and Additional Voluntary Support Grant monies:
 (Where baseline figures are available these will be included)

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: Supporting the Ageing Population Projects

		Outcomes	
Expansion of Telecare service provided by Careline	A	Upgrade of existing monitoring only provision to include an emergency response service by March 2010	A
Rayleigh Age Concern provide information and support to over 65s at midday luncheon club	G	Increase and improve the scope of information provided through partnership with Rayleigh by March 2010	G

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: Fostering Greater Community Cohesion Projects

		Outcomes	
Expansion and delivery of Blues Bodycare Fit for Life programme district wide	G	Increase the number of attendees in order to improve the health, lifestyle and physical activity levels of participants by March 2010	G
Expansion and delivery of 3 Open Arts projects within Rochford District	G	Increase the number of people with mental health issues back into education, employment and voluntary work by March 2010	G
Development of Lymphoma Support for You	G	Increase the number of support group meetings by March 2010	G
Establishment of Community Involvement Group	G	Group structure and membership to be established by September 2009	G
Develop communications and engagement processes	A	Hold 2 public facing events by April 2010	A
Home-Start South East Essex to improve maternal mental health and emotional wellbeing benefitting the whole family unit	G	To assist 7 families by April 2010	G

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: Strengthening the Third Sector Projects

		Outcomes	
Development of Third Sector, including financial sustainability, service development and training and volunteering levels	A	Increase RRAVS membership. Increase RRAVS involvement in the LSP Executive and its Thematic Partnerships by March 2010	A
Expansion of Neighbourhood Watch Scheme within the District	A	Co-ordinate, advertise market and expand Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Recruit additional Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators in the District by March 2010	A

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: Increasing Accessibility to Services Projects

Outcomes

Healthy Chance - Disability Essex mobile project to focus on promotion of healthy living and awareness of factors leading to heart disease, stroke and cancer among the community across the whole District	G	Increase the number of people attending mobile service, having health monitoring and resulting percentage being referred to GP or hospital for further investigation/treatment by March 2010 Increase the number of people receiving healthy living advice/information by March 2010	G
Southend Carers Forum to initiate and implement a programme to identify carers by providing them with advice and information to support and empower their role	G	Increase the number of carers identified and added to carer's register by March 2010. Increase the number of carers seeking information and advice by March 2010	G
Adult Community Learning Essex Voucher Scheme for Adults	A	Increase the number of vulnerable adults identified and referred by March 2010	A
Star Partnership project to deliver an holistic approach to improving the life chances of various communities within the District	A	Increase the number of participants and type of project delivered e.g. Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities, Farmers Market and Cook and Eat by march 2010	A

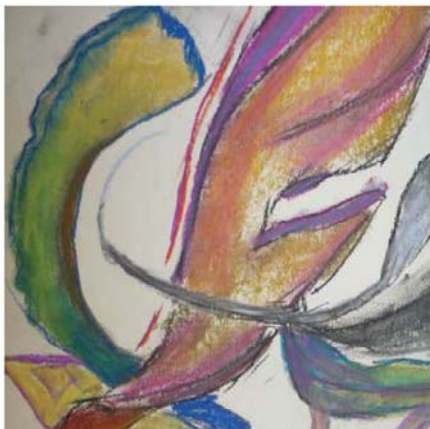
STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5: Keeping Rochford Safe Projects

Outcomes

Continued support of the Sanctuary Scheme	A	Installation of a minimum of 12 Sanctuary safe rooms by April 2011	A
Introduction and provision of Domestic Abuse awareness training	R	Training to be delivered to all year 9/10 students in Rochford District during school years commencing September 2009/2010	R
Provision of Interactive internet safety drama by London Bus Theatre Company	G	Drama workshop to be delivered to all year 5/6 students in Rochford District during school years commencing September 2009/2010	G

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Initiatives Funded by Rochford Local Strategic Partnership 2009-2011



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Strategic Priority 1: Supporting the Ageing Population

LAA Performance Indicator:

LI 2.1 - People over 65 who say that they receive the information, assistance and support needed to exercise choice and control to live independently			
Baseline	LI 2.1	26.50%	2008/09
Result	LI 2.1	26.50%	2008/09
Target	LI 2.1	33.00%	2010/11

Telecare – Basildon Careline

This funding is to upgrade the existing monitoring only scheme to include an emergency response for Careline installations. Careline is a community alarm scheme which can be activated by the user to contact a twenty four hour call centre by the simple press of a button on a pendant. If necessary it can also be activated automatically by remote monitors in response to defined situations (e.g. a fall, smoke detection, flood, gas or carbon monoxide). If assistance cannot be given by telephone a face to face personal visit can be arranged. The service will be managed and provided by the Basildon Careline Manager. This scheme will apply across the 3 year span and when established would be self funding or supported by District Councils through the Careline contract.

Funding Source: Total Performance Reward Grant £60,000 (2009/11)

Blues BodyCare Fit for Life – Rochford District Council & Active Rochford

Blues BodyCare Fit for Life is designed to improve the health and physical activity levels of adults aged fifty five and over. Participants will also be provided with information and knowledge to enable them to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Each weekly session will be a mix of theory and practical to exercise both mind and body. All of the physical sessions have been specially designed to suit men and women of mixed age and differing fitness levels. Most importantly the Fit for Life programme is fun and perfectly safe for all adults aged fifty five and over to take part in.

The provision of activity sessions will be increased to cover the whole District including the more rural areas, funding is currently available for Great Wakering, Rochford and Rayleigh. The new sessions will allow seventy five people per 5 week season, 6 seasons will be run until March 2011.

Funding Source: Total Performance Reward Grant £9,500 (2009/11)



