

NEW ESSEX COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND THE NEW ESSEX LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report introduces the initial drafts emerging from the County Council in connection with a new Community Strategy for the County and a new Local Area Agreement for Essex. Members' views are sought on both documents at this early stage so that any comments can be fed into the drafting process before both documents are finalised.

2 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

2.1 Background

- 2.2 At the Executive Board meeting on 5 September 2007 (291/2007), Members noted the timetable and activities associated with the County Council's work around a new Essex Community Strategy and a new Local Area Agreement for the County. That work is now sufficiently advanced for early draft documents to be available on both the Strategy and the Local Area Agreement for information and comment. Copies of these early drafts are attached as Appendices 1 and 2.

2.3 Current Position

- 2.4 The drafts of both the Strategy and emerging Local Area Agreement have been produced from evaluating public opinion, stakeholder opinion and statistical evidence gathered from a variety of sources.
- 2.5 The Strategy outlines the County's vision for the period 2008–2018, focussing on 15 challenges and proposing 61 actions for outcomes. In the light of the themes emerging from the Strategy, the new Local Area Agreement suggests some 21 priorities covering a range of the proposed national targets and indicators. The new Community Strategy being produced for Rochford District by the Rochford Local Strategic Partnership will need to link in with the County's emerging strategy and also look at those priorities within the Local Area Agreement which are relevant at the local District level.
- 2.6 As part of the process, it would be useful, at this stage, to get the comments of the Executive Board on the relevance of the themes coming forward within the draft Community Strategy and also initial views on the priorities suggested in the evolving Local Area Agreement, particularly those which are felt to be pertinent to Rochford District.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Board **RESOLVES** to determine its views on the emerging Community Strategy for the County and the emerging new Local Area Agreement for Essex, highlighting particularly those areas felt to be of particular relevance to Rochford District.

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Background Papers:-

None

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