

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	CABINET
<b>DATE:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2002
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Eastbourne Strategic Partnership (ESP) and Community Strategy
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Strategic Development Officer (Acting)
<b>Ward(s):</b>	ALL
<b>Purpose:</b>	To inform Cabinet of the progress of the ESP and Community Strategy
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<b>Recommendations:</b>	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorse the structure and progress of the ESP</li> <li>2. Approve the Project Plan for the production of the Community Strategy in April 2003</li> <li>3. That Cabinet support the role of elected members in community consultation as at 4.2</li> <li>4. Members should note the financial implications at 5.2</li> </ol>
<b>1.0</b>	<b><u>Background</u></b>

1.1	The Eastbourne Strategic Partnership was formed in response to the Local Government Act 2000 and as part of the Council's earlier commitment to developing a shared Community Strategy. Whilst not a statutory requirement for a non-Neighbourhood Renewal Area, the establishment of a Local Strategic Partnership is a key recommendation of the Act and seen as vital to an inclusive process to develop the Community Strategy.
1.2	The primary aim of the Eastbourne Partnership is to work with the Eastbourne community and others, to provide a Community Strategy that addresses the economic, social and environmental well-being and health inequalities of the Eastbourne community and that will contribute to the sustainable development of East Sussex and the South East region of the United Kingdom.
1.3	<p>Core Group members of the Partnership are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ Eastbourne Borough Council</li> <li>§ East Sussex County Council</li> <li>§ Eastbourne Downs PCT</li> <li>§ Eastbourne Association of Voluntary Services</li> <li>§ East Sussex Learning Partnership</li> <li>§ Sussex Police</li> <li>§ Eastbourne &amp; District Chamber of Commerce and Registered Social Landlords.</li> </ul>
1.4	<b>The Partnership has been allocated a support officer from the Government Office of the South East (GOSE). John Aldworth attended the last meeting of the Partnership, and will provide guidance and support regarding best practice.</b>
1.5	<b>The Partnership has adopted the working title of ESP. The design of a long term name and logo will be carried out by second year Graphic students at Sussex Downs College, thus involving the local community.</b>

1.6	<b>The Partnership met in January 2002 to formalise details and has met twice since. The next meeting is in October 2002. Terms of Reference have been agreed and are attached as appendix 1.</b>
1.7	The Partnership has agreed that the post of Chairman will rotate. Eastbourne Borough Council currently holds the post, until January 2003, when a new Chairman will be selected. Eastbourne Borough Council also provide the Secretariat to the Partnership. This is currently provided by officers from Strategic Development.
1.8	<b>The Partnership has formed a Working Group, to take the process of Community Planning forward. Each Core Group member is represented on this Group.</b>
2.0	<u>Community Strategy</u>
2.1	<b>The Partnership has adopted an elliptical structure to demonstrate how the different organisations, partnerships, strategies and plans can be integrated and their work co-ordinated, appendix 2.</b>
2.2	<p><b>Projects to inform the Community Strategy and ESP currently being undertaken by the Working Group are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web pages: this is currently within the EBC domain and can be accessed via <a href="http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/esp">www.eastbourne.gov.uk/esp</a>. Further work is needed to improve the layout and content of the pages so they appeal more to the wider community. A stand alone site will be investigated once a name &amp; logo have been adopted</li> <li>• Audit of Partnerships: this is ongoing, and seeks to map all Partnerships that function within Eastbourne</li> <li>• Additional Member Audit: this is ongoing and seeks to map all organisations that belong to the Partnerships that operate within Eastbourne</li> </ul> <p>v Note: The last two items are fundamental pieces of work given that one of the functions of the ESP is to manage partnerships and minimise duplication and inefficiency. It is important that his work is conducted a fully as possible and in conjunction with other partners, particularly</p>

Executive of East Sussex County Council suggesting that a data collection & management unit is established at county level.

- Templates for existing Partnerships across the town are being completed. These will inform the Community Strategy with key issues, priority objectives for action, special projects, headline targets and impact on the community.
- Areas of the Structure with well established partnerships and community based strategies are to continue their development. They are now able to seek support and co-ordination from the ESP so rationalising the interrelationship of important groups such as the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership, the Healthy Eastbourne Board and the Eastbourne Learning Partnership.
- Areas of the structure relating to Environment, Regeneration and Inclusive Community are being developed.

2.3	<p><b>The Environment aspect of the Community Strategy is dependent on several key developments. 1. The new Borough Plan, highlights of which will appear in the Community Strategy, 2. The new waste collection and disposal contracts of the Borough and County councils, and 3. The new Environmental Stewardship Strategy. Should there be a National Park for the South Downs then the ESP and its Community Strategy would be the expected points of interaction with the National Park Authority.</b></p>
2.4	<p><b>On the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2002 the board of Eastbourne Reborn considered a letter from the ESP inviting Reborn to take forward the Regeneration Strategy on behalf of the ESP. The letter received a positive response and further development is underway.</b></p>

2.5	<p>The ESP through its member organisations has conducted both general and specific consultation to guide development of its strategies. New consultation will be targeted to help guide the Partnership's Inclusive Community work and development of the Regeneration Strategy. See 4.0 below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
3.0	<p><b><u>Endorsement</u></b></p>
3.1	<p><b>Projects that have received endorsement from the ESP are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastbourne Sure Start Delivery Plan</li> <li>• Suggested local structure covering Eastbourne, Wealden &amp; Lewes for the merger of Crime Reduction Partnership/Drug &amp; Alcohol Action Team proposed in the Police Reform Bill</li> <li>• Crime Reduction Partnership initiatives to meet targets contained in the Eastbourne Crime &amp; Disorder Reduction Strategy 2002-2005</li> <li>• The ESP has also formulated a joint response to SEEDA regarding their proposals for future partnerships and funding arrangements.</li> </ul>
4.0	<p><b><u>Consultations</u></b></p>
4.1	<p>Partners have already carried out large amounts of consultation. EBC have already done broad consultation to inform the Corporate Plan, including the Community Safety Survey, Citizens Survey and Residents Survey. The ESP recognises that public consultation and public ownership of a Community Strategy is important.</p>

4.2	<p>The ESP is planning to undertake better quality in depth consultation to inform the Community Strategy using the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· 9 neighbourhood, ward-based Focus Groups. These will be run professionally by EBC's Consultation Officer, with topics agreed by Partners and validated by the public.</li> <li>· Targeted special interest groups e.g. disabled, older people, young people, BME (black and minority ethnic) groups, business community.</li> <li>· Borough and County elected members will be approached to personally take either the first draft of the Community Strategy or the first full Community Strategy to the public for consultation. Training will be given. It is recommended that Cabinet encourage all local councillors to participate in this work.</li> </ul>
5.0	<u>Implications</u>
5.1	<p><b>Both the ESP and the Community Strategy have implications for all areas of life in Eastbourne. The ESP encompasses all major bodies working in Eastbourne, and the Community Strategy gives a real opportunity to draw together all plans and strategies into one co-ordinated document for the town.</b></p>
5.2	<p><b>Eastbourne Borough Council currently provides the only specified financial support for the partnership. Other partners are providing personnel, venues and access to their consultative resources such as the various EAVS Fora. There is a dedicated budget of £6500 p.a. for the Community Strategy, it is highly likely that costs will exceed this budget. Therefore it is intended to arrange production and distribution of the strategy so that costs may be spread to the 2003/4 budget. However this should still be viewed as a limited budget and the standard of document and extent distribution may be constrained unless the ESP provides additional funds. The ESP will be informed should this become apparent once production and distribution details are clearer.</b></p>
6.0	<u>Summary</u>

<p><b>6.1</b></p>	<p>The Eastbourne Strategic Partnership (ESP) has met three times this year. Formal terms of reference have been adopted. Core Group members are Eastbourne Borough Council, East Sussex County Council, Eastbourne Association of Voluntary Services, East Sussex Learning Partnership, Eastbourne Downs PCT, Eastbourne &amp; District Chamber of Commerce, Sussex Police and Registered Social Landlords. The ESP will continue to draft the Community Strategy for Eastbourne. The projected date for publication being 31 March 2003.</p>
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<p><b>Background Papers:</b></p> <p>The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:</p> <p>Local Government Act 2000</p> <p>Local Strategic Partnerships Government Guidance</p> <p>ESP Terms of Reference</p> <p>To inspect or obtain copies of background papers please refer to the contact officer listed above.</p>	
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