

Title of Report:	Sustainable Community Strategy 2011-12
Report to be considered by:	Council
Date of Meeting:	03 March 2011
Forward Plan Ref:	C2184

Purpose of Report: To update the Sustainable Community Strategy for 2011-12

Recommended Action: That the Sustainable Community Strategy 2011-12 be adopted

Reason for decision to be taken: The Local Authority is required to put in place a Sustainable Community Strategy.

Other options considered:

Key background documentation: A Breath of Fresh Air 2008-2026.
SCS Annual Report and Update 2009-2010.

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the following Council Plan Priorities:

- CPP1 – Support our communities through the economic recession** – to alleviate the impact on different communities and individuals who find themselves out of work and/or disadvantaged
- CPP2 – Raise levels of educational achievement** – improving school performance levels
- CPP3 – Reduce West Berkshire’s carbon footprint** – to reduce CO₂ emissions in West Berkshire and contribute to waste management, green travel, transportation and energy efficiency

The proposals will also help achieve the following Council Plan Themes:

- CPT1 - Better Roads and Transport**
- CPT2 - Thriving Town Centres**
- CPT3 - Affordable Housing**
- CPT4 - High Quality Planning**
- CPT5 - Cleaner and Greener**
- CPT6 - Vibrant Villages**
- CPT7 - Safer and Stronger Communities**
- CPT8 - A Healthier Life**
- CPT9 - Successful Schools and Learning**
- CPT10 - Promoting Independence**
- CPT11 - Protecting Vulnerable People**
- CPT12 - Including Everyone**
- CPT13 - Value for Money**
- CPT15 - Putting Customers First**
- CPT16 - Excellent Performance Management**

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Council Plan Priorities and Themes by:
Promoting cross agency working that is an essential foundation of effective service delivery

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Implications

Policy: The Sustainable Community Strategy is the overarching strategic planning document which shapes the work of the council and its partners.

Financial: Not at this stage

Personnel: None

Legal/Procurement: None

Property: None

Risk Management: Not at this stage

Equalities Impact Assessment: Completed

Is this item subject to call-in?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council		<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position		<input type="checkbox"/>
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months		<input type="checkbox"/>
Item is Urgent Key Decision		<input type="checkbox"/>

Executive Summary

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The West Berkshire Partnership's Sustainable Community Strategy; '*A Breath of Fresh Air*' was adopted in April 2008. An update on progress and priorities was carried out to reflect a number of changes within the Partnership and in the community in 2009-10 and a report on progress completed for 2010-11. This report introduces the Strategy Update report for 2011-12.
- 1.2 The main changes to the existing Sustainable Community Strategy include:
- Updating strategic aims for 2011/12 (including stating which are being achieved through the West Berkshire Partnership)
 - Summary of major influencing factors in the delivery of strategic aims
 - Future delivery structures, including signposting of activity outside the West Berkshire Partnership
 - Summary of achievements of the West Berkshire Partnership to date.
- 1.3 The document in appendix A has been developed in consultation with the West Berkshire Partnership.

2. Proposals

- 2.1 That Council adopt '*A Breath of Fresh Air*' Update 2011-12 as the overarching strategy for improving quality of life in West Berkshire.

Appendices

Appendix A – A Breath of Fresh Air. Strategy Update 2011-12. February 2011 (Version 3).

Consultees

Local Stakeholders: West Berkshire Partnership Management Board, sub-partnership board members and stakeholder organisations.

Officers Consulted: Lead sub-partnership officers

Trade Union: n/a