

Report to BSP Board

Title: Draft Buckinghamshire Healthy Communities Strategy

Date: 16 September 2008

Summary

1. The draft Healthy Communities Strategy has been developed under the direction of the Healthy Communities Thematic Partnership. The BSP Board is asked to comment on the attached draft, which is now out for consultation with partners. Geoff Chilton, Associate Consultant for the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA), will facilitate the agenda item to assist the Board in this task.

Background

2. The content of the draft strategy reflects the partnership discussions co-ordinated by the Healthy Communities partnership. It also reflects partnership discussions in response to the recommendations of an IDeA Peer Review on Healthy Communities. This took place in 2007 and focussed primarily on the healthy communities role of the County Council.

Content

3. The BSP Board is asked to comment on the draft Healthy Communities Strategy. Some issues which the Board may wish to consider are:
 - a. Is the overall aim of "Buckinghamshire will be one of the healthiest places to live in the United Kingdom by 2015" realistic?
 - b. Will delivery of the activities proposed in the strategy deliver this outcome?
 - c. Are all relevant partner organisations signed up and committed to help deliver the strategy?

Recommendation

The BSP Board is asked to comment on and endorse the draft strategy and recommend it to their individual organisations or partnerships.