

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Joint Sustainable Community Strategy Proposal</b>
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## **1 Purpose of this Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update on the Steering Group’s proposal for a joint Sustainable Community Strategy.

## **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Partnership is asked to note this report.

## **3 Background**

- 3.1 Each District has a current Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), delivered by the Chiltern Community Partnership and the South Bucks Partnership respectively in 2009. These strategies set out a vision for each district, identifying each Local Strategic Partnership’s long-term aims. The strategies sit at the apex of all strategic and service plans across each district, enabling the promotion of this long term vision for improving our economic, environmental and social wellbeing.
- 3.2 In the run-up to the publication of Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership’s SCSs in 2009, both Partnerships worked collectively with the other three Buckinghamshire Partnerships to develop a family of five SCSs (covering the four District and County Partnerships). These strategies share the same layout, sections and themes. Within each theme, they share headline sub-aims with actions below this level being tailored, where needed, to meet the specific needs of the area covered. They were based on extensive consultation within the communities and with wider partners to reflect the collective needs, concerns and hopes for the future of each District.
- 3.3 As the strategies were developed during 2008 and the early part of 2009, some of the information contained within them is now outdated and new challenges have emerged.

## **4. Way forward:**

- 4.1 With the merger of the South Bucks and Chiltern Community Partnership, the Steering Group have recognised the need to have one overarching Sustainable Community Strategy to avoid confusion, bring the strategy up to date and to ensure that all partners are working towards the same, joint, agreed aims, towards a common vision. A main area of responsibility for the shared partnership Steering Group will be to guide this work and work together to support its delivery.
- 4.2 Having compared both SCSs and having discussed the need for one joint SCS during the June 2013 meeting of the steering group, the most appropriate way forward was agreed that a draft of the new joint Sustainable Community Strategy be presented to the Partnership at the next meeting, likely to be scheduled during October 2013, following review by the Steering Group in September 2013.
- 4.3 To support this draft, all Parish and Town Councils were consulted via their Clerks, together with each theme lead and stakeholders, on the challenges and aims for the new joint SCS. The request was sent on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013, to provide feedback by 12<sup>th</sup> July (with some parties to send by 17<sup>th</sup> July due to timing of Parish Council meetings). The District Councils will update the “story of place” from 2009 to 2013.

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<b>Background Papers:</b>	None