

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Sustainable Community Strategy for Chiltern and South Bucks 2013 - 2026</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Chief Executive</b>

**1. Purpose of Report**

To present the work that the new Joint Local Strategic Partnership has undertaken to bring together a new Sustainable Community Strategy for Chiltern and South Bucks.

**2. Links to Council Policy Objectives** - this report links in with the Council's key objective to provide leadership in community and partnerships.

**3. Background**

Until early 2013, Chiltern and South Bucks had separate Local Strategic Partnerships. The two have now been brought together as the Chiltern and South Bucks Districts' Joint Local Strategic Partnership. This draws together the work of the key public sector, business and voluntary partners across the area to deliver the agreed priorities for the Districts. It is responsible for directing resources and co-ordinating the work of partners to deliver improved outcomes for residents. The Partnership includes representatives from:

- All Parish/Town Councils
- Both District Councils
- County Council
- Business and Learning Sector
- Voluntary and Community Sector
- Faith Community
- Housing Associations
- Bucks Fire and Rescue
- Thames Valley Police
- NHS

Each of the Partnerships had a separate community strategy which set out a vision for each district, identifying each Local Strategic Partnership's long-term aims. The strategies sat 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.

The joint Partnership Steering Group has been working on bringing together the two strategies which were found to cover the same themes (thriving economy, sustainable environment, safe communities, health and wellbeing and cohesive and strong communities). After mapping the details, it seemed there were not many differences, and as they were written in 2009 it was time for a refresh.

The draft Joint Sustainable Community Strategy was produced and taken to Chiltern District Council's Community and Environment Overview Committee on 24 September where it was noted that the strategy was a living document and feedback would be monitored. It was then presented to the wider Joint Local Strategic Partnership meeting on 16 October who suggested some minor changes to the layout and undertook an exercise to agree the priorities under each of the five themes. Chiltern District Council's Cabinet received the strategy at its meeting on 22 October where it was discussed and noted. The strategy is expected to be formally adopted by Chiltern's full Council at its meeting on 5 November 2013.

**4. Proposal/Discussion**

The strategy, once adopted, will inform the strategic and service plans across both districts.

**5. Resources, Risk and Other Implications****Financial**

This strategy will be managed by the Partnership within current budgets.

**Risks issues**

Partnership working is covered by strategic risks CSR05 and CSR11.

**Equalities**

This strategy promotes the reduction of inequalities.

**Sustainability**

This strategy promotes sustainability.

**6. Recommendation**

To approve the Sustainable Community Strategy for Chiltern and South Bucks 2013 - 2026 and recommend that full Council adopt the strategy.

<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>Leader - Councillor Adrian Busby - Adrian.busby@southbucks.gov.uk</b>
<b>Officer Contact:</b>	<b>Rachel Prance - 01895 837204 - rachel.prance@southbucks.gov.uk</b>
<b>Background Papers:</b>	<b>The Sustainable Community Strategy for Chiltern and South Bucks Districts 2013 - 2026</b>