

**networkfareham Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday 1 December 2009**

**Item 6 Briefing Paper**  
**Sustainable Community Strategy**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The Board met on 8 September 2009 and received a report on the response from local residents and organisations to the public consultation on the draft sustainable community strategy.
2. The following actions were agreed:
  - (a) to organise the comments received into themes and forward them on to the relevant partnerships for action;
  - (b) to update the strategy document to include reference to the Strategic Development Area;
  - (c) to present the revised strategy document to this meeting for final consideration and approval.
3. This report updates the Board on the progress made.

**FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

4. The Board will recall the top/bottom five issues being as follows:

Rank	Top five issues	Replies	
		No.	%
1	Responding to community priorities in reducing anti-social behaviour	420	64%
2	Reducing traffic congestion	356	55%
3	Improving the life chances of children and young people	223	34%
4	Empowering people to have a greater voice in the provision of services	215	33%
5	Enabling older people to remain at home for as long as possible	200	31%
	<b>Bottom five issues</b>		
18	Reducing levels of obesity in children and adults	90	14%
19	Meeting the housing needs of vulnerable people	65	10%
20	Encouraging and supporting volunteering	61	9%
21	Reducing childhood obesity	56	9%
22	Mitigating the impact of climate change	48	7%

5. A briefing paper – 'Feedback from public consultation: themed analysis of comments' – accompanies this report. The comments have been grouped under the most relevant thematic partnership and then disaggregated into subject areas. Comments cutting across themes have been broken down further and 'best matched' to a theme/subject.

6. A copy of the briefing paper has been sent to the contact officers for each of the thematic partnerships. It is proposed that the Board invites the thematic partnerships to report back to the March 2010 Board meeting on actions arising from the comments that are to be progressed.

### **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

7. The Fareham Society, amongst others, has drawn attention to the omission from the strategy document of the proposed Strategic Development Area (SDA) to the north of Fareham.
8. The document has been updated to include reference to the SDA as follows:

#### **Strategic Development Area**

For a long time, economic growth in South Hampshire has been below that for the South East Region. There are pockets of high unemployment and deprivation.

Brownfield sites alone are not enough to meet the development needed to improve economic performance. Some greenfield development needs to be planned as well.

Part of the solution is the location of a Strategic Development Area in Fareham Borough to the north of the M27 motorway comprising up to 8,000 new homes of mixed tenures. Development is expected to happen in 2016-2026.

It is vital that our vision for Fareham applies equally as much to the SDA as it does to the rest of the Borough.

We share people's widely held concerns about the size and sustainability of the proposed development and for the infrastructure to be provided to cope with it all - schools, employment, roads, transport, shops, health services and leisure facilities, etc.

Overall, we will look to see a balance maintained between the natural and built environments with strategic gaps between communities.

9. A copy of the updated strategy statement accompanies this report.
10. The duty to prepare a Sustainable Community Strategy rests with Fareham Borough Council under section 1(a) of the Local Government Act 2000. In practice, the Local Strategic Partnership prepares the strategy on the Council's behalf. Once prepared, the strategy must be agreed at full Council in accordance with the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) Regulations 2000 / Statutory Instrument No. 2853.
11. It is proposed that the Board commends the final draft version of the strategy to the Borough Council's Executive for approval and reference to full Council for formal adoption.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

12. The Board is recommended to:
  - a) invite the thematic partnerships to report back to the Board's March 2010 meeting on the actions being progressed from the comments received about the proposed Sustainable Community Strategy; and
  - b) approve the updated Sustainable Community Strategy and commend it to the Borough Council's Executive for formal adoption by full Council.