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Sustainable Community Strategy

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: All

Summary of report:

This report accompanies a draft of Walsall's Sustainable Community Strategy. It invites feedback from members and identifies further consultation underway.

A copy of the Sustainable Community Strategy has been sent separately to Members and is available to members of the public on request.

Background papers:

- Walsall's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) – 1st Draft
- SCS Sustainability Appraisal

Reason for scrutiny:

The development of the Sustainable Community Strategy has been presented to all Scrutiny and Performance Panels previously. The attached document is the 1st draft of the Strategy and is subject to a 12 week public consultation. The Scrutiny and Performance Panel is invited to make comments on the strategy and feedback either by:

- Comments taken at the meeting of the panel
- Email to jonesbeth@walsall.gov.uk
- Completing a reply slip
- Completing a questionnaire on line at www2.walsall.gov.uk/consultations/scs.htm

Resource and legal considerations:

The SCS sets out the priorities for the WBSP and partner organisations over the next 6 years. Resource allocation will be made on the basis of these priorities.

Citizen impact:

The SCS will have a wide impact on the public and service users in terms of resource allocation.

Environmental impact:

A full Sustainability Appraisal of the SCS, including environmental appraisal and equalities appraisal, is being undertaken (see www.wbsp.org.uk).

Performance management:

The SCS will set the priorities of the WBSP for the next 6 years. The new Local Area Agreement will become the 3 year delivery plan of the SCS.


Equality Implications:

A full Sustainability Appraisal of the SCS, including environmental appraisal and equalities appraisal, is being undertaken (see www.wbsp.org.uk)

Consultation:

All service areas within the Council have been consulted and/or engaged in the process of producing the SCS.

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