

Evidence Grid for Mid Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership Self Assessment of Suffolk

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<p>1. A Prosperous and Vibrant Economy</p> <p>To become the most innovative and diverse economy in the East of England</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>Suffolk – the most innovative and diverse economy in the East of England</p> <p>Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Suffolk’s unique selling points to capture emerging markets • Reduce economic inequalities across the county 	<p><u>Babergh East</u></p> <p>Support and advocate projects which raise opportunities for people in local communities to access jobs and training</p> <p><u>One Ipswich</u></p> <p>There is work for all</p> <p><u>Mid Suffolk</u></p> <p>More business attracted to the area</p> <p><u>Suffolk Coastal</u></p> <p>Economy, learning and skills – we will investigate ways to maintain and enhance the Prosperity of our rural areas. We will promote</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suffolk economy is underdeveloped with productivity low – Ipswich economic performance relatively strong; • 66,133 unpaid carers (10% working age population); • Levels of prosperity are low with below average incomes – highest wages in Suffolk Coastal; • Underdeveloped tourism and leisure; • Unemployment rate just under regional average but at its highest in Lowestoft; • SnOasis! Growth around Stowmarket area; • Higher than average 	<p>Mid Suffolk has a higher than Suffolk average skilled workforce (LSC) but despite this the local economy is low skilled and low earning. This reflects that many of the skilled residents of Mid Suffolk commute out of the district to work. To tackle this work is taking place at a county level to encourage more hi-tech industry to the county.</p> <p>At a local level the Stowmarket Master Plan process is tackling the regeneration of Stowmarket with significant input from local people at all stages. This includes significant provision for new retail business in the centre of</p>	<p>No.1 LSP Board Minutes 15th April 2009</p> <p>No.2 and 2a Stowmarket Master Plan PDF</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport and infrastructure to support sustainable economic growth 	<p>opportunities for people to develop the skills they need.</p> <p align="center"><u>Waveney</u></p> <p>Economic Development and Enterprise - our vision is for a place that is full of vitality where businesses and entrepreneurs want to be located.</p> <p align="center"><u>Western Suffolk</u></p> <p>Enable a prosperous, sustainable economy</p> <p>Encourage sustainable tourism</p>	<p>number of disability claimants in Ipswich and Waveney.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40% more debt referrals to CAB in Ipswich; 	<p>Stowmarket along Ipswich Street and in the area of the former ATCO/Qualcast offices.</p> <p>A key part of this is the planned improvement of access in the town centre. Working in partnership with SCC, Section 106 contributions have been gathered along with a Government investment to construct a new railway crossing and road link into this area.</p> <p>This will greatly reduce congestion and improve access. This initiative combined with the recent work to improve the A14 at the Haughley bends along with the installation of a new junction from the A14</p>	<p>No.3 Stowmarket Railway Bridge Links</p> <p>No.4 Haughley Bends Improvement Scheme</p>

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			<p>into west Stowmarket has greatly improved the local transport infrastructure.</p> <p>The Snoasis development in Great Blakenham will also bring new employment to the area. This new leisure development will be one of the largest regeneration projects in the country. Creating an estimated 2160 jobs once complete. This centre will create a unique all year leisure destination within the district/county/region and so enhance the level of tourism in the district and the wider county and associated new businesses needed to support this.</p>	<p>No.5 Snoasis Economic Impact Survey</p>

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			<p>As part of this development further transport infrastructure improvements are planned for the A14 junction but more significantly the development includes the provision of a new mainline railway station at Claydon. This will significantly improve the commercial potential of the business parks in the Claydon/Barham area.</p> <p>The economic downturn may create the risk of a longer delivery time table for this project but at this stage outline permission has been granted following a public enquiry.</p>	<p>No.6 Snoasis Transport Impact Summary</p>

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			<p>Economic development in a predominantly rural area is particularly challenging, especially when Suffolk as a county is not well supported by the East of England Development Agency. As a rural district this is even more acute when the concentration of aid and support focuses on the development areas such as the Haven Gateway Colchester and Cambridge. This simply increases the inequality between a poorer agricultural/food based economy and the higher earning services sector.</p> <p>Stowmarket job centre registrations have dramatically increased</p>	<p>No.7 RDA Regional Budget Link</p> <p>No.8 RDA Finance and Governance Link</p> <p>No.9 Stowm</p>

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			<p>in the last 6 months. Making the significance of these new initiatives within the district even more essential. To reflect the effect of the economic down turn the LSP has recently revised it's priorities to include tackling the impact of the economic down turn.</p>	<p>arket Jobless data No.1 LSP Board Minutes 15th April 2009</p>
<p>2. Learning and Skills for the Future Suffolk needs a high quality, responsive education and training across the whole county that will enable each person to achieve their potential and will bring prosperity to</p>	<p align="center"><u>Babergh East</u> A workforce with the skills to meet the needs of Suffolk's economy <u>Western Suffolk</u> Improve skills and learning opportunities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ipswich and Waveney have low levels of education performance; • Workforce skills and qualifications below average (30% have none) with few 'knowledge workers' with too few 	<p>Education provision in the mid Suffolk area is mixed with part of the district in a two tier school system and part in a three tier middle school system. This is under review as part of the schools organisational review. Attainment levels staying on rates and</p>	<p>No.10 Schools organisational review (SCC)</p>

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<p>them, their families and communities</p> <p>Outcome: Suffolk – Learning and skills levels in the top quartile in the country</p> <p>Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A workforce with the skills to meet the needs of Learning and Suffolk' economy • High aspirations and opportunities to realise them through quality learning Opportunities 	<p>Encourage achievement in children and young people</p> <p><u>Suffolk Coastal</u> Economy, learning and skills – we will investigate ways to maintain and enhance the Prosperity of our rural areas. We will promote opportunities for people to develop the skills they need.</p> <p><u>Waveney</u> Enable children and young people to reach their full potential</p>	<p>construction/ language/ logistics/ culture skills (NEET statistics are high);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declining schools standards; 	<p>ambition are now coming under scrutiny.</p> <p>Structural review of the schools system should narrow the attainment gap through improved teacher recruitment. A programme to tackle ambition and mixed teaching performance is also needed.</p> <p>MSDC has recently appointed a 'Children and Young Peoples Officer' to help meet the needs of young people and to improve support of initiatives such as the extended schools programme.</p> <p>The LSP includes representation from the Extended Schools programme and the</p>	

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			Executive has recently recommended a programme of summer activities for young people for grant support. This helps to provide locally accessible activities for younger period during the summer holidays. It is targeted at areas where antisocial behaviour increases during the summer.	No.11 LSP Executive minutes May 2009
<p>3. Greenest County</p> <p>Suffolk wants to be an exemplar in tackling climate change and protecting and enhancing its natural and historic environment</p> <p align="center">Outcome</p> <p align="center">Suffolk – the county</p>	<p align="center"><u>One Ipswich</u></p> <p align="center">Create a better environment for people in Ipswich</p> <p align="center"><u>Western Suffolk</u></p> <p align="center">protect our natural and built environment and local biodiversity, and ensure sustainable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felixstowe Port growth of 50% - 60% with pressure on road infrastructure; • Satisfaction with public transport, especially in rural areas; • Projected problems with waste and sewerage 	<p>Waste and Recycling services in the district are high performing having received a 5 Star award</p> <p>The district has lead in the development of an integrated approach to litter picking along the A14. This has significantly improved</p>	<p>No.12 W&R message</p> <p>No.13 W&R Stats</p>

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<p>with the greatest reduction in carbon emissions</p> <p>Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce Suffolk’s carbon footprint and adapt to the changing climate can geography • Retain enhance and value Suffolk’ natural and historic environment 	<p align="center">development</p> <p align="center"><u>Mid Suffolk</u> Environmental Heritage</p> <p align="center"><u>Waveney</u> Attractive communities</p>	<p>because of projected growth in houses and jobs (58.5k);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High traffic on main trunk roads A12/A14 with heavy congestion especially due to Felixstowe freight; 	<p>the quality of environment and has attracted external recognition including recent television coverage.</p> <p>To achieve greater value for money the district contributes to the Cross Suffolk Carbon reduction (CRed) partnership. This delivers joint working to reduce the carbon footprint within the district.</p> <p>MSDC has established a Green Forum to tackle this corporate priority. Benchmarking of the carbon footprint is complete and an action plan for reducing carbon emissions is under development.</p>	<p>No.14 & 14a SCCP Steering Group Message</p> <p>No.15 Evidence ref CO2</p> <p>No. 16 Draft Climate</p>

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			<p>The district council offers a range of energy efficiency grants.</p> <p>The LSP has provided support to community based green projects such as community woodlands via the Green Light Trust</p>	<p>Change Report</p> <p>No.17 Woodland Trust Project Update</p>
<p>4 (a) Safe Communities</p> <p>Suffolk needs all people to be kept safe from harm,</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>Suffolk – A place where everyone is safe no matter who they are or where they live</p> <p>Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce crime and 	<p><u>One Ipswich</u></p> <p>People keep safe</p> <p>Everyone should have a roof over their head</p> <p><u>Mid Suffolk</u></p> <p>Less crime and disorder</p> <p><u>Waveney</u></p> <p>Safer Stronger and Sustainable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High numbers of vulnerable children; Transition between school and adulthood a major concern for vulnerable young people; Higher than average sexual offences committed; Support for offenders not strong – re-offending an 	<p>The LSP has grant supported joint initiatives with the Police to reduce the impact of alcohol based antisocial behaviour through training pub/club door staff on alcohol education and support programmes for people with alcohol misuse issues. This was an extension of the work in the West Suffolk LSP and demonstrated</p>	<p>No.18 Respect Alcohol Respect Yourself Update</p>

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<p>disorder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce fear of crime • People and communities are safeguarded from harm • Minimise impact the impact from drugs and alcohol on communities 	<p>Communities - our vision is to make Waveney an area where people regardless of age, disability, belief, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender feel safe, can contribute to the community and want to live.</p> <p align="center"><u>Western Suffolk</u> Make Western Suffolk a safer place</p>	<p>issue;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racially and religiously aggravated crime above average in Ipswich; • Violence in a public place increased in Ipswich and Newmarket – alcohol related crime; • Ipswich has a high rate of binge drinkers as compared regionally; • Lowestoft has higher levels of dwelling crime because of numbers of bed-sits; • Night crime in Ipswich – drugs with anti-social behaviour and drug issues for sex workers – possible trafficking; 	<p>a cross border initiative.</p> <p>To help reduce the fear of crime and improve the police presence in rural communities the LSP purchased a mobile police station for the Police. The SNT teams will work jointly with another LSP supported project (The Rural Coffee Caravan) and carry out coordinated visits to rurally isolated communities across the district.</p> <p>The LSP has worked with the local diocese and the Suffolk interfaith group to support the faith community in identifying an LSP Faith Representative. The</p>	<p>LSP Project approvals 2008/9</p> <p>No.19 RCCP Diary 2009</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suffolk not reached its LAA target in crime reduction (down by 9.7% target was 18.5%) but Waveney target exceeded it; • HMIC report on Neighbourhood Policing 'Fair' – new model now proposed; • Specific risks include RAF Lakenheath/ Mildenhall, 2 nuclear power stations at Sizewell and Felixstowe container port; • 50 miles of coastline with coastal protection and flooding being major problems – Coastal Erosion Strategy by Environment 	<p>LSP is supporting the equality and diversity activity of the District Council to promote multi faith awareness.</p>	

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		Agency is 'no active intervention';		
<p>(b) Healthy Communities Suffolk needs all people to be able to live healthy lifestyles</p> <p>Outcome Suffolk – A place where everyone is healthy no matter who they are or where they live</p> <p>Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People are able pursue a healthy lifestyle • Reduce the gap in health inequalities 	<p><u>Babergh East</u> A positive sense of well-being</p> <p><u>One Ipswich</u> People enjoy good health</p> <p><u>Suffolk Coastal</u> Healthy lifestyles – we will promote healthy living and support work to reduce the incidence and consequences of smoking, limited exercise and obesity.</p> <p><u>Waveney</u> Adults and Healthier Communities - our vision is for people in</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Transfers of Care inconsistent (better in the West); • Lowest life expectancy rates in Ipswich, Waveney parts of Stowmarket, Sudbury and parts of Forest Heath - Brandon (12.3 years in some wards); • Inconsistent mental health provision including CAMHS; • Low levels of activity for children and young people – low numbers of 'Healthy Schools'; • Circulatory disease, cancer 	<p>The LSP has recently approved a summer activity programme for young people (see above)</p> <p>Working in partnership with the Town Council and the local Health Centre, the LSP supported the development and installation of a public open access fitness trail at the Chiltern Fields sports field. The LSP has also supported the development of an open space strategy by the District Council to use developer contributions towards the provision of</p>	<p>No.20 Fitness Trail Update</p> <p>No.21 Open Space Contributions</p>

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	<p>Waveney to enjoy good health and well-being, to enjoy the quality of life that Waveney's diverse district has to offer, and to be happy.</p> <p align="center"><u>Western Suffolk</u> Alleviate poverty and reduce health inequalities</p> <p>Reduce avoidable early deaths by providing education and support on health and wellbeing</p> <p align="center"><u>Mid Suffolk</u> Healthy Community</p>	<p>and respiratory disease identified as main causes of death;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ipswich and Waveney residents the least physically active; • Planning health and social care in response to projected growth and increasing numbers of people from abroad highlighted as a problem; • Dementia hike predicted particularly in Suffolk Coastal; • High incidence of learning disabilities in South Asian communities (60% live in Ipswich); 	<p>open space and play equipment.</p> <p>The LSP is currently engaged in the development of an approach to improve the quality of support and information for Migrant workers. This follows a district initiative to run migrant worker workshops in Eye and Stowmarket. This will take information to the migrant workers in their workplace.</p> <p>Child obesity cross county initiatives to tackle obesity in young people were supported by the LSP.</p> <p>Summer activity programmes include</p>	<p>No.22 Migrant Worker Report</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaps in service provision for refugees & HIV/Aids patients; • Lack of access to dental care • 16% children are obese; • Inconsistent mental health provision including CAMHS; 	sports and exercise programmes (see above).	
<p>(c) Inclusive Communities Suffolk needs all people to be valued in the community they live, work, grow up and grow old</p> <p align="center">Outcome Suffolk – A place where everyone is included no matter who they are or where they live</p>	<p align="center"><u>Babergh East</u> A sense of belonging within communities.</p> <p align="center">The development of projects which engage with young people and promote active citizenship.</p> <p align="center"><u>One Ipswich</u> People live in friendly and supportive communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% of population lives in 6% of area (large % of elderly in rural isolation and in poverty); • Decline in population in some areas – loss of local amenities (shops/ pubs). Isolation is a real issue for those in poverty; • Ranks 4th out of 53 sub-regions for high population 	Affordable housing provision in the district is below the estimated need (NHF) despite MSDC being above it's development targets for 2008/9. MSDC is also on target to meet the 'Decent Home Standards' for all council houses by March 2010 99% of SCC/MSDC's residents in the district are within 10 miles of service access through	No.23 East of England Home Truths NHF

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<p>Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with choice and control to enable them to live independent lives • A sense of belonging in communities that are valued, engaged and supported. 	<p align="center"><u>Mid Suffolk</u> Affordable, quality housing for all</p> <p align="center"><u>Suffolk Coastal</u> Community development – we will support the development of voluntary and community groups who contribute so much to the life of the district.</p> <p align="center">Access to services – we will investigate new ways to address the decline in provision of local services and the limitations of public transport, particularly in rural areas.</p> <p align="center"><u>Waveney</u> Children and Young People - our</p>	<p>of people from abroad (US/ Eastern Europeans). 4,500 Migrant workers per year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary and community sector deployment requires review; • Education for people from abroad in rural areas; • Older people helped to live independently is a problem; • Voluntary and community sector deployment requires review; • 43 wards in 10% most deprived in England (25 in Ipswich/ 17 in Waveney and Saxmundham); • Growth areas – Ipswich/ Bury St Edmunds/ with 	<p>public access centres or via library access.</p> <p>To support capacity within the VCS the LSP has provided grant aid for a Partnership Coordinators post within the Local Infrastructure Partnership. This umbrella organisation for the VCS provides advice and support for charitable activity in the area including the recruitment of volunteers. This is likely to extended for the next 2 years.</p> <p>Volunteer capacity is increased by funding from the LSP for a Volunteering Dynamic Event jointly delivered by the LiP and SCC.</p>	<p>No.24 MAP Coordinator Update</p> <p>No.25 Suffolk Volunteering Dynamic Update</p>

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	<p>vision is to enable all children and young people in Waveney to aspire to and achieve their full potential, giving them the basis for a successful Life as active members of their community.</p> <p align="center"><u>Western Suffolk</u> Build a stronger community</p>	<p>affordable housing problems. This is projected to get worse with slow down of housing market and will impact on strategy e.g. Mental Health acute provision;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suffolk Coastal and Waveney have the highest population of people over 65 – Forest Heath has the lowest; • 2nd highest level of fuel poverty in the region with no gas in most rural locations – accessibility a key issue; 	<p>The LSP has provided further grant aid to the rural coffee caravan project. This provides information and support services to communities in isolated rural areas (via LSP) This is likely to be extended for the next 2 years</p> <p>Grant aid has also been provided to the Good Neighbour scheme to support independent living for older people in rurally isolated communities. This is likely to be extended for the next 2 years</p> <p>Provide grant aid to the home safe scheme to support older people with home fire safety</p>	<p>No.11 LSP Executive minutes May 2009</p> <p>No.26 Good Neighbour Project Update</p> <p>No.27 Community Safety Volunteer</p>

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			<p>To support vulnerable young people and build capacity within the VCS the LSP has supported a post at the Museum of East Anglian Life. This post provides the capacity for a social enterprise scheme.,helping vulnerable younger people to volunteer and improve their quality of life.</p> <p>With LSP support Community Boards are being piloted in approximately one third of the district to improve and coordinate public service consultation and to engage communities in identifying priorities for improvement, joint</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>No.28 MEAL Volunteer Update</p> <p>No.29 Your Place Links</p>

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			<p>problem solving and participatory budget expenditure. This project has involved a significant level of public engagement and is moving towards locally agreed priorities and multi agency coordinated solutions.</p> <p>Parish Councils have been supported in developing their council plans. These have helped inform LSP priorities and form part of the LDF consultation. In addition also influence the MSDC grants programme.</p>	<p>No.30 Parish Plans Analysis</p>

(Note 4th Priority Spilt into Healthy Communities, Safe Communities and Inclusive communities)