

Suffolk Coastal CAA Self Assessment 2009/10

Notes

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- Activity / comments should be as brief as possible. We can link to documents giving further information from the evidence column.
- Activity / comments can be by the SCLSP or individual partners.
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1. Transforming Suffolk priority: A prosperous & vibrant economy

Suffolk Coastal SCLSP priority outcome: Economy and skills

AC: possible red 'tag': Enhancing economic development

AC subject: Adult Skills and Wellbeing, Sustainable communities

'Suffolk Coastal 2021' key issue and priority outcomes	Audit Commission “pen picture” of risks, comments & emerging evidence	Suffolk Coastal activity / Comments	Evidence
	Suffolk economy is underdeveloped with productivity low	Based on the latest Local Futures information, Suffolk Coastal is in top 20% of districts in Suffolk for productivity, and ranks in the middle 20% of authorities regionally and nationally Rural Regeneration project finished in March 09. Advisor now works with District Council on occasion as he is now employed by Haven Gateway to help with the rural economy. He is currently working on trying to get grants for small manufacturing businesses. Considerable effort between District Council and local partners to develop knowledge based and high technology sectors	District Profile Productivity report Innovation Martlesham initiative.

		EDF / British Energy work on nuclear investment	
Economy and Skills: Explore, increase and improve access routes out of poverty	Levels of prosperity are low with below average incomes	highest wages in Suffolk Coastal Heritage Coast Market Towns Project is a partnership project involving Suffolk Coastal District Council, Suffolk ACRE, Suffolk Coastal Business Forum and Business Associations/ representatives from Leiston, Saxmundham and Aldeburgh. The project aims to deliver socio-economic renewal within the three market towns of Leiston, Saxmundham and Aldeburgh, and their immediate surrounding areas. It will support and develop local businesses and business associations. A Project Co-ordinator has been appointed. Working with Choose Suffolk and District Council Planning Policy to try to attract higher value employment to the district. 'Innovation Martlesham' to expand skills base locally	District Profile (2008 & 2009)
	Underdeveloped tourism and leisure (Tourism underdeveloped in comparison with Norfolk (50% difference))	Tourism in Suffolk Coastal was worth £260 million in 2007 and is consistently the greatest value of all Suffolk districts.	East of England Tourism 'Volume & Value' stats.
	Unemployment rate just under regional average but at its highest in Lowestoft	Based on the latest Local Futures information & the ONS annual population survey, unemployment in Suffolk Coastal is below the Suffolk average, & below the average for the East & GB	state of the district report nomis report
	40% more debt referrals to CAB in Ipswich	District Council continuing to fund Leiston and Felixstowe CABs. Total funding of £146 k this year, including a small contribution (12k) to Ipswich CAB.	SCDC quarterly performance

		District provided additional grant funding to Felixstowe CAB for Money Advice.	reports
	Lack of volume of knowledge-based/ high tech industry	<p>NB apart from Ipswich / Martlesham...</p> <p>Further development of Ipswich/ housing and business growth area around Ipswich/ Martlesham (80 businesses and 1,700 jobs) including Felixstowe port development and Martlesham Business Park (Haven Gateway Partnership)</p> <p>Based on the latest Local Futures information, Suffolk Coastal is the district with the highest number of people employed in knowledge-driven sectors in Suffolk, and is in the top quartile of authorities nationally</p>	District Profile 2009
		<p>Haven Gateway Partnership levering in £ for growth around ports Ipswich and Felixstowe</p> <p>Haven Gateway partnership Integrated Development Plan. Growth Point funds and EEDA funds secured for the area.</p>	Haven Gateway IDP
<p>Economy and Skills: The maximum number of individuals will acquire employability skills</p>	Learning and developing appropriate skills to match future economic requirements	<p>The Business Needs Research Report was commissioned by the Suffolk Coastal Business Forum, with support from Suffolk Coastal District Council, and its results were published in April 2008. The initial report was consulted on at workshops held at the LSP Annual Forum. Outcomes fed into action planning and resulted in strategic collaboration between young people, education providers and business as well as workforce skills development.</p> <p>New report commissioned to follow up with businesses to identify issues of importance for them with regards to the economic recession.</p> <p>The UCS task group look at skills needs within the district and there are plans for some LEAP centres in Suffolk Coastal (plans for Leiston and Felixstowe). UCS has a particular focus on providing skills to respond to business needs.</p>	Business needs study.

		Creation of the Institute for the Digital Economic Age (IDEA) at Martlesham. Company established and Director appointed.	
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2. Transforming Suffolk: learning & skills for the Future

Suffolk Coastal SCLSP priority outcome: Economy and skills

AC: possible Red 'Tag': Learning and developing appropriate skills to match future economic requirements

AC subject: Adult Skills and Wellbeing, Children and Young People

Suffolk Coastal 2021 key issue and priority outcomes:	Audit Commission “pen picture” of risks, comments & emerging evidence	Activity	Evidence
<p>Economy and Skills: Improve awareness of rural transport issues with relevant agencies at local, sub regional and regional levels.</p>	<p>Low satisfaction with public transport, especially in rural areas</p>	<p>A Suffolk County Council initiative is underway in the Wilford Peninsula to deliver a new demand responsive transport service to link to scheduled bus services and to provide greater flexibility in accessing a wide range of services. Focus Groups have been held and local consultation is underway to better understand local needs with a view to introducing changes in Summer 2009.</p> <p>SCC has identified Suffolk Coastal as an area for a district wide review of demand responsive transport starting in July 2009. An LSP pilot project to develop demand responsive transport to meet the needs of young people will be undertaken in an area around Aldeburgh, Saxmundham and Leiston at the same time.</p> <p>AONB Management Plan commitment to safeguard the Coastlink demand responsive transport project</p> <p>LDF looking to identify key public transport links and improved interchange arrangements and (with others) looking to support upgrade of East Suffolk line to hourly service.</p>	<p>Suffolk CC, Local Transport Team</p> <p>AONB Management Plan</p> <p>Emerging LDF</p>

	<p>Achievement at 'A' Level remains below national average</p>	<p>Variable attainment levels –Woodbridge/ Kesgrave lowest proportion NEETs Ambitious skills targets 14-19 Strategy – 40% to degree level in 3 years/ 60% in post 16 education Building Schools for the Future: Suffolk is expected to benefit by £600m worth of investment over the life of the programme. Suffolk is in Wave 6 which is the current programme, which comprises Ipswich and Felixstowe (the first areas in Suffolk to benefit). Some £150 million will be used to rebuild or refurbish the secondary and secondary age special schools and Pupil Referral Units in these areas, including 2 in Felixstowe. Building Schools for Future is not just about buildings – it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to transform the learning experience of Suffolk children and young people to benefit their futures. The District Council has a significant interest in the BSF Programme in terms of:</p> <p>Developing new learning opportunities for all the community Regeneration – greater focus on the skills agenda, e.g. renewable energy etc Local Development Framework – demographic implications if predicted housing growth Community integration – joint use of new sports and cultural facilities Potential co-location of public services, e.g. libraries, etc</p> <p>The BSF Programme is led by SCC as the LEA and the scheme managed through a BSF Board.</p> <p>SCDC is represented on the Board level for Wave 6</p>	<p>The BSF Programme led by SCC as the LEA and the scheme managed through a BSF Board.</p>
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<p>Economy and Skills: The maximum number of individuals will acquire employability skills</p>	<p>Workforce skills and qualifications below average (30% have none) with few 'knowledge workers' with too few construction/ language/ logistics/ culture skills</p>	<p>Workplace Skills & Qualifications score highest in Suffolk Integrated programme of employability skills (LSP project). Suffolk Acre leads this initiative and now has an Employment and Training Manager in Post (January 2009). Target cohort of 35 learners with individual learning plan agreed, 9 learners to date. Suffolk Coastal has reasonably high levels of working age people with higher, degree level qualifications. 42.8% of working age people have level 3 or above (=A level); and 25.6% have level 4 or higher (degree level). Our share of degree level (and above) qualifications is really pretty good. Information on skills in the district has been explained to consultants currently doing the Employment Land Review so that they can make recommendations for employment land allocations according to the real needs of the district in terms of economic demand, skills issues, sector trends and deprivation to provide the physical infrastructure for a balanced and prosperous rural economy.</p>	<p>Local Futures (composite indicator)</p>
<p>Economy and Skills: Explore, increase and improve access to routes out of poverty for adults</p>	<p>Levels of prosperity are low with below average incomes</p>	<p>Average total income in 2005/6 in top quartile nationally Work with UCS to achieve LEAP point in Leiston Library and Childrens Centre and a LEAP centre in Felixstowe. To be in place by end march 2010. Integrated programme of employability skills (LSP project). Employment and Training Manager in Post (January 2009). Target cohort of 35 learners with individual learning plan agreed, 9 learners to date.</p>	<p>Local Futures</p>
<p>Economy and Skills: Better links between</p>	<p>Achievement at 'A' Level remains below national average</p>	<p>LSP project - Strategic collaboration between education and business set up employer forums to explore how best they</p>	<p>LSP project monitoring.</p>

<p>businesses, employers, education providers and young people to raise awareness of opportunities available and raise aspirations of young people Integrate basic skills provision with other agencies and services</p> <p>Young people: Provide children and young people with the skills required by employers in the district.</p>	<p>Very low skill base with some educational attainment problems particularly at KS2. Attainment levels falling generally but KS3/ KS4 for BME children in bottom quartile performance</p>	<p>can work with local schools to support young people. Each forum focus on sectors appropriate to the local economy, namely Construction, Engineering, Creative Media, Health and Social Care and Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism. It is recognised that IT is cross cutting across each and every sector.</p> <p>The forums develop a programme of activity for young people aged 14-16 that focuses on enterprise, job skills preparation and mentoring to assist in their preparation for their future adult working life.</p> <p>The project relies on collaboration of a number of key partners – young people, schools, employers and community organisation. The outcomes contribute to local, county and national strategies.</p> <p>Leiston High School has agreed the accreditation units for their Vocational Pathways and EBP have submitted to Open College Network for formal accreditation. Leiston students are now working toward formal accreditation and once they have some completed portfolios of work they can encourage other schools to follow suit.</p> <p>SuffolkSkillz event (www.suffolkskillz.co.uk). Cross cutting across industry sectors. SuffolkSkillz event held at BT 30th March, 1st and 2nd April. Suffolk Coastal schools invited to attend as major employers involved from across Suffolk Coastal including Suffolk Constabulary, Port, Milsoms Hotel, and BT. 150 students attended over Year groups 7, 9 and 11 from Orwell, Deben, Kesgrave, Farlingaye. Likely to become an</p>	
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		<p>annual event. Looking to see if units of accreditation can be mapped to this event as an additional output.</p> <p>Plan to agree an effective information sharing and learner referral system to identify basic skills need and fill the gap Proportion of students gaining 5+ GCSEs grade A*-C has been in top 3 in Suffolk for 10 years to 2007</p>	
	Possible access problems for migrant children in rural areas	A demand responsive transport initiative targeted at improving accessibility for young people will start around the Leiston, Aldeburgh & Saxmundham area, building on previous service mapping, stakeholder involvement and resultant information campaign delivered through the SCLSP in 2007-08.	LSP project monitoring
	Low provision of higher education and research;	Creation of the Institute for the Digital Economic Age (IDEA) at Martlesham. Company established and Director appointed. Work with UCS to achieve LEAP point in Leiston Library and Childrens Centre and a LEAP centre in Felixstowe. To be in place by end march 2010.	
	Insufficient work related training and post 16 opportunities for CYP with learning difficulties	Children's Trust action plan to address participation of 17 year olds in education or training	
		Good record of Sure Start delivery;	

3. Transforming Suffolk priority: Greenest County

Transforming Suffolk priority: A prosperous & vibrant economy

Suffolk Coastal SCLSP priority outcome: Climate change and the environment

AC: sustainable communities

AC: Green 'Tag': Maintaining the natural environment

Suffolk Coastal 2021 key issue and priority outcome	Audit Commission “pen picture” of risks, comments & emerging evidence	Activity	Evidence
	<p>Felixstowe Port projected growth of 50% - 60% with pressure on road infrastructure;</p> <p>High traffic on main trunk roads A12/A14 with heavy congestion especially due to Felixstowe freight;</p>	<p>Improvements agreed as part of Felixstowe South reconfiguration include proposed rail freight corridor to midlands and road improvements at Copdock. Support for 4 village by-pass on A12 and SCC study into lorry parking on A14.</p> <p>rail freight proposed corridor to Midlands Haven Gateway Partnership strongly promoting upgrade of Felixstowe to Nuneaton rail corridor.</p> <p>Highways Agency investing in traffic information / management on A14 to address congestion issues.</p>	<p>Local Transport Plan</p> <p>Emerging Local Development Framework</p> <p>Haven Gateway Integrated Development Plan</p>
	<p>Investment in road infrastructure not sufficient</p>	<p>Suffolk CC transport modelling being undertaken to substantiate future investment needs, especially A14 / Ipswich area.</p> <p>Network Rail investment and support for East Suffolk Rail line improvements as alternative.</p>	<p>Suffolk CC</p>
<p>Economy & skills:</p>	<p>Satisfaction with public transport,</p>	<p>Use of community transport has increased significantly in</p>	

<p>Improved awareness of rural transport issues with relevant agencies at local, sub-regional and regional levels</p> <p>Young people: Improve the community transport system for young people in the district</p>	<p>especially in rural areas; Transport in rural areas relatively poor;</p>	<p>recent years and bus patronage continues to rise against a national trend of decline.</p> <p>A demand responsive transport initiative led by SCC in Wilford Peninsula is underway, including a more targeted use of scheduled/flexible feeder services to increase the attractiveness of the passenger transport offer.</p> <p>A demand responsive transport initiative targeted at improving accessibility for young people will start around the Leiston, Aldeburgh & Saxmundham area, building on previous service mapping, stakeholder involvement and resultant information campaign delivered through the SCLSP in 2007-08.</p> <p>Suffolk Coastal, Ipswich Eastern Fringe and Felixstowe / Trimleys transport study commissioned by SCC</p> <p>LDF combined transport and infrastructure studies in main growth points.</p> <p>Relevant policies in LDF Core Strategy</p>	
	<p>Projected problems with waste and sewerage because of projected growth in houses and jobs (58.5k);</p>	<p>LDF - consultation with service providers will identify requirements and implications for phasing / funding new and improved provision (with other local authorities where facilities are shared).</p> <p>Haven Gateway Water Cycle Strategy – infrastructure studies commissioned for Felixstowe and Ipswich Policy Area to identify requirements for projected levels of growth.</p> <p>Domestic waste per head declining in Suffolk Coastal and percentage of waste reused and recycled increasing.</p>	<p>Emerging LDF</p> <p>Haven Gateway Water Cycle Strategy</p>
<p>Climate change and</p>		<p>Well maintained coast and heaths and AONB;</p>	

<p>the environment Safeguard enhance and manage the distinctive high quality landscape and biodiversity of the district.</p>		<p>Biodiversity Partnership Action Plan Green space managed for ecological interest (£16.5m) awarded to Haven Gateway Partnership over 3 years LSP support for parish councils and community groups developing community biodiversity action plans & promote good practice.</p> <p>AONB management plan commitment to promoting the concept of reducing carbon emissions to local communities.</p> <p>Task group to be initiated to investigate impacts of climate change on AONB landscape, habitats & species</p>	<p>LSP monitoring</p> <p>AONB Management Plan</p>
	<p>landfill capacity now at its limit in Great Blakenham;</p>	<p>Waste and recycling performance consistently good and improving across the county Waste to Energy scheme agreed in principal across most partners (2014)</p>	
<p>Climate change and the environment Reducing energy wastage and cutting carbon emissions</p>		<p>County-wide car sharing scheme/ good travel to work plans (achieving LAA target);</p> <p>Climate change speaker training being run for community group representatives and LSP funding being provided to support newly or recently reformed community groups address climate change and to help support environmental awareness raising events.</p> <p>DIY insulation pilot being run in Greener Fram.</p> <p>SEAL providing ongoing advice and support to local communities and individuals keen to reduce their carbon emissions through solar thermal bulk buy or energy</p>	<p>LSP Monitoring</p>

		efficiency measures.	
Climate change and the environment Reducing energy wastage and cutting carbon emissions		C-Red for Suffolk working with businesses to reduce carbon footprint; Funding to support an additional Business Energy Advisor for Suffolk Coastal on a 2-year contract secured from mid 2009/10	
		Partners dealing with litter on A14 and around waterfront in Ipswich;	
Climate change and the environment Prepare for changes in the climate	Water stressed county;	Regional Water Partnership – consultancy for developers on flood plains; Haven Gateway Water cycle Strategy 29 attendees at environment & business focus group. C change coastal – climate active workshop, plus Young People’s forum event, and Greenprint forum event. Public speaking training shaped around Climate Change – Rated good/excellent by 16 attendees “Very useful advice and very interesting speakers and delegates” 3 communities signed up as pilots, 2 with action plans (through C-Red) & capacity for more Training for SCLSP partners due at Forum in autumn 2009.	Haven Gateway Water cycle Strategy LSP Monitoring
Climate change and the environment Prepare for changes in the climate	Some areas prone to coastal erosion and flooding with some smaller settlements at risk;	Coastal initiative involving both coastal districts, county, Environment Agency, Natural England, EEDA, SCHU & GO East to develop integrated planning & management of the coastal zone. Pilot project being launched to take forward ICZM approach	

<p>Coastal and estuary management</p>		<p>on the Alde & Ore Estuary. Deben estuary partnership established to take forward a joint approach to estuary management involving national agencies, local government & local communities. Initial work targeted to working with supporting and enabling landowners to manage their own sea walls. Stour/Orwell Estuary Group to consult on new Estuary Management Strategy during spring/early summer.</p>	
	<p>High levels of second homes (absent owners) has impact on viability of local amenities such as post offices, shops and pubs;</p>	<p>LDF policies ensure tourist accommodation is used for holiday lets – not second home. Emerging settlement hierarchy to encourage service providers to concentrate services in larger centres and allow growth of smaller settlements with aspirations for sustainable growth.</p>	<p>SCDC Planning</p>

4. Transforming Suffolk priority: **SAFE, Healthy, Inclusive Communities**

Suffolk Coastal SCLSP priority outcome: Healthier lives for all, Strong, supportive communities

AC: Community Safety, Sustainable communities

AC: potential **Green 'Tag'**: Keeping people safe in some key aspects of crime;

AC: potential **'Green 'Tag'**: Handling resilience and emergency planning;

Suffolk Coastal 2021 key issue and priority outcome	Audit Commission “pen picture” of risks, comments & emerging evidence	Activity	Evidence
Community safety	Night-time economy first priority/ ASB a concern in some wards with alcohol related crime escalating particularly in Woodbridge	<p>No hotspots for the night time economy in coastal, though Felixstowe is significant.</p> <p>Woodbridge has a very strong Night Safe Partnership which is more proactive than in other areas of the district. This has resulted in a lot of positive action being taken against perpetrator of disorder in licensed properties and the introduction of Street Pastors.</p> <p>Alcohol designation areas created in Leiston, Felixstowe, Martlesham, Kesgrave, Wickham Market, Framlingham, Saxmundham and Woodbridge.</p> <p>Low perception of anti-social behaviour as a problem (Place Survey)</p> <p>Community Safety Partnership in Coastal engaged in a range of youth diversionary schemes.</p> <p>Community Safety Partnership is below family group average – i.e. performance has improved and crime rate dropped.</p>	Place survey Analysis by SPARSE

	<p>Specific risks relating to 2 nuclear power stations at Sizewell and Felixstowe container port</p>	<p>Sizewell emergency planning consultative committee comprises all response agencies and the Power Station. Suffolk Resilience Forum Plan being redrafted during 2009-10. Sizewell Stakeholders Group has held a public meeting in Saxmundham.</p> <p>Felixstowe Calor terminal Major incident Plan. However, terminal now empty.</p> <p>Other various incident plans for the Port coordinated by the Suffolk resilience Forum.</p> <p>District Council has Port Health office based at the Port.</p> <p>Joint Emergency Planning Unit Officer hosted by the District Council.</p> <p>LDF Policies limit development within specific zones around power stations.</p> <p>Decommissioning fund support for Heritage Coast Market Towns Project to deliver socio-economic renewal within the three market towns of Leiston, Saxmundham and Aldeburgh, and their immediate surrounding areas. A Project Co-ordinator has been appointed</p>	<p>www.suffolkresilience.com</p>
<p>Coastal and estuary management Climate change</p>	<p>50 miles of coastline with coastal protection and flooding being major problems – Coastal Erosion Strategy by Environment Agency is ‘no</p>	<p>Coastal Zone initiative with Environment Agency to address erosion/ flooding; As above.</p> <p>Estuary Flood Risk Strategies being produced.</p>	<p>Integrated Coastal Zone Management initiative</p>

<p>and the environment Prepare for changes in the climate Safeguard, enhance and manage the distinctive high quality landscape and biodiversity.</p>	<p>active intervention' in some places</p>	<p>Shoreline Management Plan under review, public consultation summer 2009. Outcomes will be related to coastal zone initiative.</p> <p>Blyth Estuary – 2 District councils, Environment Agency and Natural England working with local landowners and community group to facilitate the improvements to the river walls.</p> <p>SCDC, EA, NE working with individual householder to trial innovative soft coastal defence works.</p>	
	<p>High numbers of vulnerable children</p>	<p>Organisational Development plans for force with focus on prevention and detection/ child protection/ domestic violence and community safety Plans to create a new Protective Services Department;</p>	
<p>Community Safety Anti-social behaviour - Giving young people a stake in their communities Effective and efficient ASB casework Young People: Provide a balanced activity programme for children and</p>	<p>Transition between school and adulthood a major concern for vulnerable young people ASB attributable to lack of facilities for cyp. There is a potential link between incidences of anti social behaviour and a lack of facilities available for young people</p>	<p>A wide range of activities have been developed for young people, some specifically known to the police for anti social behaviour e.g. fishing, Operation Camouflage</p> <p>Other projects which are also available within the district for all young people to access include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle skills and play area at Rendlesham Forest based on the outcomes within the Play strategy • Cluster bus mobile youth club • Forest Fest leading to bush craft and Operation Forest activity weeks • Xtremefest developing the opportunities for participation in non-main stream sports 	<p>CSP / LSP monitoring</p>

<p>young people throughout the year.</p> <p>Increase activity provision for hard to reach groups in the district.</p> <p>Provide children and young people with the skills they require by employers in the district</p>			
<p>Housing</p>	<p>Offenders access to accom & support</p>	<p>Community Safety Partnership funds 3rd sector to provide support, especially for PPO's. Has been identified as best practice.</p>	<p>Suffolk Coastal CSP</p>
<p>Community Safety</p> <p>Alcohol and substance misuse - Education and harm reduction</p>	<p>Drug participants in treatment</p>	<p>Low figures for possession or trafficking in Coastal. Alcohol is a priority and the Community Safety Partnership continue to work with Pubwatch, & licensed premises to reduce alcohol misuse and disorder and engaging in high profile alcohol education programme</p> <p>Received Home Office grant for alcohol related partnership activity to deliver road shows in schools across district. Orwell and Deben high schools year 9 & 10 delivered.</p>	<p>Suffolk Coastal CSP</p>
<p>Community Safety</p> <p>Economy and</p>	<p>Support for offenders not strong – re-offending an issue</p>	<p>Number of families identified (re-offending) with plans for each</p> <p>Good preventative work with young offenders</p>	

<p>Skills Maximum number of individuals will acquire employability skills</p>		<p>Developing a program for delivering an integrated programme of employability skills open to PPOs. CSP held workshop sessions at the LSP Annual Forum to raise awareness of issues around rehabilitating offenders back into the community.</p>	<p>LSP monitoring</p>
	<p>Suffolk not reached its LAA target in crime reduction (down by 9.7% target was 18.5%) but Waveney target exceeded it</p>	<p>Suffolk is one of the safest counties in the country (8th in January 2009) High rate of public confidence Performance good – assault/ burglary/ vehicle crime and stable performance with serious acquisitive crime but less impressive in Ipswich</p> <p>Although target not reached in 2008, crime has continued to decrease and the Community Safety Partnership reached the target set in 2004 to reduce BCS comparator crime by 12.5% by showing a reduction of 14% in Coastal by end April 09.</p>	
<p>Community Safety Domestic abuse – building confidence in victims of abuse Effective perpetrator intervention Raising awareness Education for young people</p>	<p>Although Below average rates for domestic violence, high numbers of historic cases reported</p>	<p>No evidence of increase from economic recession The CSP work with staff from SCC domestic violence program and have funded the Freedom Program working with DV offenders and on awareness raising publicity.</p>	
<p>Community Development Ensure</p>	<p>Gaps in partnership “intelligence” at neighbourhood level</p>	<p>53 parishes in Coastal have completed a Parish Plan (42.% of total). 24 more are underway and 1 more expressed interest in undertaking a plan. (31/03/09).</p>	<p>Suffolk Acre</p>

<p>communities are inclusive and raise the quality of life for Suffolk Coastal's residents</p>		<p>5 Safer Neighbourhood Teams are well supported by various organisations including County, District and Town & Parish Councils across Suffolk Coastal. This has brought a multi agency problem solving approach to addressing crime and disorder matters in the community.</p> <p>LSP supported project led to increased number of completed parish plans in Coastal.</p> <p>Outcomes from all parish plans analysed against LSP priorities.</p>	
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5. Transforming Suffolk priority: Safe, HEALTHY, Inclusive Communities

Suffolk Coastal SCLSP priority outcome: Healthier lives for all

AC: Sustainable communities

Suffolk Coastal 2021 key issue and priority outcome	Audit Commission “pen picture” of risks, comments & emerging evidence	Activity	Evidence
<p>Support for vulnerable people to live independent lives in their community</p> <p>Healthier lives for all</p>	<p>Dementia hike predicted particularly in Suffolk Coastal</p>	<p>District Council supports provision of 6 very sheltered housing schemes (156 flats) in last 12 years, 3 of which have specific facilities for people with dementia.</p> <p>The District Council website Health Improvement Pages are currently being updated and a section will be aimed at providing information and signposting older people to organisations that specialise in providing information, advice and direct services to Older People such as Age Concern Suffolk, Suffolk Carers and the Alzheimer’s Society.</p> <p>An older persons Champion has been identified and invited to become a member of the healthier Lives for All working Group</p> <p>Through the Healthier Lives for All LSP working group links exist between SCDC, the PCT and voluntary sector and through this group projects will be identified that will enable vulnerable people to live independent lives in the community</p>	<p>Health Improvement pages once launched end of June begin July 09</p> <p>Attendance at LSP meetings</p> <p>The National Dementia Strategy was published in Feb 2009; Suffolk PCT published in March 09 their Strategic Plan</p>

			2008-2013 containing twelve Strategic Initiatives one of which is Dementia.
<p>Support for vulnerable people to live independent lives in their community</p> <p>Healthier lives for all Agencies work together more effectively to ensure everyone has a decent home environment to live in.</p>	<p>Suffolk Coastal and Waveney have the highest population of people over 65</p>	<p>Focus on universal services for older people strong over past three years Involvement of a network of older people (POP) helps design services and identify need</p> <p>DC looking to meet needs of older people as part of 'Services for All' and is being picked up as a cross cutting issues in the scorecard review for priority of services.</p> <p>In July 09 the District Council Policy Development Task Group will be scoping work for providing for an aging population / community cohesion.</p> <p>Older people's representatives invited to participate in Focus Groups organised by SDA to look at access to Services in Coastal in 2008.</p> <p>Reduced number of winter deaths in older people. Work underway to raise awareness among agencies and professional of service and grants available in Coastal.</p> <p>LSP project in 2009 to identify 40 people at risk and receive support to get out of fuel poverty</p>	<p>SCDC Access to Services report</p> <p>SCDC "Services for all"</p>

		Mar 09 – warmer homes, better health workshop to raise awareness, inform about referral routes, & positively engage partners. Working with Home shield, SCDC Home Improvement Agency work and Handy Person Scheme – working with partners to refer for support & adaptations to reduce risk in the home.	
		Action Plan to move Learning Disabled clients out of nursing care by 2010;	
		Increased budget for community mental health;	
		Roll out of individualised budgets;	
		5 year CAMHS strategy 2008;	
		NHS Suffolk Strategic Plan - integrated sexual health service;	
		Service Level agreements being currently compiled for improving health inequalities in areas of need.	
Healthier lives for all	Hip fractures higher than average	Review of successful Health walks, GP referral scheme and chair based exercise referral schemes in Coastal underway (commence 2009). Better promotion of Chair based exercise classes in the community to improve stability and reduce falls. Programme of classes compiled and piloted over a three month period to see if this encourages an increase in the number of people attending classes	“Stepping out in Suffolk”
Healthier lives for all Vulnerable people, including those with mental health problems, are supported to live in and be part of a healthy,		The SCDC Health Improvement Pages are currently being updated and a section will be aimed at providing information and signposting people to organisations that specialise in providing information, advice and direct services to people who experience mental health and their carers.	Health Improvement pages once launched end of June begin July 09

inclusive community.			
<p>Young People Provide a balanced activity programme for children and young people throughout the year</p>	<p>Low levels of activity 16% children obese</p>	<p>A year round youth activity programme has being developed, building on the success of those activities organised in the district over the summer of 2008.</p> <p>The 2009 programme ensures better geographical coverage of the district, from the very north of the district down to Felixstowe in the south ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to access the activities at affordable prices.</p> <p>This diverse programme will involve partnership working between the District Council and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety Partnership • Forestry Commission • Rock Barracks • Alton Water • Police • Extended Schools • DC Leisure • Openwide International at The Spa Theatre • Local Sports Clubs <p>A partnership between the District Council and DC Leisure provides 4 leisure sites and puts funding into 2 joint use sites across the district which have a diverse programme including activities for young people.</p> <p>Coastal potato website provides information on activitie for young people in the district.</p> <p>Ensuring that a programme takes place in SCDC area (one is currently running)</p>	

		<p>And Promoting the MEND Programme (Mind Exercise, Nutrition, DO, IT) a weight management programme aimed at 7 to 11 year olds through the Health Improvement web pages.</p> <p>Promoting Healthy Ambitions, Suffolk Children's Challenge through Link on the SCDC website</p>	
		Highest level of life expectancy in Martlesham, etc...	
Support for vulnerable people to live independent lives in their communities	Deterioration of no of people helped to live at home	<p>Very successful Helping Hand Home Improvement Agency in Coastal. Includes renovation grant aid targeted specifically at older and vulnerable households.</p> <p>Handy Person Scheme / Small Repairs Service funded by District Council.</p> <p>Part of Supporting people Suffolk Partnership, a significant amount of whose funding is going towards older people services.</p> <p>Old Age & How to live it – Age Concern & Church of England – pilot in Aldeburgh</p> <p>Health Walks encouraging physical activity but also reduced loneliness and isolation and provides signposting opportunity to information and access to services</p> <p>Promotion of chair based exercise reducing risks of falls and promoting independence.</p>	
	Unpaid carers	Young carers – represented at LSP YP group	
Healthier lives for all	Health & life expect smoking	Reduce risk taking behaviour – for both young people &	

		their parents or carers – pilot to be in Coastal , start planned by mid 2009 (county project must be in place), coastal high school project by end 2009	
Healthier lives for all	Health promotion	The Health Improvement Manager Role includes taking the lead role on the LSP Healthier Lives for All Working Group and to act as a conduit between NHS Suffolk (Suffolk PCT), SCDC and local voluntary and community groups as is a source of information, advice and access to other health professionals in regards to health promotion topics and areas of expertise.	

6. Transforming Suffolk priority: Safe, Healthy, **INCLUSIVE** Communities

Suffolk Coastal SCLSP priority outcome: Strong, supportive communities

AC: Sustainable communities

AC: Potential **Green 'Tag'**: Some aspects of culture

NB – also includes participation in culture, sport & recreational activities and volunteering

Suffolk Coastal 2021 key issue	Audit Commission “pen picture” of risks, comments & emerging evidence	Activity	Evidence
<p>Strong, supportive communities Undertake joint work in specific hotspots to tackle issues of deprivation in Saxmundham, Leiston and Felixstowe.</p>	<p>43 wards in 10% most deprived in England (17 in Waveney and Saxmundham) Aims to build stronger communities</p>	<p>Coastal Towns initiative above.</p> <p>Transport schemes above.</p> <p>‘Felixstowe futures’ aimed at driving regeneration in Felixstowe.</p> <p>Geographic focus for LSP activity in 2009/10 around Aldeburgh, Leiston and Saxmundham and the rurally isolated Wilford Peninsular</p> <p>New post secured to offer brokerage for volunteering recruitment and placement with Saxmundham, Leiston and Felixstowe. Post commences June 2009 from identified gaps via community consultation</p> <p>Suffolk Coastal Resource Network offers networking events & funding and development surgeries in those areas to VCS organisations and community groups to identify gaps,</p> <p>Benefits awareness days organised by the District council in Felixstowe and Saxmundham.</p>	
<p>Strong, supportive</p>	<p>Responsive community leadership</p>	<p>NI7 has not been taken up as county or local indicator, but</p>	<p>SCRN</p>

<p>communities</p> <p>Ensure the voluntary and community sector (VCS) in Coastal has the skills, governance and capacity to deliver local services.</p> <p>Increase volunteering opportunities in Coastal and raise the quality of life for Suffolk Coastal residents...</p>		<p>the SCRN provides funding and development surgeries and one-to-one support to frontline groups to ensure capacity development. Over 100 groups were assisted in 2008/09.</p> <p>Gap identified in brokerage of volunteering opportunities within Saxmundham, Aldeburgh, Leiston, Woodbridge and Felixstowe. New post created and funded for a year to cover this. Evidence of more working age adults coming forward to volunteer.</p> <p>C- change Coastal project to identify and support six communities to take action on climate change.</p> <p>See references to Estuary partnerships & Alde/Ore Project above.</p>	<p>monitoring reports</p>
<p>Strong and supportive communities</p>	<p>60% of population lives in 6% of area (large % of elderly in rural isolation and in poverty);</p>	<p>Very successful Helping Hand Home Improvement Agency in Coastal. Includes renovation grant aid targeted specifically at older and vulnerable households.</p> <p>SCRN gives support to community organisations wishing to address gaps in services such as the need for parish nurses and support clubs for older people. The Rural Coffee Caravan for example, provides rural outreach to support communities within villages with no village hall.</p> <p>Volunteering Co-ordinator post to broker more volunteering opportunities.</p>	
<p>Support for vulnerable people to live independent lives in their communities</p>	<p>Decline in population in some areas – loss of local amenities (shops/ pubs). Isolation is a real issue for those in poverty;</p>	<p>LDF – emerging settlement hierarchy to encourage service providers to concentrate services in larger centres and allow growth of smaller settlements with aspirations for sustainable growth.</p>	<p>SCDC access to services evidence & report</p>

<p>Access to services</p>		<p>SCC and SCDC are aware of rural deprivation issues in the district and in response are actively promoting public transport services that are more responsive to people's needs so that they may access public services more easily.</p> <p>Responsive transport initiative above. Cluster Bus.</p> <p>Suffolk Coasts & Heaths Community Transport, CATS,</p> <p>The Rural Coffee Caravan provides rural outreach to support communities within villages with no village hall. Suffolk Coastal Resource Network & faith groups support communities.</p> <p>Suffolk Acre – OCS Report on rural deprivation (based on IMDb) event Stratford St Andrew.</p> <p>The District Council is working hard to address issues arising from rural isolation and meeting the needs of both older and younger residents particularly in the north of the district. It is doing so through transport and other initiatives and is using the tourist information centres (TIC) throughout the district to provide some services.”</p>	<p>Access to Services Report p4, 23, 25, 27 SCDC Access to Services report 2008</p>
	<p>Ranks 4th out of 53 sub-regions for high population of people from abroad (US/ Eastern Europeans). 4,500 Migrant workers per year</p>	<p>Suffolk Coastal is lead partner on the Community Cohesion and Inclusion Delivery Partnership to promote a customer focus amongst public sector providers to improve fair treatment in accessing services and promote fairness in employment for all, particularly to improve the opportunities and treatment of marginalised groups.</p> <p>Focus group for migrant workers organised by SDA to look</p>	<p>SSP Delivery partnership draft action plan.</p> <p>SCDC access</p>

		at access to services in coastal in 2008. Research and feedback suggested that high proportion of migrant workers are internet users so District Council worked with META to translate sections of its website.	to services evidence & report
	Voluntary and community sector deployment requires review;	Pilot - New groups starter pack from SCRN now going to be rolled across county plus training for key workers in the VCS. Sustainable infrastructure support for 600+ VCS organisations in the district being sought.	Use AC vfm & 3 rd sector report Laura Beardsell Moore report
	Fuel poverty & lack of gas	Investigating alternative heating mechanisms that are more cost effective (e.g. Whenaston – solar heating and improved insulation measures including a bulk purchase of insulation materials to attract larger discount).	Suffolk Coastal DC
	Volunteering in sports performance is poor	Disability Sports Academy (Optua) Across Suffolk Coastal there is an increase in volunteering within Sports from the first Active People survey to the second, from a base of 5.3% of the population volunteering at least one hour per week or 7.2% which is an increase of 1.9%. Whilst this is below the national average, it is increasing which is a positive sign.	Active People survey

7. Transforming Suffolk cross-cutting priority: Affordable, quality housing for all (A Prosperous and Vibrant Economy, Safe, Healthy, INCLUSIVE Communities)

Suffolk Coastal SCLSP priority outcome:

AC: Delivering a vibrant and prosperous economy

AC: Potential **Red 'Tag'**: Providing affordable housing to match need

Suffolk Coastal 2021 key issue	Audit Commission “pen picture” of risks, comments & emerging evidence	Activity	Evidence
	Affordable housing needs not being met and assessed as 34%	<p>SCDC exceeded its target for affordable homes delivered in 2008-09. The District target within the Local Plan is 24% of overall housing requirement but because not all sites could sustain that level its for 1 in 3 on sites over 3 units in smaller settlements and 1 in 3 on sites over 6 units in major centres and towns. This is supplemented by exceptions policy of 100% affordable housing in smaller settlements with identified specific need. Delivery is affected by a wide range of issues.</p> <p>In addition SCDC currently has lower than average numbers of homelessness as a result of rigorous Homelessness Prevention activity.</p>	Quarterly performance report
	30% rural social housing in poor condition and 6% have no central heating – fuel poverty high levels (no gas in rural areas)	This is not the case in the Suffolk Coastal District. Only 5.4% of the housing stock owned by Suffolk Heritage HA, the major social housing provider in this District does not meet the Decent Homes standard. SHHA owns 80% of the total social housing stock in the District - 5075 out of 6,300 homes. In addition, the majority of the other social housing has been constructed in the last 30 years and it is therefore safe to assume is in a similar condition.	

		In addition, only 250 of SHHA's homes (3.9% of the total social housing stock) do not meet the thermal comfort standard.	
	2nd highest level of fuel poverty in the region with no gas in most rural locations – accessibility a key issue	District Council has a fuel poverty strategy with extensive action plan in place. NI 187 returns show us to be 4 th in Suffolk for fuel poverty. Our returns are very similar to Forest Heath and Mid Suffolk where there are similarly low levels of houses on mains gas.	NI187 returns

8. Transforming Suffolk cross-cutting priority: Access & opportunities for all (Safe, Healthy, INCLUSIVE Communities)

Suffolk Coastal SCLSP priority outcome: access to services, Healthier lives for all

AC: Potential **Red 'Tag'**: Access to services and opportunities

Suffolk Coastal 2021 key issue	Audit Commission “pen picture” of risks, comments & emerging evidence	Activity	Evidence
Living in a rural area presents opportunities, not barriers, to accessing <u>all</u> services, including health and social care.	Accessibility particularly in rural areas	Recognised as a key cross cutting priority by the LSP. LSP Board has agreed that Access to Services should be a focus for action planning, delivery and funding for the next year.	LSP Board April 09
	Effective involvement of service users including minority groups	The District Council uses information about ethnic minority groups; and young people through statistics and its own engagement processes. In addition, the Council makes use of the 'Suffolk Speaks' citizen panel, and its own research in support of budget decisions. The Council can be sure that services are meeting the needs of their customers in a non-discriminatory way”	SCDC Access to services report Suffolk Speaks