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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 	<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</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 	<p>As part of our work on skills we commissioned West Suffolk College (WSC) to up-skill tutors to assess skills needed among employers Skills Group</p> <p>As part of our Bridging the skills gap priority we gave £20,000 to the University West Suffolk Campus feasibility study.</p> <p>We joined the campaign to bring forward the dualling of the A11 between Mildenhall and Thetford. We wrote letters to the two MP’s, Dept of transport, EEDA, and Suffolk CC to encourage action to enable the dualling to take place in the near</p>	<p>This is now a fully sustained project (PMR and Champions Report)</p> <p>Project completed (PMR and Champions Report)</p> <p>Will start early 2010.</p>

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<p>markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce economic inequalities across the county • Transport and infrastructure to support sustainable economic growth 	<p style="color: green;">maintain and enhance the Prosperity of our rural areas.</p> <p style="color: green;">We will promote opportunities for people to develop the skills they need.</p> <p style="text-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 style="text-align: center;"><u>Western Suffolk</u></p> <p style="color: green;">Enable a prosperous, sustainable economy</p>	<p>Stowmarket area;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher than average number of disability claimants in Ipswich and Waveney. • 40% more debt referrals to CAB in Ipswich; 	<p>future.</p> <p>The Young Carers project identified many school children who were 'secret' carers of parents or guardians who were excessive alcohol users. The project provided support once identified.</p> <p>Our new priority to promote alcohol awareness among employers may help to reduce absenteeism and improve productivity</p> <p>A small group met on 6 April to discuss the possible actions from the results from the economic summit held on 4 December in</p>	<p>Improved lives of children. (PMR and Champions Report)</p> <p>We expect new projects under this scheme in the coming year</p> <p>£50,000 made available for projects to start</p>

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	Encourage sustainable tourism		Ipswich. It was decided that we should concentrate on Advice and Information, development of credit unions, apprenticeships and skills, support for voluntary organisations, including funding surgeries. It was decided to carry out a very quick audit of these types of services to find service gaps	soon
<p>2. Learning and Skills for the Future</p> <p>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</p>	<p><u>Babergh East</u></p> <p>A workforce with the skills to meet the needs of Suffolk's economy</p> <p><u>Western Suffolk</u></p> <p>Improve skills and learning</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 construction/ language/ 	<p>One of our priorities is to encourage achievement in children and young people. The WOS-UP project which will start in April will visit a number of sites in Forest Heath and West Babergh to contact 'hard to reach' young people to give advice, signposting, play</p>	<p>This scheme has been very effective in St Edmundsbury and results from the</p>

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<p>prosperity to them, their families and communities</p> <p align="center">Outcome:</p> <p>Suffolk – Learning and skills levels in the top quartile in the country</p> <p align="center">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 	<p align="center">opportunities.</p> <p align="center"><u>Suffolk Coastal</u></p> <p>Economy, learning and skills – we will investigate ways to maintain and enhance the Prosperity of our rural areas.</p> <p align="center">We will promote opportunities for people to develop the skills they need.</p> <p align="center"><u>Waveney</u></p> <p>Enable children and young people to reach their full potential</p>	<p>logistics/ culture skills (NEET statistics are high);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declining schools standards; 	<p>sports and use laptops to encourage greater aspiration and reduce anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Another priority is finding innovative ways to raise aspirations among young people. The YAWS project will work with VCS groups to encourage more participation in volunteering by young people and eventually increase their skills.</p> <p>A start will be made soon to carry out research on the skills needs among small businesses in West Suffolk. This will be completed in July and as a result of this research work will</p>	<p>new scheme will be available in October.</p> <p>This is a new scheme which will be evaluated in March 2010.</p> <p>This is a new project and the results of research will be known in</p>

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realise them through quality learning Opportunities			<p>commence in business parks in Forest Heath to help skills training to commence within the park area.</p> <p>We were also fully involved in the development of the Suffolk Skills and Learning Plan having a workshop to discuss its development during consultation.</p>	<p>July 2009 and an evaluation of training programmes in March 2010</p> <p>The Plan is now complete and will be presented to our Skills Action group in May.</p>
<p>3. Greenest County Suffolk wants to be an exemplar in tackling climate</p>	<p><u>One Ipswich</u> Create a better environment for people in Ipswich</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Felixstowe Port growth of 50% - 60% with pressure on road infrastructure; 	<p>A workshop on climate change was held in March 2008, which produced priorities for action.</p>	<p>These have been incorporated into an Action</p>

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<p>change and protecting and enhancing its natural and historic environment</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Outcome</p> <p>Suffolk – the county with the greatest reduction in carbon emissions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce Suffolk’s carbon footprint and adapt to the changing climate can geography 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Western Suffolk</u> protect our natural and built environment and local biodiversity, and ensure sustainable development</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mid Suffolk</u> Environmental Heritage</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Waveney</u> Attractive communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Satisfaction with public transport, especially in rural areas; Projected problems with waste and sewerage because of projected growth in houses and jobs (58.5k); High traffic on main trunk roads A12/A14 with heavy congestion especially due to Felixstowe freight; 	<p>Initiatives for warmer homes have been established with two training courses to help home visitors to recognise fuel poverty. A small grants scheme has also been established with grants of £80 to reduce costs for people not on benefits wishing to insulate their homes.</p> <p>Through our community chest two small grants were made to the Green Light Trust and Red Lodge Conservation Society for environmental projects.</p>	<p>Plan. (CCAP on website)</p> <p>Over 100 hundred people have been trained. (PMR and Champions Report)</p> <p>A new woodland was set up in Great Barton and an area of natural woodland</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain enhance and value Suffolk' natural and historic environment 			<p>The campaign to bring forward the dualling of the A11 between Mildenhall and Thetford brought forward the start of work to early 2010. This will have an effect on pollution in the area as the queue of traffic (sometimes 8 miles long) cause a heavy build up of petrol and diesel fumes.</p> <p>The Fuel Poverty has been described above.</p>	<p>in Red Lodge</p> <p>Results of reduced pollution on Suffolk will not be known until the new road is fully embedded into the transport system.</p> <p>Should result in a reduction of fuel consumption</p>
<p>4 (a) Safe Communities</p>	<p><u>One Ipswich</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High numbers of vulnerable 	<p>As part of our aim to</p>	<p>Lesley</p>

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<p>Suffolk needs all people to be kept safe from harm,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Outcome</p> <p>Suffolk – A place where everyone is safe no matter who they are or where they live</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce crime and disorder • Reduce fear of crime • People and communities are • safeguarded from harm 	<p style="text-align: center;">People keep safe</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Everyone should have a roof over their head</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mid Suffolk</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Less crime and disorder</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Waveney</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Safer Stronger and Sustainable 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</p>	<p>children;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 issue; • Racially and religiously aggravated crime above average in Ipswich; • Violence in a public place increased in Ipswich and Newmarket – alcohol related crime; 	<p>promote alcohol awareness in schools, we funded a project for the Theatre Royal to make drama presentations to upper schools in West Suffolk. Theatre Royal productions were held in 6 schools with 391 students taking part. Full evaluation available on request. 19 pages of positive comments from students at Bury County Upper School were received.</p>	<p>Turner, who is the Head of Performing Arts at Sudbury Upper School, has only praise for this project which she considered was pitched at the right level for the students. The evaluation report shows a marked</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimise impact the impact from drugs and alcohol on communities 	<p>contribute to the community and want to live.</p> <p>Western Suffolk Make Western Suffolk a safer place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; 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 	<p>Turn up and Play has been funded for two years and will be funded for the third year in summer 2009. There is no pre-booking or cost so it enables children to more easily participate and reduce anti-social behaviour. The numbers in 2008 were increased on 2007, except in Babergh. Numbers in Babergh were 42 (decrease from 122) in St Edmundsbury were 679 (increase from 549) in Forest Heath were 358</p>	<p>change in perception from those who saw the performance. (PMR)</p> <p>(PMR) (Champions Report)</p>

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		<p>Neighbourhood Policing 'Fair' – new model now proposed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Agency is 'no active intervention'; • 	<p>(increase from 107) Overall 1079 (PMR)</p> <p>Young Carers has been mentioned above.</p> <p>The Prolific Offenders Scheme targets people who become violent as a result of alcohol abuse. They are identified by police and by West Suffolk hospital A & E and referred to treatment to reduce alcohol consumption and eventually reduce their offending. In July the Suffolk Constabulary appointed a full time police officer to the post of Prolific Offender Coordinator working with a</p>	<p>This scheme will help safer communities</p> <p>(PMR and Champions Report)</p>

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			<p>multi agency service to POPOs in the Western Area. The team provide a coherent package of interventions and effective rehabilitation in order to reduce crime, and protect the public. There are currently 45 prolific offenders of which 40% (18) are in custody. There are 14 offenders subject to rehabilitate and resettlement plans. On release POPO's are offered accomodation and help to rehabilitate.</p> <p>Training Door and Bar staff has been undertaken to improve the knowledge and confidence among staff to identify early signs of and better deal with people</p>	<p>PMR</p>

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			<p>drinking to excess. Level 1 qualifications 'Responsible Alcohol Retailing' achieved by 113 Bar Staff. 52 Door staff trained in 'Practical Safe Search and Seizure'. 118 Education and course packs have been installed in premises</p> <p>West Suffolk College alcohol awareness project has held 18 courses for students An evaluation will be conducted by WSC when scheme finishes in summer 2009. 324 students attended 18 courses. A further 120 students are booked on courses for Spring and summer term</p> <p>We have helped the SOS</p>	<p>PMR and Champions Report</p> <p>This</p>

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			<p>Bus project to fit out the bus for operational use and to develop funding for its use and maintenance in Newmarket and other night time economy hot spots.</p> <p>During the past two years we have funded 85 retail visits have been made to test under-age sales of alcohol. Areas targeted based on intelligence were: 1 operation in Newmarket, 2 in Bury, 2 in Brandon and Mildenhall, 3 in Haverhill, and 3 in Sudbury and 1 in long Melford. 28 sales taking place - equating to 33% sale rate. Actual</p>	<p>project has yet to become operational but a similar project in Norwich has proved successful.</p> <p>PMR and Champions Report)</p>

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			reduction in sales achieved in the year was 67%. The visits were a mixture of off and on licences. Those who fail are given penalty notices and sent for training	
<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 	<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</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 	<p>The Theatre Royal drama presentations mentioned above include health aspects of alcohol to improve general health and longer life.</p> <p>We are evaluating physical activity on referral among</p>	<p>Greater awareness should help to reduce alcohol consumption and improve health. (PMR and Champions Report)</p> <p>(PMR and Champions</p>

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<p>pursue a healthy lifestyle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the gap in health inequalities 	<p>of smoking, limited exercise and obesity.</p> <p><u>Waveney</u> Adults and Healthier Communities - our vision is for people in 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><u>Western Suffolk</u> Alleviate poverty and reduce health inequalities</p>	<p>children and young people – low numbers of 'Healthy Schools';</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulatory disease, cancer and respiratory disease identified as main causes of death; • 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 	<p>500 people in Forest Heath The results will help to enhance this project and encourage GP's to use this scheme in other parts of West Suffolk</p> <p>Our initiatives for warmer homes and reducing fuel poverty are mentioned above</p> <p>There is a CAMHS action plan in place for NHS Suffolk Consultant in place to develop the potential of Healthy Schools for the start of healthy Schools plus in September 09.</p>	<p>Report)</p> <p>Improve health of older people and reduce fuel costs</p> <p>50% of schools now have healthy schools status (NHS Suffolk)</p>

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	<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>particularly in Suffolk Coastal;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High incidence of learning disabilities in South Asian communities (60% live in Ipswich); • 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; 	<p>Health trainers are a health improvement service based in communities offering targeted lifestyle support to people to improve health and wellbeing by providing health plans and offering targeting lifestyle advice and behaviour change on health.</p> <p>We targeted trips and falls by funding the purchase of 500 new pairs of Slippers to use in exchange for old 'sloppy slippers'. This was done by means of Health and Well being events throughout West Suffolk where older people could do the exchange. Many partners were at these events giving information on ie fire safety, diet, walking</p>	<p>Health Trainers based in Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill. (NHS Suffolk)</p> <p>(PMR and Champions Report)</p>

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			<p>aids There were 10 Health and Wellbeing events with the following achieved for 2007/8 490 pairs of slippers exchanged, 490 falls screenings completed, 86 walking aid checks completed, 46 referrals for falls treatment, with 2 referrals for other therapy treatments. Advice given to individuals on activities which could assist with falls prevention. Partnerships and networks developed to help with future work National falls prevention day highlighted</p> <p>Operation Coach will deliver 12 sports qualification courses to enable more people to receive coaching</p>	<p>Courses held in Forest Heath,</p>

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			<p>in sporting excellence leading up to the 2012 Olympics.</p> <p>Health Inclusion Scheme assisted disabled people. The project has taken some time to develop. However following the recruitment of the co-ordinator, appropriate fitness studio staff have been identified and trained to deliver programmes, based on 12 sessions, from the new year. Volunteer buddies are being identified to help</p>	<p>Bury and Babergh between September 2008 to Easter 2009. (PMR and Champions Report)</p> <p>(PMR and Champions Report)</p>

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			<p>participants access the scheme. The programme now operational in all districts. The first event launched in March 2008 attracted 49 participants and all now registered, with a further 25 ready to start The participants are now regularly attending in both BSE, and Babergh with 1 in Forest Heath.</p> <p>We supported OPTUA to organise Sports Showcase events for disabled people to participate in a variety of sports for the first time. Events were held in Bury, Sudbury and Newmarket. First event attracted 124 against target of 150. 22% recorded as linked to mainstream activity at</p>	<p>PMR and champions Report</p>

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			<p>September 07. Next event planned for Newmarket in Sep 08. Great Cornard event scheduled for April 26th 08 27 September in Mildenhall attracted 87 participants.</p> <p>We supported the Good Neighbour Scheme in rural areas by funding to start four new schemes. These involved participants from all residents to ascertain need and volunteers. Four areas were identified Long Melford, Chevington, Gazeley, and Glemsford. All were launched in 2008 except Gazeley where it has been agreed to carry out a Parish Plan which will promote the GNS scheme.</p>	

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			<p>Divorced and Separated Support Scheme. shortly will help recently divorced or separated families who have developed mental health problems as a result.</p> <p>Course for people for people with mental health problems and who also abuse alcohol are being delivered. The target of 12 facilitators trained and 20 people will be achieved by March 2010. (PMR)</p> <p>Our Community Chest gave a total of 11 grants which will improve health.</p> <p>West Suffolk MIND</p>	<p>A new scheme in Sudbury and Cornard</p> <p>These courses Have helped 15 people so far. (PMR and Champions Report)</p> <p>To provide</p>

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			<p>Sudbury Amateur Boxing Club</p> <p>SCATS</p> <p>Age Concern Suffolk</p>	<p>promotional material for World Mental Health Day</p> <p>Healthy physical activity for young children</p> <p>To allow us to work with children and families in the eastern region</p> <p>Includes older people to</p>

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			<p>Grampian Gunners Football Club</p> <p>New Moreton Pre School</p> <p>Mildenhall After School Club</p>	<p>access healthy eating</p> <p>Healthy physical activity for young children</p> <p>Toy/activity storage units and a paint dryer to encourage independence for the children.</p> <p>To develop and sustain an</p>

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			<p>Risby Pre-School</p> <p>Little Acorns</p>	<p>outdoor play area for the physical wellbeing of the Club members</p> <p>To provide an accessible book corner with a variety of books and a music box containing resources which aid development in children</p>

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<p>(c) Inclusive Communities</p> <p>Suffolk needs all people to be valued in the community they live, work, grow up and grow old</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>Suffolk – A place where everyone is included no matter who they are or where they live</p> <p>Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with choice and control to enable them to live independent lives 	<p><u>Babergh East</u></p> <p>A sense of belonging within communities.</p> <p>The development of projects which engage with young people and promote active citizenship.</p> <p><u>One Ipswich</u></p> <p>People live in friendly and supportive communities.</p> <p><u>Mid Suffolk</u></p> <p>Affordable, quality housing for all</p> <p><u>Suffolk Coastal</u></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 of people from abroad (US/ Eastern Europeans). 4,500 Migrant workers per year • Voluntary and community sector deployment requires 	<p>Young Carers Scheme started in April 2007 with the appointment of an outreach worker for West Suffolk. Work with schools identified 33 previously unknown carers. 8 friendship groups have been started, 5 social events, several carer breaks and regular support given to schools where carers were identified</p> <p>A Welcome Pack has been compiled in 2007 and translated into four languages, with an updated version having been completed in March 2009 of the original and second version throughout West Suffolk to English, Polish,</p>	<p>(Champions Report and PMR)</p> <p>Distribution throughout West Suffolk (PMR)</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A sense of belonging in communities that are valued, engaged and supported. 	<p>Community development – we will support the development of voluntary and community groups who contribute so much to the life of the district.</p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;"><u>Waveney</u></p> <p>Children and Young People -</p>	<p>review;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 affordable housing problems. This is projected to get worse with slow down of 	<p>Portuguese, and Russian speaking communities</p> <p>The West Suffolk Festival of Culture was held in Bury with Ethnic groups attending were: Gypsy and Travellers, Eastern European, Chinese, Indian, African, Afro-Caribbean, White, Mixed race, Bangladeshi. 450 attendees, 50 performers, 30 stall holders and exhibitors</p> <p>GNS Schemes These schemes have helped to include many older people to reach services they would not otherwise have accessed.</p>	<p>The Corn Exchange, Bury St Edmunds on Tuesday 29th May 2007. (PMR)</p> <p>PMR and champions Report</p>

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	<p>our 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><u>Western Suffolk</u> Build a stronger community</p>	<p>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 Health and Wellbeing events held for sloppy slippers. These events involving many agencies were able to reach people for a variety of services which they would otherwise not have accessed</p> <p>Fuel Poverty grants scheme</p> <p>We gave out 16 Community Chest which will help to include people in everyday</p>	<p>PMR and Champions Report</p> <p>Several older people able to access warmer homes grants due to this scheme</p>

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			<p>activities.</p> <p>West Suffolk MIND</p> <p>Haverhill Volunteer Bureau</p> <p>Newmarket Day Centre</p> <p>Bury CAB</p> <p>2nd Mildenhall Guides</p>	<p>To provide promotional material for World Mental Health Day</p> <p>Youth Volunteering Project</p> <p>Newsletter published quarterly</p> <p>Reduced waiting times for customers</p> <p>Learned about other</p>

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			<p>SCATS</p> <p>Age Concern Suffolk</p> <p>GATEOPENER</p>	<p>cultures</p> <p>To allow work with children and families in the eastern region.</p> <p>Older people able to make healthier choices with healthy advice and recipes.</p> <p>To produce Suffolk Parent/Car</p>

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			<p>The Unity Croquet Club Trust</p> <p>One Voice 4 Travellers Limited</p>	<p>ers Information Pack for children and young people, with special needs.</p> <p>To provide a disabled toilet to continue with Golf Croquet for disabled people.</p> <p>Created images and publicity to reduce</p>

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			<p>NACRO</p> <p>Gainsborough's House</p>	<p>violence to and from traveller communities</p> <p>Delivery of Open College Network - OCN accredited Nacro Tenancy Awareness training to problematic and or new tenants in Forest Heath</p> <p>Set up a</p>

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			<p>Society</p> <p>Suffolk Befriending Scheme</p> <p>Extra Steps and Beyond Club</p>	<p>scheme of workshop activities with Hillside special school for children with learning disabilities.</p> <p>Sport coaching for adults with learning disabilities and mental health problems.</p> <p>Group of children</p>

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			<p>Newmarket CAB</p> <p>Bury Volunteer Centre</p>	<p>with learning disabilities were able to visit the circus.</p> <p>For a home visiting service for people unable to access the advice centre.</p> <p>Translation of leaflet in other languages to encourage migrant</p>

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				workers into volunteering

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

NOTES

PMR refers to the Performance Report, which can be accessed on our website under 'Strategy and Reports'.
Champions Report refers to the report to the Board being prepared for 13 May 2009

All projects and services are provided through partnership working, details are provided for some of these in the Champions Report.

We developed a communication strategy which set up a website and contracted a communications officer to publicise our work

We are working on our forms and guidance for distribution of the PRG allocation, which will also include a section to develop new work under economic downturn

The Forum meets twice per year and an Annual Conference which involves over 200 partners from all round West Suffolk.

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There are eight action groups covering Alcohol reduction, skills, community engagement and cohesion, encouraging physical activity, health inequalities, children and young people, mental health and rural issues. There are current projects for the first five action groups and new being developed for the other three.

FOREST HEATH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Additional commentary in support of the Western Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership response to the 'Evidence Grid of Self-assessment of Suffolk'

(Set-out under the SSP headings)

A Prosperous and Vibrant Economy

Responding to the Recession

While businesses across the county have expressed a feeling of not being affected by the downturn due to the diverse nature of the Suffolk economy, in Forest Heath the picture has been somewhat different as the profiles of our market towns include clusters of industries.

Brandon, with its base in manufacturing and construction, has faced increasing redundancies, closures and associated problems, such as homelessness. During March 2009 Omar Homes made two waves of redundancies (some 200 jobs lost) with the company going into administration; this was in addition to the jobs lost by the company and two other major employers at the end of last year.

Forest Heath District Council has directly taken or supported a number of initiatives in response to the recession:

1. In January, in conjunction with Job Centre Plus, promoted and held a Jobs Fair in Brandon which saw over 200 people in attendance.

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2. In February, in conjunction with St Edmundsbury Borough Council, organised and held “Here’s Your Opportunity”, a business support event aimed at raising the awareness of the opportunities which are still available to businesses: from procurement to workforce development, and from business support to funding. Officers from the two districts and the County Council promoted access opportunities to public sector quotes and tenders.
3. Provided the district’s Citizens Advice Bureaux with an additional £10,000 funding on top of the current £66,000 pa. This was to extend the debt advice service and the Council is working with the CAB to determine the impact of the additional investment.
4. Held a local impact meeting with representatives from a range of third sector groups and organisations to identify any increasing or emerging trends as a result of the recession, activities which are taking place in response to these trends and recognising opportunities for partnership working. Work is underway to agree an action plan to support the community.

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5. Met with the County Council to investigate options for supporting communities in and around Brandon following the recent major job losses. An expression of interest is being submitted to the LAA Economic Participation fund to access funding to enable economic support activities.
6. Commenced work with Registered Social Landlords and private owners to bring a large number of vacant homes at Studlands Park formerly used by USAFE personnel back into use. This will have direct benefit on the supply of rented accommodation in Newmarket.
7. As a result of the county wide Economic Summit, the WSLSP has set up a specific task and finish group, including an FHDC officer, to respond to the summit outcomes. These include commissioning the extension of the Ipswich based Credit Union into the west of Suffolk. WSLSP funding has been agreed for three projects.
8. FHDC officers took a series of road shows, with advisers (e.g. business link), into school parents evenings in March and May 2009 to promote entrepreneurship to parents, staff and students together with housing and business advice. Similar events are planned for June and July.
9. We have published in local press and on the Council's website useful contact numbers for those seeking advice and support due to the economic downturn in the press and on the website
10. Appointed a Town Centre Manager who will support our town centres through a range of initiatives. An action plan focussed on town centre regeneration is currently being compiled.
11. Endeavoured to pay invoices as quickly as possible to ensure that cash continues to flow throughout our businesses. The Council's service standard for the payment of invoices is "within 30 days"; in April 2009 the average time taken to process and pay commercial invoices was 15 days.
12. Used rent deposit schemes through partners Havebury Housing Association

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13. Supported the opening of Learning Enterprise and Access Points in Mildenhall and Newmarket to allow residents to learn and train locally.
14. Taken an active role in the Suffolk Redundancy Network which is a county wide partnership offering support to individuals at risk of, or having been made redundant.
15. Contributed to the Greater Cambridge Partnership report *Support in the Downturn and Preparing for the Upturn* and the ongoing work from the county wide Economic Summit.
16. Setting up and providing a series of meetings for business leaders in the district's three main towns. Led by Members, the meetings have been organised for June and July 2009 and are by invitation only to banks and local business leaders.

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Integrating Economic Development and Local Planning

Forest Heath's policy planning through the LDF and the development of Economic Development Strategy (EDS) has been jointly informed and coordinated to ensure growth and capacity is effectively aligned. The processes include examples that highlight the correlation and partnership working for the two documents:

- Employment Land Review and the EDS independently recommended an employment growth figure of approx. 20% from 2009- 2021, the LDF figure is aligned with housing growth figures of 6,400 dwellings and 5000 jobs required for the district as per the Regional Spatial Strategy. The EDS figures came from the comprehensive consultation process involving local businesses, residents, key partners, 3rd sector and statutory service providers. The figures correlate with the predicted growth.
- The Employment Land Review also identified that the 12 Ha. employment land allocation in Brandon is unviable and therefore this land allocation needs to be situated more appropriately along the A14/A11 corridors, capitalising on the Greater Cambridgeshire growth predictions. Similarly the EDS has also identified that future employment growth in Brandon must be compatible with countryside/tourism and the natural environment and therefore would not support the 12 Ha. employment land identified. The EDS has identified that appropriate premises for the growth sector/clusters need to be situated along the A14/A11 corridors.
- The EDS fully supports the LDF retail and town centre total floor space increase from 2009 until 2021. This again is identified through town centre consultation and predicted growth towards niche town centre market offers which compliment growth in FHDC and the surrounding growth areas of Cambridge, Thetford and Bury St Edmunds.
- The EDS is the economic development operational arm of the LDF and core strategy.

Healthy Communities

Dance East in Forest Heath

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Forest Heath District Council has worked in partnership with Dance East on an annual basis for the past 9 years - supported by a service level agreement in the form of an annual 'Dance Delivery Plan' which outlines both evaluation of previous work and details of future planned activity.

Unlike other parts of West Suffolk, there are no recognised performing arts venues in the district therefore activity in Forest Heath has included a large scale schools performance at Tattersalls, Newmarket, workshop sessions in day care centres, a schools dance development programme, and touring by professional dance companies taking performances to rural communities.

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In order to develop this community and education programme which encompasses the individuality of the area, activity has been spread across the district to encompass its rural nature. The current plan encompasses activity in locations such as Tuddenham, Elveden Glade and Forest schools and during the past year have been supported through the building of relationships with School Sports Coordinators in the district.

Additional information relating to initiatives highlighted by the WSLSP

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See reference to the **dualling of the A11** between Mildenhall and Thetford.

The A11 is the key north / south trunk route between the M11 / A14 and West Suffolk as 'Working to secure improvement of the A11 through dualling the section in the district north of Barton Mills' is one of the Council's key priorities.

Forest Heath has lobbied effectively alongside the County Council and with MPs for the improvements to the road with the Secretary of State confirming in May 2008 that funding was in place. Forest Heath and the County Council, as the strategic transport authority, have continued to pursue the scheme and the publishing of draft orders (Nov. 2008) through to responding to the consultation process. This close working has also involved liaison with landowners and community representatives in helping to facilitate the process. A Public Inquiry is scheduled and arrangements for a pre-inquiry meeting are currently underway.

Learning and skills for the future

See reference to the **WOS-UP project** to contact 'hard to reach' young people.

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The WOS UP truck started touring the Forest Heath district in the May half term 2009. They have visited Lakenheath, Barton Mills, Red Lodge, Moulton, Studlands and Exning. The weekly visits are scheduled until October 2009. The truck will also be supporting the Turn Up and Play Programme (see below).

Safe Communities

See reference to the **Turn-Up and Play** programme neighbourhood scheme to promote community cohesion.

Turn Up and Play schemes engage children and young people in positive activities specifically through physical activity and child led play. There are a variety of multi sports activities and games available for the young people. 340 children attended in Forest Heath during the summer 2008.

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Healthy Communities

See reference to **Exercise on Referral** where Forest Heath's Active 4 Life scheme has been running for 15 years. In the last three years 1400 people have been through the programme. Individuals are referred by GPs, practice nurses or physiotherapists to four local leisure centres where a 10-week tailored exercise programme is delivered by trained staff.

The Council commissioned a report on the scheme (available if required) which has been used to inform its development with our partners Anglia Community Leisure and has led to new performance management arrangements based on the outcomes and benefits to those on the scheme.

The report in 2008 by the MRC Epidemiology Unit, Cambridge concluded:

- Just over half of the people referred to the Active 4 Life scheme mainly for weight control or mobility problems and cardiovascular fitness completed the 10-week programme.
- There were significant positive changes in clinical and psychosocial measures for both men and women who completed programme.
 - Systolic blood pressure reduced by an average of 7mmHg in men and 4mmHg in women.
 - Waist circumference reduced by 3cm in both men and women.
 - The average weight reduction was 1.2kg in men and 0.9kg in women.
 - Scores in psychosocial measures showed positive changes, with significant increases in social, emotional and physical scores over the ten weeks of the scheme
- Data from the evaluation forms indicate that many participants agree that their diet habits had changed and that their perceived exercise levels had increased since taking part in the scheme.
- The majority of individuals found the Active 4 Life scheme beneficial and 81% of participants reported that they were happy to continue using the exercise facilities.

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- Those who were unable to complete the scheme were found to be significantly older, to have lower peak flow readings at baseline and lower social and physical wellbeing scores, compared with those who completed the scheme.

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See reference to **Operation Coach** - Update

3 courses delivered in Forest Heath in 2008/09. 31 people completed the Day Certificate in Sport Leaders across the West of Suffolk. Funding has now been extended until the end of March 2010 which will enable an additional 7 courses to be delivered.

See reference to **OPTUA** and the **Disability Sports Showcase days**

87 participants attended an event in September 2008 at our Dome Leisure Centre in Mildenhall. Disabled people had the opportunity to take part in Athletics, Boccia, Football, Goalball, Judo, Powerlifting, Table Tennis and Tennis. There was a supportive and enthusiastic response to the event and the Forest Heath Disability Sport and Leisure Forum is now being used to look for opportunities for individuals to follow up interest and identify how they can continue participation in the area.