

REPORT TO SSP PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT GROUP

PAPER A

SUBJECT: LAA Joint Scrutiny Panel, Suffolk's Carbon Footprint Scrutiny Sub Group, Final Report

Date of SSP Board meeting for discussion: 10 September 2009

Approximate time to allow for discussion: 30 Minutes

KEY ISSUES:

The Local Area Agreement Joint Scrutiny Panel (the Panel) has started a process of conducting in depth scrutiny through the use of smaller sub groups, which then report back to the main Scrutiny Panel. A brief presentation will be given to the Board to explain the work of the Panel and how this process works.

On 28 January 2009 the Panel set up its first sub group, to scrutinise how the Greenest County Delivery Partnership plans to deliver reductions in Suffolk's Carbon footprint. The overall objective of this scrutiny was:

- Local Area Agreement Indicator NI186 is "A 12% per capita reduction in CO₂ emissions in the Local Authority area by 2010/11"
- "Transforming Suffolk", the Suffolk Community Strategy, states that "By 2028, Suffolk will: Reduce its carbon footprint and adapt to the changing climate and geography."
- How is the Greenest County Delivery Partnership going to deliver these reductions?

On 9 June 2009 the sub group presented its final report, which was agreed by the Panel. The Panel requested that the report be submitted to the Suffolk Strategic Partnership (SSP) Board, the PMG and the Greenest County Delivery Partnership Board and Executive. The final report is attached at Appendix 1.

The Chairman of the Panel and the Chairman of the sub group presented the report to the Greenest County Delivery Partnership Executive on 21 July 2009, and will be presenting it to the SSP Board on 8 September 2009 and the Greenest County Delivery Partnership Board on 21 October 2009.

The Greenest County Delivery Partnership Executive will be putting a separate paper to the PMG with the responses from the meeting of 21 July 2009, at which there was productive and in depth discussion of the report and how it will be progressed. At this meeting all recommendations were accepted but members of the Panel accepted some minor amendments to the report and these are detailed in Appendix 2 of this report.

Taking the report forward

The majority of the recommendations were for action by the Greenest County Delivery Partnership but there are two key issues which PMG may particularly wish to consider from this report. These issues concern governance and communications.

Governance

Recommendations 6 and 9 both relate to important governance issues, which are both being considered by the Greenest County Delivery partnership, but which may also be relevant across other delivery partnerships, and so be of particular interest to PMG. These concern the level of representation of organisations within the partnership, and the question of how Local Strategic Partnerships feed into the system.

Communications

Many of the recommendations, particularly recommendations 1 – 4, concern the need for better communications, both internal and external, in order to educate, share skills, expertise and good practice, reduce duplication and maximise resources.

WHAT ARE THE PMG BEING REQUESTED TO DO? e.g. make a decision, recommend, consider options etc.

The Performance Management Group is asked to:

1. Consider the report and the response from the Greenest County Delivery Partnership Executive and decide if all relevant and necessary action is being taken;
2. Consider the scrutiny process in place, and how this feeds into the LAA2 governance structure; and
3. Give any feedback or comment to the Panel to ensure that the Panel adds value to the work of the SSP, and contributes to good performance against the LAA2 indicators and targets, and the achievement of the priorities of Suffolk's 20 year Community Strategy.

ARE THERE RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS TO THE PMG?

Some recommendations may carry resource implications, depending how they are taken forward.

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