

REPORT TO SSP BOARD

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

Date of SSP Board meeting for discussion: 8 September 2009

Approximate time to allow for discussion: 15 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 SSP Board, the Performance Management Group 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 Greenest County Delivery Partnership Board on 21 October 2009 and Performance Management Group on 10 September 2009.

The Greenest County Delivery Partnership Executive will be putting a separate paper to the Board 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.

WHAT ARE THE SSP BOARD BEING REQUESTED TO DO?

The Panel would like to draw the Board's particular attention to Recommendations 6 (Appendix 1, page 11) and 9 (Appendix 1 pages 12 and 13), which are particularly for the attention of the Board, but comment from the Board on the other recommendations, and the report as a whole would be welcomed.

The SSP Board are asked to:

- Accept the report
- Consider Recommendations 6 and 9
- Decide if they are satisfied with the response of the Greenest County Delivery Partnership Executive

ARE THERE RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS TO THE SSP BOARD?

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

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