

**BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**FROM:** Patricia Rockall, Chief Executive

**REPORT NUMBER**

**G35**

**TO:** STRATEGY

**DATE OF MEETING:** 28 June 2007

**COMMUNITY STRATEGY FOR SUFFOLK 2008 - 2028**

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To consider and endorse a response to consultation on a draft Community Strategy for Suffolk 2008 – 2028.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the Committee considers the draft response attached as an Appendix to this report and determines the Council’s response to this consultation.

3. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 None arising directly from this report. However, any specific commitments to support the delivery of the Community Strategy for Suffolk would need to be reflected in the Council’s Corporate Plan and addressed through the Council’s service and financial planning process for 2008/09 and subsequent years.

4. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

4.1

<b>Risk Description</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Seriousness or Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation Measures</b>
<b>Partnerships</b> Missed opportunity to work in partnership with other organisations to enhance priority outcomes for Babergh and Suffolk residents	Significant	Critical	Engagement with the Suffolk Strategic Partnership to agree clear action plans to deliver agreed outcomes
<b>Capacity</b> Missed opportunity to maximise capacity through pooling of resources with partners to deliver agreed priority outcomes	Significant	Critical	Engagement with the Suffolk Strategic Partnership/Local Area Agreement process to identify opportunities for sharing and pooling resources, and attracting additional resources, to deliver agreed outcomes

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<b>Culture</b> Missed opportunity to drive organisational culture change through demonstrable commitment to partnership working	Significant	Critical	Engagement with Suffolk partners to demonstrate tangible, enhanced outcomes in priority areas through joint working

## 5. **KEY INFORMATION**

- 5.1 The Suffolk Strategic Partnership (SSP) is made up of all the local authorities in Suffolk, together with a range of partners e.g. Health, Police and voluntary organisations. The Community Strategy for Suffolk is currently being reviewed and consulted upon by the SSP, with a view to the Community Strategy for Suffolk 2008-28 being launched in October 2007.
- 5.2 As one of the partners to the SSP, Babergh is invited to comment on the priority themes in the draft Community Strategy for Suffolk from an organisational perspective. Our comments are sought by 21 July. Separate arrangements are in hand for consultation by place through all Local Strategic Partnerships and by theme through relevant individuals and organisations. There will also be a number of focus groups with members of the public during the consultation period and an opportunity for individuals to complete an on-line questionnaire up to 13 July.
- 5.3 A copy of the draft has been circulated to all Members (please bring your copy to the meeting), and has been discussed informally at our Members' Seminar on 11 June.

## 6. **APPENDICES**

A draft response to the consultation is attached as an Appendix to this report, reflecting the discussion that took place at the Members' Seminar on 11 June. A summary of the Council's current vision, values, role and service priorities is attached as an annex to that draft response.

## 7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO:**

“Shaping the Future of Suffolk” – Suffolk Strategic Partnership Community Strategy Consultation document. Available to download from the SSP web site or through the Partnerships Team at Suffolk County Council

Babergh's Corporate Plan – available through the Babergh web site and in hard copy from the Corporate Services Division

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