

**TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COUNCIL STRATEGY AND COMMUNITY
COHESION
6 OCTOBER 2014**

**BRACKNELL FOREST PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY
2013-2016
FIRST ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2013/14
Director of Corporate Services**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To note and endorse the first annual monitoring report on Bracknell Forest Partnership's Community Engagement Strategy 2013-16.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Bracknell Forest Partnership Community Engagement Strategy 2013-16 – Annual monitoring report 2013/14 (Annex 1) be noted; and**
- 2.2 **That the report be endorsed for submission to Bracknell Forest Partnership Board and publication.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Bracknell Forest Partnership reports annually on the progress and achievements of the Community Engagement Strategy 2013-16 to highlight community engagement successes over the last year and report on developments in delivering the strategy's aims and supporting actions. The report has been submitted to the Bracknell Forest Partnership Board Community Cohesion and Engagement Partnership and once endorsed by the Executive Member will be made available on Bracknell Forest Council's public website and also the Bracknell Forest Partnership website.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Partnership's third Community Engagement Strategy was published in July 2013 and was developed to give consideration to the changes in the political and economic climate while building upon the work done in the previous strategy.
- 5.2 The document at Annex 1 is the first monitoring report on the Community Engagement Strategy 2013-16, and highlights work and achievements during 2013/14.
- 5.3 The Community Engagement Strategy 2013-16 has five overarching aims, each complemented by several objectives. The strategy aims to:
- Ensure that all people have an equal opportunity to have their voices heard by increasing the accessibility of consultation and engagement activity
 - Measure the impact of consultation on service development, commissioning and provision to ensure that it has a genuine influence
 - Ensure that good quality timely feedback is provided to consultees so that they know how their views have made a difference

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- Improve communication between and increase collaboration by partners on engagement activity to make best use of limited resources
- Increase community engagement skills among Bracknell Forest Partnership's workforces to improve the quality of consultation and engagement activity.

5.4 The five aims are also underpinned by a detailed action plan setting out how Bracknell Forest Partnership intends to achieve them in practice. The monitoring report at Annex 1 includes a progress update against the planned activities in the first year. It should be noted that some of the 36 key actions have several success criteria and therefore currently have more than one status.

5.5 Summary of the 36 key actions:

- 4 actions have been completed
- 25 are green and on target for completion by the agreed date
- There are 13 actions that are amber and making satisfactory progress

6 **ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

Borough Solicitor

6.1 The contents of this report are noted.

Borough Treasurer

6.2 There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.

Equalities Impact Assessment

6.3 An impact assessment was conducted on the strategy during its production and good progress is being made implementing the agreed actions.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

6.4 None

7 **CONSULTATION**

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 Bracknell Forest Partnership's Community Cohesion and Engagement Partnership and partner organisations.

Method of Consultation

7.2 At meetings and by email correspondence.

Representations Received

7.3 Incorporated into the annual monitoring report and action plan at Annex 1.

Background Papers

Annex 1: Bracknell Forest Partnership Community Engagement Strategy 2013/16 - Annual monitoring report 2013/14

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