



Report to Cabinet

Subject "All Together Better" – Nottinghamshire Community Strategy 2005-2009 - Consultation

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1. Purpose of the Report

§ To inform members of consultation being carried out by Nottinghamshire County Council on the draft Nottinghamshire Community Strategy 2005-2009 and to seek members' views on what, if any, response should be made to the consultation.

2. Background

Nottinghamshire County Council has been developing a Community Strategy for the county over recent months.

It has now produced a draft Community Strategy, called "All Together Now", a copy of which is attached at **Appendix A**.

The draft strategy sets out shared priorities for the county, developed from various consultation exercises carried out recently. It also draws on priorities already set out at district level in district community strategies.

The County Council intends to add in further projects and activities to address these priorities. Some ideas for these are set out in the supplementary documents attached to the draft strategy.

Members should be aware that a county-wide Community Strategy is likely to be a key document influencing any future Local Area Agreement for the county.

Consultation on the documents is now in progress. It is understood that copies have been sent to around 700 organisations across the county. Views are sought by 27 May 2005.

3. Proposal

The County Council is seeking views on the document overall, and on five specific questions. These are reproduced below.

- Are the seven priorities the ones you think we should address?
- Do you feel that any of the seven are more important than others?
- Do these priorities fit in with those in your strategic plans and if so, are any targets in these plans relevant to the priorities in this document?
- What do you suggest should be contained in a long-term vision under which this work could move forward?
- In particular, what are your suggestions for the “Together we will” sections under each theme?

The views of the Gedling Partnership have also been sought. The Partnership expressed some concern that the priorities for Gedling set out on page 5 of the draft do not represent an up-to-date reflection of the Partnership’s current priorities, which were realigned last year and now closely mirror those of the Borough Council. The Borough Council may wish to express similar concerns.

On the question of targets, the Borough Council and the Gedling Partnership already has some targets in place that relate to the proposed priorities, and more are being developed through the Community Profile initiative. The Council may wish to suggest these for inclusion in the county strategy.

4. Resource Implications

There are no immediate resource implications for the Borough Council from the adoption of the county Community Strategy.

However, given that it is likely that the final county Community Strategy will influence resource allocation by a range of agencies in future, the potential longer-term implications for resource allocations across the Borough are significant.

5. Recommendation

Members’ instructions are requested.