

HORSHAM DISTRICT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

MEETING:	Board
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SUBJECT:	HDCP Priorities and Next Steps
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1 Background and purpose of paper

- 1.1 The Annual Conference on 4th April marked the end of the first full year's work by HDCP since the publication of *All Our Futures*. With the exception of Goal Group 4 (Community safety Partnership) which has a statutory duty to range widely in tackling crime and disorder issues, the goal groups have each focussed on a few issues and reported good progress in addressing them.
- 1.2 As no work has been concluded, the action plans are effectively work in progress and will roll forward to 2011/12. However, the Annual Conference was an opportunity to ask the 'wider partnership' whether the goal groups are heading in the right direction.
- 1.3 This paper sets out the results of the voting at conference and in other recent meetings of stakeholder groups, and relays the thoughts of the HDCP Executive, at its meeting on 10th May, which considered these results in the light of the Partnership's current priorities.

2 Voting results

2.1 HDCP Annual Conference (53 voters)

- 2.2 Delegates voted on 25 'areas of concern' drawn from *All Our Futures*. The top 10 as voted on the evening were:
 - 1st) Promote independence for older people including increasing availability of low level help at home and addressing the shortage of care facilities
 - 2nd) Reduce anti-social behaviour and target hotspots
 - 3rd) Provide strong support for carers
 - 4th) Enable a 'training and work opportunities culture' for young people
 - 5th) Reduce casualties on our roads
 - 6th) Strengthen links between HDCP and local community planning bodies in line with objectives of increased localism
 - 7th) Increase public awareness of community groups
 - 8th) Positively promote the District as a business-friendly location
 - 9th) Encourage corporate social responsibility and business involvement in supporting local communities
 - 10th) Increase access to Broadband for all parts of the District
- 2.2 This was largely instant feedback. Further caveats: only 53 people voted (a small number), the huge majority from the older age group, which, as a sample, is not representative of the District's overall demographic.
- 2.3 The full conference results are attached.
- 2.4 Following the conference, the same 25 issues were voted on by the Preparing for an Ageing Population Steering Group, and the Children & Young People Steering Group.

Both groups were formerly theme groups of HDCP and continued after the Partnership restructured around 4 goal groups.

2.5 The top 10 issues as voted by these groups were as follows:

<p><u>Preparing for an Ageing Population Steering Group (8 voters)</u></p> <p>1st) Promote independence for older people 2nd) Identify those in fuel poverty Jnt 3rd) Stimulate affordable housing Jnt 3rd) Develop a co-ordinated network community transport Jnt 3rd) Provide strong support for carers Jnt 3rd) Reduce casualties on our roads Jnt 7th) Update assessment of need for public and community transport Jnt 7th) Increase public awareness of community groups Jnt 7th) Reduce anti-social behaviour Jnt 7th) Support victims of crime</p>
<p><u>Children and Young People Steering Group (4 voters)</u></p> <p>Jnt 1st) Reduce health inequalities, targeting families and young people in particular Jnt 1st) Reduce anti-social behaviour Jnt 3rd) Improve physical wellbeing particularly of hard to reach groups Jnt 3rd) Reduce fear of crime Jnt 3rd) Support victims of crime Jnt 3rd) Reduce casualties on our roads Jnt 7th) Stimulate affordable housing Jnt 7th) Develop a co-ordinated network of community transport Jnt 7th) Enable a 'training and work opportunities' culture for young people Jnt 7th) Provide strong support for carers</p>

2.6 Again very small numbers voted but the results are probably representative of the feelings of most practitioners working in these fields.

3 Impact on current priorities

3.1 The following tables map the top ten issues for the 3 sets of consultees above against the Partnership's current priorities.

Goal 1 – A Better Place to Live

Current priority	Conference feedback	PfAPSG feedback	CYPSG feedback
To stimulate the provision of affordable housing to increase supply, reduce demand and reduce homelessness		3=	7=
To provide improved transport across the District		3= (CT coord) 7= (Assess)	7= (CT)
To promote and co-ordinate local efforts to achieve a significant reduction in CO2 and equivalent emissions, and to prepare individuals, communities and businesses for the possible impacts of climate change			
Strengthen links between HDCP and parishes etc in line with the objectives of increased localism	6		

Goal 2 – Opportunity for All

Current priority	Conference feedback	PfAPSG feedback	CYPSG feedback
To enable a training and work opportunities culture for young people	4		7=
To positively promote Horsham District as a business friendly location	8		

Goal 3 – Better Health for All

Current priority	Conference feedback	PfAPSG feedback	CYPSG feedback
Ensure and improve equal access to behaviour change programmes to improve physical and mental wellbeing, targeting hard to reach groups in particular			3=
Reduce health inequalities, targeting families and young people in particular			1=
Provide strong support for carers	3	3=	7=
Promote independence for older people including increasing availability of low level help at home and addressing the shortage of care facilities	1	1	

Goal 4 – Staying and Feeling Safe

Current priority	Conference feedback	PfAPSG feedback	CYPSG feedback
Reducing fear of crime			3=
Reduce Anti-social Behaviour and target hotspot areas	2	7=	1=
Provide care and support for victims of crime		7=	3=
Reduce casualties on our roads	5	3=	3=

3.2 There are some issues supported by consultees which do not feature among HDCP's current priorities:

- Increase public awareness of community groups

- Encourage corporate responsibility (Goal Group 2 is partially picking this up in its support for entrepreneurship in schools through the 'Young Enterprise' scheme)
 - Increase access to Broadband (Goal Group 2 is keeping this under review)
 - Carry out research to identify those in Fuel Poverty and act
- 3.3 Strangely, given the prominence given to climate change (promoting local efforts to achieve a significant reduction in CO2), at last year's annual conference, all 3 sets of consultees failed to prioritise this work.
- 3.4 The wider partnership's support for 'strengthening links between HDCP and local groups' in line with the objectives of greater localism, ranked 6th in order of priority, suggests that work does need to happen in this area. As was reported at the last Board meeting, the feeling of Goal Group 1 is that this is a cross-cutting issue which should be owned by the Partnership as a whole.

4 Conclusions and Next Steps

- 4.1 The HDCP Executive, meeting on 10th May to consider the results of the voting against current priorities, felt that, by and large, the goal groups' current priorities have been endorsed.
- 4.2 However, the Executive advises that the relevant results be fed back to each goal group for its consideration as soon as possible. Qualitative feedback of the sort delivered through the voting exercises needs to be balanced by the evidence base. Checking this must be the responsibility of the goal groups.
- 4.3 With the national drive for greater localism, an issue for the country as a whole is how to empower local people to play a bigger part in civic affairs. This was identified in the conference voting as a priority for HDCP. The Executive proposes that each goal group takes responsibility for producing an assessment as to how local people can be involved in its work, with HDC tasked to provide directions.

RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Board is recommended to:
- support the view of the Executive that the current work of the goal groups has been endorsed by the recent consultation
 - agree that the goal groups each need to consider and interpret the results for themselves
 - agree that each goal group undertakes an assessment, with guidance produced by HDC, of the involvement of local people in its work programmes.

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Areas of Concern for HDCP - Going Forward Together in 2011

Voting Percentages

Top ten results

Area of Concern	Votes No.	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	Neutral %	Disagree %
1st 21. Promote independence for older people including increasing availability of low level help at home and addressing the shortage of care facilities.	53	74	19	6	2
2nd 23. Reduce anti-social behaviour and target hotspots.	52	69	21	10	0
3rd 20. Provide strong support for carers.	53	62	25	13	0
4th 15. Enable a 'training and work opportunities culture' for young people.	54	56	35	7	2
5th 25. Reduce casualties on our roads.	53	62	21	15	2
6th 10. Strengthen links between HDCP and Parishes, Neighbourhood Councils, and Community Partnerships in line with objectives of increased localism.	54	63	13	19	6
7th 11. Increase public awareness of community groups.	54	44	41	15	0
8th 13. Positively promote the district as a business-friendly location.	53	51	30	17	2
9th 12. Encourage corporate social responsibility and business involvement in supporting local communities.	54	46	35	17	2
10th 14. Increase access to Broadband for all parts of the district.	52	56	15	25	4

Goal 1: A Better Place to Live

Area of Concern	Votes No.	S/A %	A %	N %	D %
1. Carry out research to identify those in fuel poverty in Horsham District and use this as a basis for targeted action.	52	12	37	38	13
2. Reduce CO2 emissions to protect the environment and prepare individuals, communities and businesses for the possible impacts of climate change.	52	21	27	29	23
3. Stimulate affordable housing with 300 starts on site within 2 years (by March 2012).	53	53	19	17	11
4. Update our assessment of need in the district for public and community transport.	54	33	33	20	13
5. Secure agreement to a clear plan for the provision of transport across the District.	54	41	37	17	6
6. Develop a co-ordinated network of community transport for those unable to use other transport services.	53	38	36	25	2
7. Improve the availability of information on transport services.	55	33	33	22	13
8. Improve access to railway stations particularly for people with mobility problems.	55	44	24	29	4
9. Improve the cycle network in Horsham District.	54	22	28	33	17
6th 10. Strengthen links between HDCP and Parishes, Neighbourhood Councils, and Community Partnerships in line with objectives of increased localism.	54	63	13	19	6
7th 11. Increase public awareness of community groups.	54	44	41	15	0
9th 12. Encourage corporate social responsibility and business involvement in supporting local communities.	54	46	35	17	2

Goal 2: Opportunity for All

Area of Concern	Votes No.	S/A %	A %	N %	D %
8th 13. Positively promote the district as a business-friendly location.	53	51	30	17	2
10th 14. Increase access to Broadband for all parts of the district.	52	56	15	25	4
4th 15. Enable a 'training and work opportunities culture' for young people.	54	56	35	7	2
16. Support the arts as a way of boosting tourism and providing health and social benefits to local people.	54	33	22	26	19
17. Maximise the tourist opportunities of the new South Downs National Park.	54	31	17	31	20

Goal Group 3: Better Health for All

Area of Concern	Votes No.	S/A %	A %	N %	D %
18. Ensure and improve equal access to behaviour change programmes to improve physical and mental wellbeing, targeting hard-to-reach groups in particular.	53	45	28	21	6
19. Reduce health inequalities, targeting families and young people in particular.	54	46	22	30	2
3rd 20. Provide strong support for carers.	53	62	25	13	0
1st 21. Promote independence for older people including increasing availability of low level help at home and addressing the shortage of care facilities.	53	74	19	6	2

Goal Group 4: Staying and Feeling Safe

Area of Concern	Votes No.	S/A %	A %	N %	D %
22. Reduce fear of crime.	54	35	24	33	7
2nd 23. Reduce anti-social behaviour and target hotspots.	52	69	21	10	0
24. Support victims of crime.	52	42	33	23	2
5th 25. Reduce casualties on our roads.	53	62	21	15	2