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REPORT OF:

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the draft overall vision and objectives of the Enfield Strategic Partnership’s (ESP’s) Community Strategy – ‘Enfield’s Future’. ‘Enfield’s Future’ the Community Strategy 2003/2006 is currently being reviewed and the overall vision and objectives for the new Strategy have been drawn up following extensive community consultation.

The report briefly explains the context for preparing the Community Strategy, the consultation process undertaken and sets out the overall vision and objectives of the Strategy for the next 10 years. The report provides an opportunity for Cabinet to agree the vision and objectives outlined for the new Strategy.

Partners and key stakeholders are being consulted further on the Strategy’s overall vision and objectives and these were discussed at CMB on 19th September and 3rd October, and the ESP Board on 26th September and will also be discussed at Full Council. Once agreed the overall vision and objectives will be used as a basis for the new Community Strategy currently being consulted on which will be redrafted following further consultation with key stakeholders.

Any recommendations made by Cabinet, Full Council, partners and stakeholders will be considered by the ESP and incorporated into the final version of the Strategy, which will be launched in January 2007.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

Agrees the Community Strategy's overall vision and objectives and the way forward for finalising the Community Strategy.

3. BACKGROUND

Cabinet first agreed Enfield's Community Strategy, 'Enfield's Future,' in 2003. The 15 3-year aims now need to be reviewed and the Community Strategy is being revised. The new Community Strategy will cover the next ten years and run from 2006 – 2016.

Since the original guidance was written in 2000 extensive experience has been gained of what makes an effective Community Strategy and this has been taken into account in the development of the new Community Strategy. This includes linking with Enfield's Local Area Agreement, the Local Development Framework and the Council's Community Cohesion Strategy, which will form part of the delivery framework for the Strategy, as well as taking into account the Government's desire to see sustainable communities in every place.

The revised Community Strategy vision and objectives have been developed through an extensive consultation process and have taken into account all relevant Council and partner strategies and plans. The detail of this consultation will be outlined in the full document.

Consultation has included the following:

- All ESP Thematic Action Group workshop
- Enfield Community Empowerment Network workshop
- Enfield Matters community consultation event – workshops, questionnaires, young person's session
- Citizens Panel Survey
- Interviews with partners and key stakeholders
- Public consultation drop-in session
- Reports to Corporate Management Board
- Report to ESP Board
- Report to Cabinet

The attached appendix outlines the proposed vision and objectives for the new Community Strategy 'Enfield's Future' 2006 – 2016.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

As previously stated above there is a duty on the Council to produce a Community Strategy, further the current Strategy's 15 3-year aims are now up for review and renewal.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To gain agreement to overall vision and objectives that will form part of Enfield's new Community Strategy.

6. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE RESOURCES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

6.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications that specifically relate to the proposals described in this report.

6.2 Legal Implications

Local Government Act 2000 requires all local authorities to have a Community Strategy for promoting or improving the economic, social or environmental well-being of their area and contributing to the achievement of sustainable development. Appropriate consultation must be carried out in developing the strategy. It is particularly important to have a clear and well-crafted strategy in place, as the "well-being" powers in Section 2 of the same Act (giving powers for local authorities to do anything that they consider likely to promote or improve the economic, social or environmental well-being of their area) may only be exercised having regard to the Community Strategy. The approval of Cabinet requested in this report is a necessary step in developing and adopting the strategy.

6.3 Property Implications

The Community Strategy as it evolves is linked with the Property Strategy Asset Management Plan Area and Service reviews as they progress with our partners. Specific property opportunities/implications will present themselves for Member consideration at future meetings.

7. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The Council has a 10-year Community Strategy in place, which needs to be reviewed after 3 years. The reviewed Community Strategy will form a strategic part of the Council's Performance Management Framework and links its objectives in improving the social, economic and physical well-being of Enfield to the Council's corporate strategy 'Putting Enfield First'.

8. PUTTING ENFIELD FIRST

Government expects that the objectives of Local Strategic Partnerships and the priorities set out in Community Strategies will be integrated into partner agencies' objectives and priorities. The process of developing a Community Strategy for Enfield has both informed, and been informed by, the Council's corporate strategy, '*Putting Enfield First.*' The two documents link in a number of ways:

- The core vision of both strategies is "to make Enfield one of the best places to live, work, study and do business."
- The aims of the Council's corporate strategy and the challenges set out in the Community Strategy's overall vision and objectives cover broadly similar themes in terms of the environment, strong communities, lifelong learning, community safety, employment and enterprise, cultural activity, and improving infrastructure and public services.

Background Papers

Local Strategic Partnerships: Shaping their Future. A consultation paper

Enfield's Local Area Agreement '*Every Child Really Does Matter*'

'Enfield's Future' the Community Strategy 2003 - 2006