

COMMITTEE: COUNCIL

DATE: 22ND JULY 2008

SUBJECT: LUTON'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2008-2026

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY)

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL ✓ COMMUNITY SAFETY

EQUALITIES ENVIRONMENT

FINANCIAL ✓ CONSULTATIONS

STAFFING OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to refer to the Council a recommendation arising from a meeting of the Executive held on 23rd June 2008.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. Council is recommended to adopt the Sustainable Community Strategy 2008 – 2026 attached at Appendix A to the appended report, as Luton's Community Strategy under Section 4 of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended).

BACKGROUND

3. At it's meeting held on 23rd June 2008, the Executive considered a report of the Head of Regeneration, which advised that the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007) required local authorities to produce a community strategy for their area, to act as an overarching plan involving statutory and all partners required to deliver it.

REPORT

4. The Executive was advised that Luton produced its first Community Plan in 2002, which was refreshed in 2005. This had now been updated and produced as Luton's Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2026 which once adopted by Council, will constitute the Community Strategy (sometimes also referred to as the Community Plan).
5. The Executive was further advised that Sustainable community strategies should contain:
 - The long term vision based firmly on local needs. This will be underpinned by a shared evidence base informed by community aspirations
 - Key priorities for the local area, based upon this vision which may realistically be achieved in the medium term – these will inform the strategy's delivery agreement – the Local Area Agreement (LAA).
6. In preparing the draft Community Strategy regard has been had to the statutory Government Guidance issued under Section 4(3) of the Local Government Act 2000.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

7. That the Council approve the draft Sustainable Community 2008 – 2026 attached at Appendix A to the appended report, as Luton's Community Strategy under Section 4 of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended).

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8. As set out in the report attached at Appendix 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. As set out in the report attached at Appendix 1.

APPENDIX

10. The following appendix is attached to this report:

Appendix 1 – Report to Executive and attached Draft Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2026
(Included with Enclosures for Council Meeting)

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D

Committee Report Ref: EX/6A/08/8 and Executive Decision: EX/111/08.