

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

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<b>SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY UPDATE</b>
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### Summary

1. To seek Overview and Scrutiny Board's comments on the draft Sustainable Community Strategy.

### Introduction

2. To date the draft Sustainable Community Strategy has been submitted for consultation to the following groups:
  - LSP stakeholders
  - Community representatives
  - Scrutiny Panels (relevant chapters submitted for scrutiny).

This report now takes the opportunity to pull together the elements of the draft strategy into one document for Overview and Scrutiny Board's comments. Following completion of the consultation process, the finalised draft will be submitted to the LSP and Council for consideration.

3. The Sustainable Community Strategy is being developed to refresh the 2005 - 2008 Community Strategy and is closely linked to the development of the Local Area Agreement 2008-11. The opportunity has therefore been taken to undertake much of the consultation on the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement (LAA) jointly, where appropriate.
4. The Sustainable Community Strategy sets out the longer-term vision for the town – including high-level priorities and longer-term targets. It also refers to the action plans that will work towards the achievement of the targets in the strategy.

5. Each chapter sets out the major issues facing the town, the priorities arising from these, the key targets, and planned actions. These are considered at a high strategic level.
6. In addition to the chapters based on the themes, there will be an introductory section including:
  - The vision for Middlesbrough
  - Partnership arrangements
  - Equality and Diversity
  - Sustainability
  - Performance management.
7. The Sustainable Community Strategy is being developed as a partnership document, and will reflect the contributions of a range of organisations as well as the aspirations of local communities.

## **Evidence / Discussion**

8. The latest draft of the Sustainable Community Strategy is attached at Appendix A for information and comment.

## **Conclusion**

9. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes and comments on the draft Sustainable Community Strategy.

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