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Title	LSP Conference 2016 report & Sustainable Community Strategy 2017-2020		

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To report to the LSP Executive Board on the October 2016 Conference and Sustainable Community Strategy 2017-2020

2. **INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Kettering's Partnership held its eighth annual conference on 11th October 2016. It was an extremely well attended and a successful event with 85 delegates attending and some excellent evaluations being received.
- 2.2 There were opportunities for partners to use the event to showcase their organisations', providing details of the services they offer.
- 2.3 The conference reflected the themes of the current Sustainable Community Strategy which runs from 2013-2016, but with a particular emphasis on young people.
- 2.4 The Sustainable Community Strategy expired in 2016 and work is taking place on a revised strategy for 2017-2020. While National Indicators and other Performance Measures have been removed by the Government, there is still a duty on local authorities to produce a Sustainable Community Strategy

3. **CONFERENCE THEMES**

- 3.1 The conference loosely followed the themes of the Sustainable Community Strategy with a variety of speakers in attendance to show the progress and achievements made. This conference had a focus on young people.

a) Kettering Futures Partnership

The conference was opened by Kettering Futures Partnership (KFP). KFP, a relatively new partnership, took this opportunity to present to the LSP, wider community and local organisations in attendance, to explain what the objectives of the partnership are. KFP also encouraged more organisations to get involved highlighting the 2nd Kettering Futures Partnership Day on 1st November 2016 and provided a case study in the form of view of a young

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person's experience. Delegates found it very useful and welcomed the opportunity for improved engagement with the community.

b) Young People and the Health in the borough

Cindy Wrighting from Youthworks CIC invited a group of young people to use this chance to talk from their perspective about their experience and how they are using their knowledge and experience to support their peers in relation to mental health. The young people ran this segment of conference interacting with the delegates throughout.

c) Skills, Education and Employment

David Higham, the Vice Principal from Tresham College of Further and Higher Education gave an overview of Tresham College at the moment including facilities, some key facts and figures, partnership working and the apprenticeship schemes. This included a case study video of some current apprentices showcasing the skills and opportunities available and what they have gone on to learn. David also looked at the future of Tresham and how they are looking to move forward from here.

d) Community Safety

Ann-Marie Lawson and Inspector Julie Mead along with the Northamptonshire Emergency Services Cadets (NESC) had an interactive presentation involving the delegates. It was explained how the condensed three emergency services have joined forces to form the NESC and how they have an opportunity to make a positive contribution to their communities. The NESC talked about the skills they have learnt through the experience and how it shaped them as young individuals and how this can further benefit them and community in the future.

e) Young People – Inspirational Stories

Following the theme young people, this was a chance to promote projects and good news stories from the Kettering community.

The Shop and the Studio in association with Wren Spinney showcased their development from an idea into the two working retail units today. This wouldn't be possible without the indispensable commitment of the staff in helping and developing the students to gain confidence and life skills. A number of students attended and spoke about how the experience has changed their lives. Some of the delegates were inspired by the young people and their stories.

There was a video which shown about Robert Campbell 'A story through dance'. Robert's story is about how the opportunities made available to him through various schemes in Kettering have given him a chance to transformation his life and his future. This was a celebration of how the schemes available can literally change a young person's life.

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3.2 Evaluations

Evaluations received from delegates rated the conference as excellent or good, with no-one giving a rating of poor or very poor. The interactive sessions were the highlight of the conference. Delegates enjoyed the young people being included at future conferences with many other positive comments concerning the time given to networking and looking at display stands.

4. DATE FOR 2017 CONFERENCE

4.1 It is suggested that this year's conference takes place on 18th October 2017.

5. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

5.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) 2013 – 2016 (see **Appendix A**) has now finished and works are underway to set out a new SCS 2017 – 2020. The old CSC has four priority areas:-

- Growth and Regeneration
- Skills, Education and Employment
- Community Safety
- Health and Wellbeing

5.2 The four priorities and their objectives were:-

Four Priorities	Objectives
Growth and Regeneration	Agreements through the planning process for new quality open space to be secured
	Land and funding obtained from developers for a range of community facilities and services of expected quality that are needed
	Employment land is allocated and comes forward for development in area with strong link with existing communities
	A high quality public realm is developed through High Street, Meadow Road, Gold Street and Lower Street
	The Soan's Yard development is complete
	Kettering gain Purple Flag status for an improved night time economy
	Burton Latimer town centre is regenerated using s106 monies
	Rothwell and Desborough Sustainable Urban Extensions come forward
Skills, Education and Employment	More new businesses and enterprises are being set up
	More businesses are accessing business support
	More of the working population are qualified to at least level 3 or higher
Community Safety	The aims and objectives of the Community Safety Partnership Plan are met
Health and Wellbeing	We have developed a reporting matrix with Public Health to demonstrate effectiveness in these areas and areas relating to the Health and Wellbeing Board

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5.3 Consultation was carried out about the 2013-16 strategy, in advance of the 2015 LSP Conference asking various questions, such as:

- If they found the strategy a useful tool? - 90% agreed
- Did they agree with above priorities? - 95% agreed
- Would they like to see more priorities? - 83% stated no.
- A comment received was 'Growth is not an end in itself. Its purpose should be to increase wellbeing of the population of Kettering Borough'.

There will be more consultation on the new 2017-2020 strategy, leading up to April 2017.

5.4 A detailed list will be circulated at the meeting, setting out progress against the current objectives The headline successes have been :-

	Success Improvement
Growth and Regeneration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Purple Flag Status gained ✓ The Yards development opened ✓ New employment land coming forward at Junction 10 ✓ Funding secured for Junction 10a on the A14 ✓ Highest employment level in the Borough and lowest unemployment level for 10 years ✓ Over 500 new homes occupied each year and an average of 200 new social homes proved each year
Skills, Education and Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Increased numbers of new business formation ✓ Stronger inter agency response to anti-social behaviour
Community Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Big reductions in violence levels, especially in the town centre ✓ New PSPO in Kettering town centre
Health and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Promoting Healthy Lifestyles – Health Walks ✓ Workplace Health initiatives established.

5.5 At the same time, there remain significant challenges, around the ability of public sector agencies to maintain investment and service levels, in the face of continued austerity, and specifically around:-

- Maintaining the momentum of the growth agenda sand continuing to attract inward investment, particularly in a period of uncertainty following the BREXIT vote.
- Ensuring an improvement in educational outcomes, particularly at Tresham following their recent OFSTED
- Reducing serious acquisitive crime across the Borough and improving public confidence

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- Supporting the health sector to reduce demand, and cope with the existing level of demand, particularly at the hospital

For the new SCS 2017-2020 clearer specific objectives of priority are required in the document to determine if the objectives are being met.

5.6 At this stage, the LSP Executive Board is being asked

- a) if it is happy to maintain the broad structure of the Strategy for 2017-2020, but with refreshed objectives
- b) which particular areas of focus we should concentrate on within this overall structure
- c) whether there are specific measures and interventions which commend themselves now

5.7 The proposed timeline for the new SCS 2017 – 2020 will be available as a draft to consider at the next LSP Executive Board meeting.

6. **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board:-

- receives the report on the Conference 2016
- agrees the date for the Conference 2017
- agrees to the progress on the Sustainable Community Strategy 2017-2020